

# VDMA Hybrid Lightweight Technologies Working Group

## About this organisation

### Machine translation

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The working group deals with production processes for hybrid lightweight components using fibre-reinforced plastic composites and metals. In addition to technology providers in mechanical and plant engineering, users, suppliers and researchers are also invited to participate. The common goal is to further develop production processes, automation and joining technologies across materials and throughout Europe and to create sustainable jobs.

The VDMA Working Group on Hybrid Lightweight Technologies is primarily made up of technology providers from the mechanical and plant engineering sector for the production of composite and hybrid components. They cover the entire value chain in the production process from the raw material to the end product. The approximately 200 member companies are assigned to more than 10 trade associations within the VDMA, focussing on the following areas: - Foundry machinery - Metallurgical and rolling mill equipment - Manufacturing technology - Plastics machinery - Measuring and testing technology - Precision tools - Robotics and automation - Textile machinery - Thermal process technology - Machine tools - Wind industry The Technology and Processes experience exchange group deals with the development of strategies for hybrid lightweight construction and focusses on production, automation and joining technology. At [www.composite-arena.de](http://www.composite-arena.de) you will find a list of member companies with a production programme for composite manufacturing.

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Hybride Leichtbau  
Technologien

### Organisation type

Association, Chamber of industry and commerce

### Sectors



### Employees

Up to 9

### Turnover

n/a

### Funding



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**Main areas covered** Mechanical and plant engineering, Proof of production, Lightweight construction technologies, Network, exchange of experience, Events, trade fair partners

### Infrastructure

### Certifications

**Keywords** Production technology platform, Hybrid lightweight construction, multi-material, Conferences, meetings, Carbon, CFRP, composites, Joining and connection technology

### Memberships

## Overview of lightweighting expertise

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	Research	Development	Manufacturing & Supply
<b>Offer</b>			
<b>Products</b> Machines and plants, Software & databases, Tools and moulds	✓	✓	✓
<b>Services &amp; consulting</b> Consulting, Funding, Standardisation	✓	✓	✓

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<b>Field of technology</b>			
<i>Design &amp; layout</i>			
<i>Functional integration</i>			
<b>Measuring and testing technology</b> Component and part analysis, Visual analysis (e.g. microscopy, metallography), System analysis, Materials analysis, Destructive analysis, Non-destructive analysis	✓	✓	✓
<b>Modelling and simulation</b> Crash behaviour, Loads & stress, Life-cycle analysis, Multiphysics simulation, Optimisation, Processes, Structural mechanics, Materials, Reliability validation		✓	✓
<b>Plant construction &amp; factory automation</b> Plant construction, Automation technology, Handling technology, Robotics	✓	✓	✓
<b>Recycling technologies</b> Downcycling, Material separation, Recycling, Upcycling		✓	✓

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<b>Manufacturing process</b>			
<b>Additive manufacturing</b> 3D printing		✓	✓
<b>Coating (surface engineering)</b> Galvanising, Painting, Plasma process, Powder coating, Hot dipping, Sputtering			✓
<b>Fibre composite technology</b> Fibre spraying, Filament winding, Resin infusion process, Resin transfer moulding, Pre-preg processing, Vacuum infusion			✓
<b>Forming</b> Bending, Impact extrusion, Compression moulding, Forging, Extrusion moulding, Stretch forming, Thermal converting, Deep-drawing, Fluid active media based forming, Rolling	✓	✓	✓
<b>Joining</b> Clinching, Hybrid joining, Adhesive bonding, Soldering, Sewing, Riveting, Screwing, Welding		✓	✓
<b>Material property alteration</b> Mechanical treatment, Thermochemical treatment, Thermomechanical treatment, Heat treatment			✓
<b>Primary forming</b> Extrusion, Casting, Pultrusion, Sintering, Injection moulding	✓	✓	✓
<b>Processing and separating</b> Drilling, Turning, Milling, Electrical discharge machining, Honing, Sawing, Shearing/punching, Grinding, Cutting		✓	✓
<b>Textile technology</b> Fibre manufacturing, Braiding, Yarn & roving production, Preforming, Knitting, Textile surface treatment and finishing, Nonwoven & mats production, Weaving, Knitting, laid web production	✓	✓	✓

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<b>Material</b>			
<i>Biogenic materials</i>			
<i>Cellular materials (foam materials)</i>			
<i>Composites</i>			
<i>Fibres</i>			
<i>Functional materials</i>			
<i>Metals</i>			
<i>Plastics</i>			
<i>Structural ceramics</i>			
<i>(Technical) textiles</i>			

## Contacts

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