WELDSEALER PROCESS

RESEARCH LOCATION

DLR Center for Lightweight Production Technology, Augsburg

PROJECT

Across the Projects LuFo6.1 HoTStufF and CleanSky2 MFFD

COMPLETION OF THE DEMONSTRATOR

2021

MATERIAL

CF PPS

OBJECTIVES

- Manufacturing of a form-fitting and cohesive connection
- Use of similar matrix materials
- Pre- and post-processing for welding

USE CASES

Sealed joint-off CF PPS-laminate at single overlap (right) and with integrated stiffening structure (left)

The WeldSealer end effector essentially consists of a laminate preheater, a unit for additive polymer application, a pressure tool for material shaping and consolidation and the material storage.

The process requires robotic handling for processing large and curved structures, as well as solid component fixturing. The WeldSealer is used to seal joints, to create defined component edges and to modify surfaces. This enables the defined closing of laminate weld seams, but also the preparation of semi-finished products



for subsequent welding. In addition, the process increases the joint strength and spread widths are significantly reduced.

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More information

Fast Lane and HoTStufF: Thermoplastic Rear <u>Pressure Bulkhead (Cooperation with Pre-</u> <u>mium Aerotec GmbH)</u>

YouTube video Ultrasonic Welding Facility and WeldSealer Device