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Using Rigid Engineered Foam for Consumer Products

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MATERIALS

Innovation









Molded Foam Computer

Working together to make it happen:

Design Team / Material Supplier / Tooling Designer / Processing Team / Customer



Molding technology, materials and creative design combine to make new and unique products that are light weight, impact resistant, and lower in overall cost.



Typical Desk Computer Housing
Stamped Metal and Injection Molded Plastic

- Lower Tooling Cost
- Less Components
- No Fasteners
- Less Labor
- Integrated Ducting
- Reduced Noise



HVAC Air Handler

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Typical Fan Coil Design Stamped Metal, Insulation and Fasteners

- Lower Tooling Cost
- Less Components
- No Fasteners
- Less Labor
- Integrated Ducting
- Integrated Insulation
- Integrated Dain Pan
- Reduced Noise
- Fewer Gaskets



Refrigeration Compressor Pack

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The new way..



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The old way..



Compressor coil layout design Stamped Metal, Insulation and Fasteners

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- Fewer Gaskets
- Easy serviceability



Furniture Components

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EPS Foam Components







Foam Components



Typical Chair Substructure Cut / Formed Wood, Foam, Fasteners

Benefits of EPP Molded Components

- Ease of assembly / reduced labor
- Lightweight
- Can be molded into complex shapes
- Lower tooling costs
- Can be molded with undercuts to allow for application of t-strips and fabric tucking
- Highly durable / can withstand flexing and impact without fracturing



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Office Walls

Working together to make it happen:

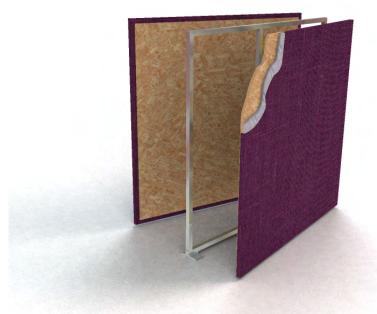
Design Team / Material Suppliers / Tooling Designer / Processing Team /

Equipment Manufacturer / Testing Team / Customer





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Typical Office Wall Structure
Cut Metal and Wood, Foam, Fabric, Fasteners

Benefits of EPP Molded Components

- New Product Format
- Lightweight
- Custom Color
- Durable
- Large Format Molding Available



Recreational Components

Working together to make it happen: Entrepreneur / Design Team / Material Suppliers / Tooling Designer



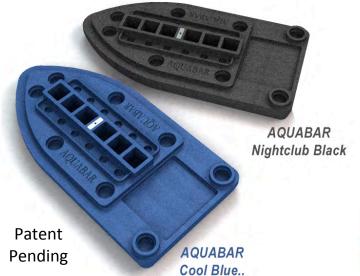
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Typical Floating Bar Blow-Molded, Thermoformed, Blow-Up, etc..

Benefits of EPP Molded Components

- Durable
- Color is all the way through the product
- One Step Molding
- Low-cost Tooling





Condensing Boiler Cover

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Cover & Frame - Side View



Frame - Front View

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Typical Design
Injection Molded Housing, Stamped Metal, Insulation and Fasteners

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Nature's Mill Composter

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Original Design
Injection Molded parts, Insulation and Fasteners

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Car Battery Pack

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Testing Team / Customer





Original Design
Injection Molded parts, Metal Brackets and Fasteners

- Lower Tooling Cost
- Less Components
- Fewer Fasteners
- Less Labor
- Integrated Ducting
- Integrated Wire Management
- Integrated Insulation
- Reduced Noise
- Fewer Gaskets



Durable Thermal Transport



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Processing Team / Testing Team / Customer





Original Design
Injection Molded parts, Fabric Panels, Insulations, and Fasteners

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- Integrated Wire Management
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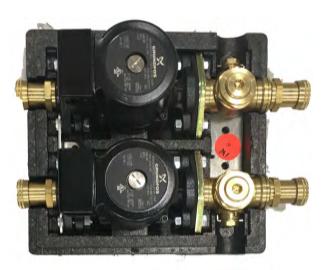
Insulated Pumps

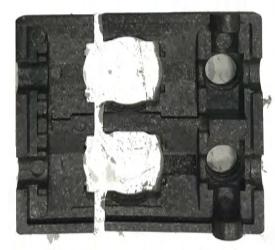
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Typical Design
Insulation wrapped around the pipes, exchanger
and pumps

- Less Components
- Fewer Fasteners
- Less Labor
- Integrated Wire Management
- Integrated Insulation
- Reduced Noise



Insulated Appliance Vent

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Original Design
Sheet Metal, Insulations, Injection Molded Parts
and Fasteners

- Less Components
- Fewer Fasteners
- Less Labor
- Easier to Clean
- Integrated Ducting
- Integrated Insulation
- Reduced Noise





Most people think of molded foam as a single component part, but in reality, it can be so much more by adjusting the materials, density, and additives.



Typical Foam Molding Processes





Block Molding



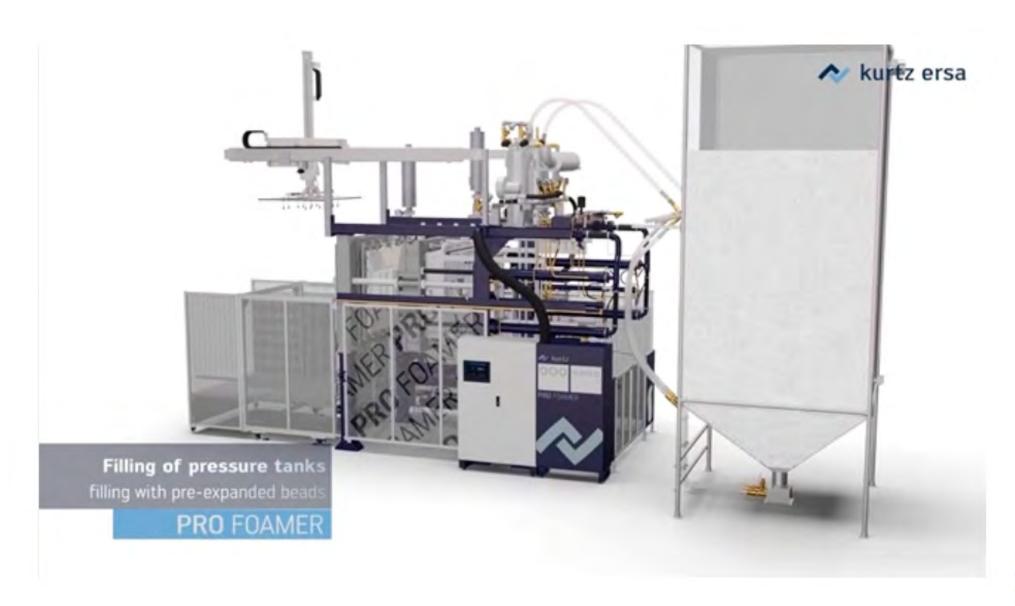
Extruded Foam Molding



Two Part Urethane



Steam Chest Molding





Molded Foam as a Thermal Barrier

• Molded Foam has outstanding thermal insulation properties









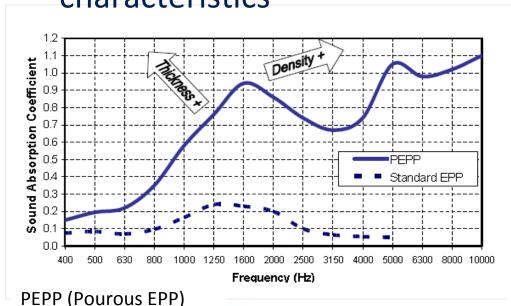
Material	Density	"k" Value	"R" Value (per inch)
Expanded Polypropylene (EPP)	1.9	0.24	4.2
	2.8	0.23	4.4
Expanded Polystyrene (EPS)	1.7	0.21	4.7
, , ,	2.8	0.20	4.9
Expanded Polyethylene (EPE)	1.9	0.26	3.9
	2.8	0.25	4.0
Polyurethane (PU)	5.0	0.25	4.0
Rigid Fiberglass		0.25	4.0
Fiberglass Batt		0.32	3.1



Sound Management via Molded Foam

Ingersoll Rand

 Depending upon the frequency of the sound, molded foam has good sound absorption characteristics





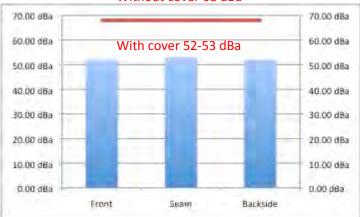
EPP Compressor Cover Features:

- Dramatic Noise Reduction
- Easy snap fit assembly
- Easy disassembly for service work
- Easy upgrade fit in the field





Without cover 68 dBa



A 15 dBa drop = 2.6X reduction in sound EPP, with an added sound absorbing material



Molded Foam Property Comparison

Property	EPS	EPP	EPE	PS-PE
Cost				
Resiliency				
Compressive Strength				
Service Temperature Range				
Gas / Chemical Resistance				
Flammability (UL)	HF1 HF2	HF1 HF2 VO	HF1 HF2	N/A





EPP and EPE chemical resistance

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Classification	Chemical Name	EPP	EPE
1	Lubricating Oil	1	1
	Engine Oil	1	1
Mineral Oil	Gasoline	2	2
	Kerosene	2	2
	Heavy Oil	1	1
	Toluene	2	2
	Benzene	2	2
	Acetone	2	2
Organic Solvent	Ethyl Alcohol	1	1
	n-Heptane	2	2
	Carbon Tetrachloride	2	2
	Trichloroethylene	2	2
	Ethyl Acetate	1	1
	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	2	2
	Formaldehyde	1	1
	10% Sol. Sulphuric Acid	1	1
	10% Sol. Nitric Acid	1	1
Inorganic	10% Sol. Hydrochloric Acid	1	2
	10% Sol. Sodium Hydroxide	1	1
	Ammonium Solution	1	1

2 = Slight Swelling 3 = Significant Swelling

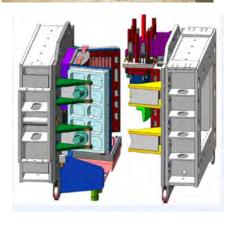
4 = Dissolved



Tooling Types

















CAST TOOL



Tooling fits into the steam chest of the molding press.

Monobloc Mold

Tooling cost: \$10,000s of thousands vs \$100,000s of thousands for other molding processes



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so much more by adding other technologies and materials to the process.



Laminated Materials



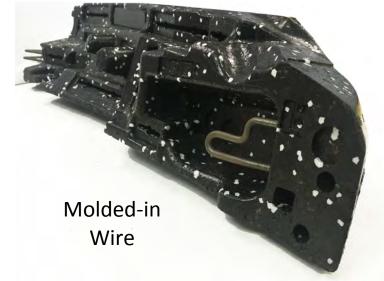


Snap Features (undercuts)



Attachment Features for Hardware







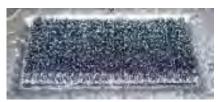


Ways to transition between parts of other materials.

Inserted Push Type Fastener

Auger Screw Blind-Hole Fasteners





Inserted Blind Screw Type Fastener





Push-Type Blind-Hole Fastener



Inserted Screw Type Fastener





<u>Spin-Welded Insert Fastener</u>









Skinned EPP





Laminated to Foam







Now, do I have you thinking differently....?





- Design for Assembly
- Design for Manufacturing
- Reducing cost
- Achieving functionality, reliability and speed to market.





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