

THE DTM ANNOUNCES BCOMP AS TECHNICAL PARTNER FOR SUSTAINABLE LIGHTWEIGHTING

The DTM opens the technical regulations to enable a material shift from carbon fibre towards natural fibre on further applications and partner with Bcomp on mandatory parts for the 2020 season.

- Material change from carbon fibre to Bcomp's natural fibre technologies in DTM mandatory composite parts
- The patented technology enables unparalleled sustainability benefits for race car bodyworks and eliminates the risk of sharp carbon fibre debris
- The DTM and Bcomp are further investigating showcases to highlight the potential technology transfers from race to road

Stuttgart. The DTM and Bcomp announce to jointly boost sustainable lightweighting in motor-sports. The first natural fibre DTM parts using Bcomp's ampliTex™ and powerRibs™ technologies were already successfully validated by BMW Motorsport and Audi Sport during the last DTM tests in Jerez (SPA) and Vallelunga (IT). As a result, the technologies are introduced into mandatory parts and the technical regulations to enable a direct material changeover from carbon fibre to natural fibres on further applications.

The Swiss cleantech Bcomp develops market leading technologies for sustainable lightweighting in racing, road cars and even space.

"Being a technical partner of the DTM allows us to showcase the full potential of our innovative natural fibre technologies on the highest engineering level of touring car racing.", says Johann Wacht, Manager Motorsport at Bcomp.

"With a high exposure to contacts, the DTM shoebox is a typical motorsport bodywork wear part which needs to be replaced or repaired after almost every race. With Bcomp's natural fibre technologies we achieve the same weight as with carbon fibre while additionally taking advantage of the anti-splintering and environmental benefits. It is an ideal start to introduce Bcomp's sustainable lightweighting solutions.", highlights Layla Wagener, Specialist Sport and Engineering at DTM, the technology match.

Thanks to Bcomp's patented powerRibs™ reinforcement grid, the newly introduced natural fibre parts have the same weight as the previously used carbon fibre parts, while significantly lowering the eco-footprint, improving cost-efficiency, and eliminating the risk of sharp carbon fibre debris.

Johann Wacht: "The mission of the DTM "Laut. Nah. Dran." – in English: "Loud. Close. Accessible." can be transferred to our partnership. For us, motorsport needs to be loud in the sense of proofing that the sport can deliver solutions to tackle the unprecedented challenges of climate change. We are proud to collaborate closely with the DTM to make our sustainable innovations accessible to the large-scale automotive market. We "feel the roar" of the DTM and will use this passion to provide benefits to the society."

Further parts as well as showcases of the potential to transfer the sustainable lightweighting solutions from race to road are already in development and will be introduced by the DTM and Bcomp throughout the season.

About the DTM

The DTM is an internationally acclaimed touring car series. It is organised by DTM rights holder and marketer ITR (Internationale Tourenwagen-Rennen, International Touring Car Races). ITR represents the interests of the car manufacturers involved in the DTM, coordinates the planning, organisation and execution of the DTM events, and is responsible for marketing and PR work for the race series.

Website: dtm.com

About Bcomp

Bcomp develops, manufactures, and sells sustainable lightweighting solutions for high performance applications. A dedicated engineering team provides support throughout the process, from idea to final part.

Bcomp's unique approach to apply the latest composites knowledge to natural fibres have caught the interest of many industries, from sports to mobility, luxury yachting and even space. Multiple ongoing development projects with global OEMs highlight the relevance for large scale automotive applications.

Website: Bcomp.ch

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1. DTM Bcomp natural fibre shoebox in mounting position
2. DTM Bcomp natural fibre shoebox highlighting the powerRibs™ technology
3. DTM Bcomp natural fibre shoebox with dry ampliTex™ and powerRibs™
4. Bcomp's powerRibs™ technology closeup
5. Bcomp's dry natural fibre technologies
6. DTM Bcomp natural fibre shoebox being tested by Audi Sport
7. DTM Bcomp natural fibre shoebox being tested by BMW Motorsport (TBA)



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