



Press Release

VELOX and Solvay start cooperation

VELOX to become European distributor of Solvay's Ixef® PARA polyraylamide for medical applications.

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VELOX GmbH, one of Europe's leading solution providers of raw material specialities for the plastics, composites, additives and paint & coatings industries, is pleased to announce a new distribution partnership with Solvay, a leading global supplier of specialty polymers, headquartered in Brussels. VELOX will be distributing the healthcare grades of Ixef® PARA, a special polyarylamide containing 50 % glass fibres and best-suited for the development of medical devices as single-use surgical tools.

"We are very pleased to have gained Solvay, a world-renowned company, as our partner and are looking forward to a very successful cooperation", says François Minec, General Manager at VELOX. "With Ixef® PARA we have added a unique product to our medical plastics portfolio, complementing our already wide range of speciality products."

"VELOX is very experienced in the medical and pharmaceutical plastics market in Europe and has established a versatile, sustainable network. We are full of trust in this partnership and are looking forward to it", comments Daniel Stoecker, Channel Partners Manager EMEA, at Solvay.

Ixef® PARA is best-suited for the development of complex parts requiring both strength and a smooth, beautiful surface. Even with glass loadings of 50 %, the material insures a high-gloss, glass-free finish. As a very high-flow resin, Ixef® PARA can fill walls as thin as 0.5 mm. "This unique product has great mechanical properties perfect for metal replacement, for instance in single-use instruments", highlights Anja Flossbach, Product Manager for Ixef® PARA at VELOX. Operators can thereby eliminate central service costs associated with the sterilization of reusable instruments. Further benefits are weight reduction and accordingly cost savings as well as a great level of design freedom.

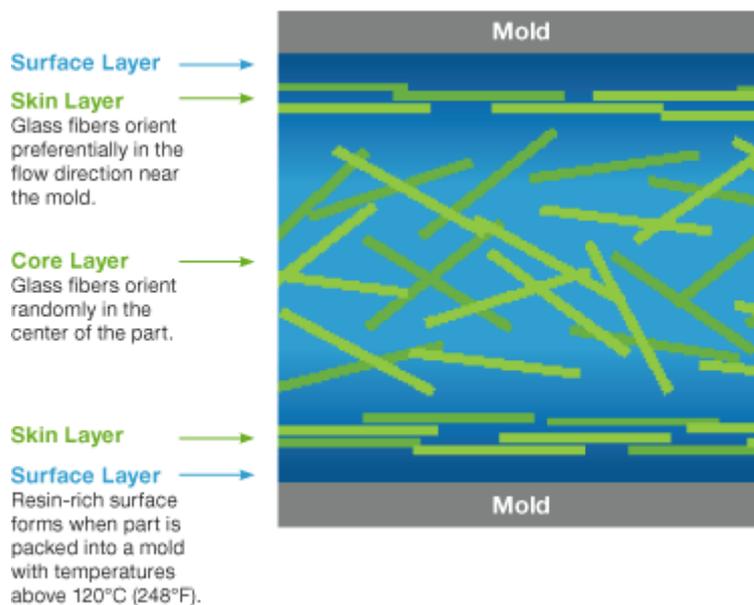
Ixef® PARA is biocompatible according to ISO 10993. VELOX offers the material in different gamma stabilised colours.

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CAPTION 1: Ixef® PARA, distributed by VELOX in Europe, is perfectly suited as metal replacement in single-use medical instruments.



CAPTION 2: Ixef® PARA by Solvay provides great aesthetics, strength and rigidity to medical products.

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Solvay is an advanced materials and specialty chemicals company, committed to developing chemistry that address key societal challenges. Solvay innovates and partners with customers worldwide in many diverse end markets. Its products are used in planes, cars, batteries, smart and medical devices, as well as in mineral and oil and gas extraction, enhancing efficiency and sustainability. Its light-weighting materials promote cleaner mobility, its formulations optimize the use of resources and its performance chemicals improve air and water quality. Solvay is headquartered in Brussels with around 24,500 employees in 61 countries. Net sales were €10.1 billion in 2017, with 90% from activities where Solvay ranks among the world's top 3 leaders, resulting in an EBITDA margin of 22%. Solvay SA ([SOLB.BE](#)) is listed on Euronext Brussels and Paris (Bloomberg: [SOLB.BB](#) - Reuters: [SOLB.BR](#)) and in the United States its shares (SOLVY) are traded through a level-1 ADR program.

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About VELOX GmbH:

VELOX GmbH is a leading pan-European distributor of raw material specialities and solution provider for the plastics, composites, rubber, paints and coatings industries. Founded in 1993 by Bernard Goursaud and N. Max Schlenzig, VELOX is headquartered in Hamburg, Germany. The company has 21 offices throughout Europe and employs over 230 experienced employees to support its customers across Europe and beyond.

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