

GPC8

Grooved & Perforated

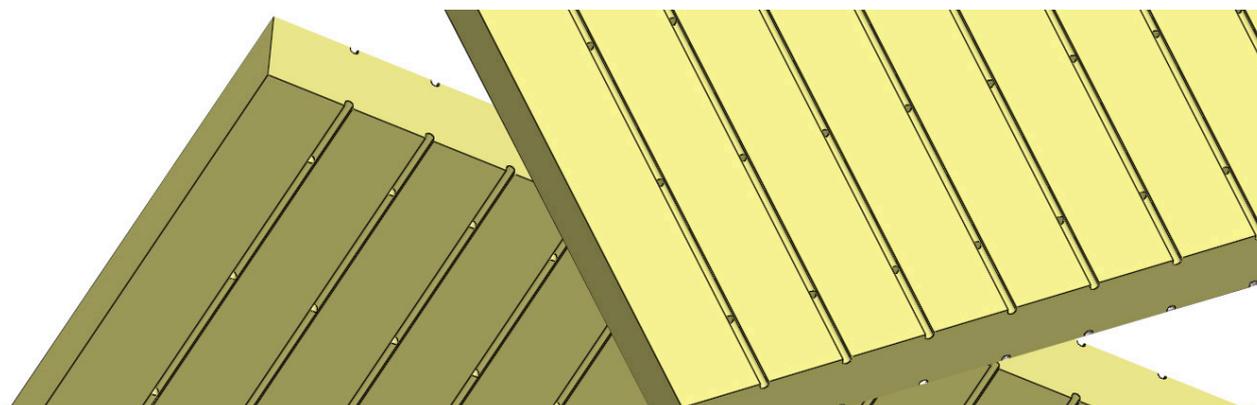


Figure 1: GPC8 bottom view (left picture) and top view (right)

MAIN FEATURE: DISTRIBUTOR

GPC8 yields a flow oriented along the sheet due to its longitudinal orientation of grooves. The resin flow is reliable, fast and robust. Suitable on flat or slightly curved surfaces, which makes it to an excellent option in closed molding processes.

DESCRIPTION

Both sides of the core is grooved in one direction and perforated perforations are in connection with the grooves.

Typical measurements	
Center-to-center perfs	20mm
Depth (D)	2mm
Width (W)	2mm
Perforation (Ø)	2mm

BENEFITS

- Reduces cost
- Reduced resin consumption
- Saves labor
- Big process window
- Facilitating easy and fast lay-up of infusion strategy

In addition to excellent infusion characteristics, GPC8 also has economic benefits since there is no need for additional infusion materials. For example, flow meshes or flow mats, are usually not

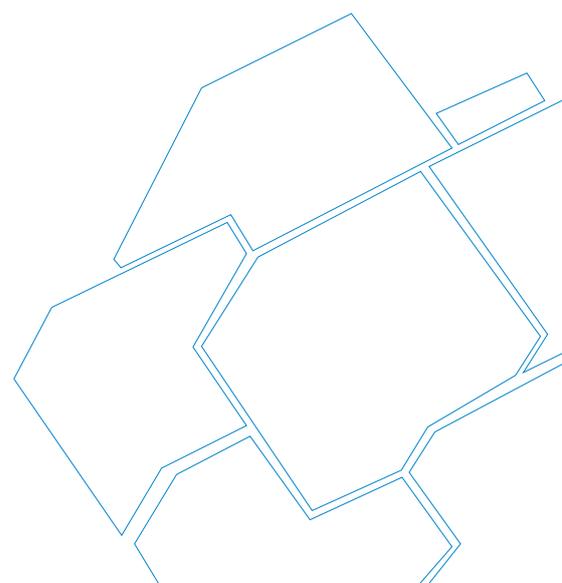
needed due to the effective grooving and perforating of the core. Due to its fast flow, the distances between feeder lines are not as critical as without this configuration. This means that there are a lot of savings both in labor, materials and consumables compared to other infusion methods.

Peel plies are seldom used in combination with GPC8 since the added value is minor. However, it might occasionally be used to facilitate an easier grinding prior to secondary bonding or to get a smoother surface.

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- Webs
- Panels

GPC8 is very well suited for flat applications with a unidirectional resin flow. Especially for large products where there is less need of excellent surface finish on both sides of the application, but resin savings are of importance.



PROCESS CHARACTERISTICS

- Good wet-out
- Robust
- Fast
- Reliable

The size of the grooves and perforations enable both low and high viscosity resins to flow securely to both sides of the core. This means that GPC8 is both reliable and fast when used in an infusion process.

The design of the grooves (width, depth and distance between them) in combination with the perforations generates a fast flow and a proper saturation of fibers and core surface, which secures a good bonding between core and laminate.

The purpose of the perforations is to ensure a good transfer of resin to both sides of the core.

LIMITATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Resin consumption increases with thickness due to perforations. GPC8 is intended for flat surfaces¹ and unidirectional resin flows as core sheet orientation is critical compared to infusion configurations where grooves are oriented in two directions.

FINISHING SOLUTIONS

Diab utilizes a combination of its complete range of finishing options to provide an optimized solution based on customers' requirements and objectives.

Should the standard range not fulfill the needs, tailor made cuts and solutions can be defined and developed. Normally this is not needed as the range of options and Diab competence covers majority of needs in various industries.

KITS

To fully optimize the application for cost, performance and quality Diab can engineer and design a core kit delivered in lay-up sequence. The kit of precut pieces is optimized for mechanical requirements, lay-up, manufacturing process, cost and quality objectives. The kit is produced by our skilled personnel using a combination of traditional and CNC equipment to achieve the desired result.

By working with kits our customers gain access to the full competence of Diab in terms of engineered design, core materials and range of manufacturing techniques, all having a profound impact on the ability to reach the objectives of the application from cost, quality and performance point of view.

1. In combination with another finishing code, for example GS30, GPC8 may be used also in applications with curved surfaces.

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