

# Dresden University of Technology

## Institute for Lightweight Construction and Plastics Technology

### About this organisation

#### Machine translation

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The Institute of Lightweight Engineering and Polymer Technology (ILK) is made up of around 240 employees who research, teach and develop in the field of modern lightweight construction with dedication and passion.

The Institute of Lightweight Engineering and Polymer Technology (ILK) at the Technische Universität Dresden is the internationally recognised institute for research, development and student training for function-integrative lightweight system construction in multi-material design. Embedded in the business and science centre of Dresden, which offers optimal conditions for innovative and future-oriented research and development, a team of more than 260 employees works across all industries. Extensive research and development work is carried out for the aerospace, automotive, mechanical and plant engineering industries in the field of stress-optimised lightweight structures and systems. The latest concepts and processes and their linking to process chains pave the way from materials through design, simulation, production, prototype testing and quality assurance to economic and ecological realisation.

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#### Organisation type

University or higher education institution

#### Sectors



#### Employees

250 up to 499

#### Turnover

€10m - €50m

#### Funding



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**Main areas covered** Material and structural design, Design & Simulation, Process development, Prototype production, Component testing

**Infrastructure** Lightweight Innovation Centre (LIZ), Process Development Centre (PEZ), Plastics Application Centre (KAZ), Preforming laboratory, Additive manufacturing innovation lab

#### Certifications

**Keywords** Dresden model, Function integration, Multi-material design, Composite, Process development

#### Memberships

### Overview of lightweighting expertise

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	Research	Development	Manufacturing & Supply
<b>Offer</b>			
<b>Products</b> Parts and components, Semi-finished parts, Machines and plants, Software & databases, Systems and end products, Materials, Tools and moulds, Others (Feasibility studies)	✓	✓	
<b>Services &amp; consulting</b> Training, Consulting, Testing and trials, Engineering, Standardisation, Prototyping, Validation, Simulation	✓	✓	

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	Research	Development	Manufacturing & Supply
<b>Field of technology</b>			
<p><b>Design &amp; layout</b>                      Lightweight manufacturing, Lightweight design, Hybrid structures, Lightweight construction concepts, Lightweight material construction</p>	✓	✓	
<p><b>Functional integration</b>                      Actuator technology, Media conductivity, Sensor technology, Thermal activation, Material functionalisation</p>	✓	✓	
<p><b>Measuring and testing technology</b>                      Component and part analysis, Visual analysis (e.g. microscopy, metallography), System analysis, Environmental simulation, Materials analysis, Destructive analysis, Non-destructive analysis</p>	✓	✓	
<p><b>Modelling and simulation</b>                      Crash behaviour, Loads &amp; stress, Life-cycle analysis, Multiphysics simulation, Optimisation, Processes, Structural mechanics, Materials, Reliability validation</p>	✓	✓	
<p><b>Plant construction &amp; automation</b>                      Plant construction, Automation technology, Handling technology, Robotics</p>	✓	✓	
<p><b>Recycling technologies</b>                      Recycling, Others (Reprocessing)</p>	✓	✓	

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<b>Manufacturing process</b>			
<b>Additive manufacturing</b> 3D printing, Laminated object manufacturing (LOM), Selective laser melting (SLM, LPBF, ...), Others (Hybrid manufacturing cells (additive and subtractive))	✓	✓	
<b>Coating (surface engineering)</b> Painting, Powder coating	✓	✓	
<b>Fibre composite technology</b> Fibre spraying, Filament winding, Manual lamination, Resin infusion process, Resin transfer moulding, Pre-preg processing, Vacuum infusion	✓	✓	
<b>Forming</b> Compression moulding, Thermal converting, Deep-drawing	✓	✓	
<b>Joining</b> Hybrid joining, Adhesive bonding, Riveting, Screwing, Welding	✓	✓	
<i>Material property alteration</i>			
<b>Primary forming</b> Extrusion, Casting, Pultrusion, Injection moulding	✓	✓	
<b>Processing and separating</b> Milling, Shearing/punching, Cutting	✓	✓	
<b>Textile technology</b> Fibre manufacturing, Braiding, Preforming	✓	✓	

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<b>Material</b>			
<b>Biogenic materials</b> Bioplastics, Biocomposites	✓	✓	
<b>Cellular materials (foam materials)</b> Closed-pore, Open-pore, Syntactic foams	✓	✓	
<b>Composites</b> Aramid fibre composites, Basalt fibre-reinforced plastic, Glass-fiber reinforced plastics (GFRP), Ceramic matrix composite (CMC), Carbon-fiber reinforced plastics (CFRP), Metal-fibre-polymer composite, Metal-ceramic composite, Metal matrix composite, Nanocomposites, Natural fibre reinforced plastics (NFRP), Laminates, Particulate composites, Textile-reinforced concrete	✓	✓	
<b>Fibres</b> Ceramic fibres, Carbon fibres, Natural fibres	✓	✓	
<b>Functional materials</b> Electrorheological/magnetorheological fluids, Electrostrictive / magnetostrictive materials, Shape memory materials, Piezoelectric materials	✓	✓	
<b>Metals</b> Aluminium, Intermetallic alloys, Magnesium, Steel, Titanium	✓	✓	
<b>Plastics</b> Thermoset plastics, Elastomers, Thermoplastics	✓	✓	
<b>Structural ceramics</b> Non-oxidic ceramics, Ultra-high-temperature ceramics	✓	✓	
<b>(Technical) textiles</b> Meshes	✓	✓	

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