

ampliTex®  
 Art. No. 5040  
 flax balancedweave  
 (0°/90°) 300 gsm



## Product description

Bidirectional fabric with fibers oriented at 0° and 90°, suitable for manufacturing fiber reinforced composite products with a high performance and a low environmental impact. ampliTex® 5040 has a very good drapability and is ideal for complex shapes. High laminate stiffness is obtained due to the low crimp twill 2/2 weave as well as zero-twist yarns.

### Fabric construction

Fibre type: Flax (EU)

Construction: 0°/90°, balanced twill 2/2 weave

Yarn tex: 300 TEX

Fabric weight : 300 gsm +/- 5%  
150 gsm in each direction

### Measurements

Standard width: 1000 mm

Standard roll length: 50 m

### Performance advantage

Considering that glass fibers have a density of 2600 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and a tensile modulus of 70 GPa, the flax ampliTex® 0°/90° 300 gsm can replace a 495 gsm glass fiber 0°/90° fabric to have the same stiffness in tension.

In compression, the performance of flax is a bit lower, thus the flax ampliTex® 0°/90° 300 gsm can replace a 410 gsm glass fiber 0°/90° fabric to have the same stiffness.

This fabric is ideal to be combined with the powerRibs fabrics 5019 and 5020, replacing a 600 gsm carbon fiber layer with same performances in bending.

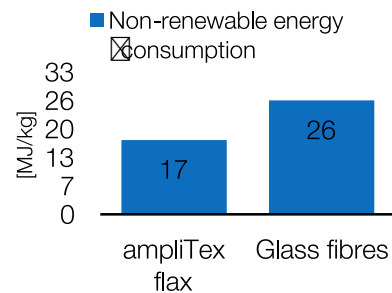
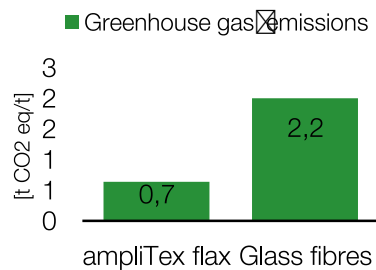
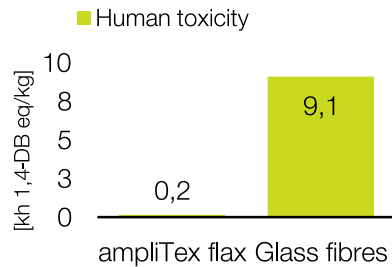
	Technical specifications	Dry fibres**	Composite *
Tensile	Modulus // to fibres		
	Modulus ⊥ to fibres		
	Strength // to fibres		
	Strength ⊥ to fibres		
	Strain to failure // to fibres		
	Strain to failure ⊥ to fibres	-	-
Flexural	Modulus // to fibres		18.1 GPa
	Modulus ⊥ to fibres	-	-
	Strength // to fibres		224 MPa
	Strength ⊥ to fibres		-
	Yield strength // to fibres		122 MPa
	Density	1350 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	

\* Properties measured on samples with 6 layers aligned at 0°, manufactured in a press with 6 bars pressure (5% fiber weight, 48% fiber volume fraction), with prepreg resin VTC401.

## Ecological aspects

Grown in France and Belgium, flax used at Bcomp is a regional resource.

Production of flax has a negative global warming indicator because of the CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration by photosynthesis.



## Processing guidelines

- ☒ Great compatibility with epoxy and polyester
- ☒ Near zero CTE, hence good processing compatibility with carbon fibres
- ☒ Compatible with infusion based processes (vacuum infusion, RTM), wet layup, bladder inflation moulding (BIM) and compression moulding
- ☒ Flax fibres always contain some humidity at ambient conditions. Some resins (especially polyesters) are sensitive to moisture and may badly polymerize or create bubbles. In that case, dry the fabrics before use (110°C for 15 minutes)
- ☒ Fibre weight fraction of 50% can be reached with process pressure > 5 bars. However, the fibres absorb a lot of resin when hand-laminating the fabric and it tends to look “dry” (unless too much resin is used) before pressure is applied. We recommend controlling the amount of adhesive used for laminating and impregnating it with 50 to 60% resin in weight. Excess resin comes out while pressing the fabric.

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