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The 3 Key Pillars of Cobots

Robots have been in the assembly line for decades. However, as the world evolves, so must they. To drive economical competence and to address the needs of small and medium-sized companies, cobots or collaborative robots were introduced.

Over time, cobots have become engines of growth and created jobs. At BASF, we believe that there are three pillars to working with cobots and it is in our best interest to develop the most favorable conditions for maximum efficiency and productivity.



Safety

Safeguarding human safety in work environments is critical to establishing industry-wide confidence in cobots. BASF has gone through rigorous rounds of research and development to produce innovative and state-of-the-art plastics for cobots that will help reduce impact and insulate humans from electrical charges.



Lightweight and Mobile

Cobots are intended to be intuitive, energy-efficient, and mobile, to enhance overall operations and workflow, while meeting the growing need for flexible manufacturing. Replacing parts of the cobot with high-performance materials from BASF can reduce its total weight by at least 20%, resulting in greater mobility and energy efficiency.



Design Freedom and Adaptability

Cobots built with BASF's innovative and high-performance moldable plastics optimize material usage, increase maneuverability in tight spaces, and maximize versatility. These materials are also easy to process and color which enables design flexibility.

"We didn't invent the Cobot, but we are re-inventing it everyday."



Quality Materials, Wide-ranging Applications

BASF's high-performance and innovative materials can be used for a comprehensive range of cobot-related applications.

| lication | BASF Materials | Properties |
|----------|---|--|
| | Bumper Elastollan® TPU (Reinforced) | Good damping characteristic Excellent mechanical properties and wear resistance UV resistance |
| | Cable Sheathing Elastollan® TPU (Flame Retardant) | Excellent flexural fatigue strengthGood electrical insulationOutstanding oil and wear resistance |
| | Pneumatic Tubes Elastollan® TPU | Excellent burst pressureOutstanding oil and wear resistanceGood flexibility |
| | Wheels Elastollan® TPU | Softness High UV resistance High adhesive strength of over-molding High wet/dry grip Low damaging to PVC floor |

| Application | BASF Materials | Properties |
|-------------|---|---|
| | Bearing Cages Ultramid® PA 66 | Excellent stiffness & dimensional stabilityVery good heat resistance |
| | Ultramid® Advanced N PPA Ultraform® POM | Outstanding oil resistanceVery high temp application (PPA) |

Application

BASF Materials

Properties



Camera

Ultramid® PA Ultradur® PBT (and it blends with ASA)

- Good flowability and surface finish
- Impact resistance at wide temp range
- Chemical resistance



Connectors

Ultramid® PA 6 Ultramid® PA 66 Ultramid® PA 6/66 Ultradur® PBT

- Excellent toughness & stiffness
- Very good fatigue resistance
- Very good heat resistance
- Good flowability



Lidar

Ultramid® PA 66

- Good mechanical properties and flowability
- High rigidity and impact strength
- Good durability



Motors in Robotic Arms

Ultramid® PA 66

- Very good heat resistance
- Excellent toughness & stiffness
- Good electrical performance
- Excellent chemical resistance



Radar

Ultradur® PBT (and it blends with ASA)

- Dimensional stability with low warpage
- Good flowability and di-electrical performance
- Laser weldability and laser marking ability



Relays

Ultramid® PA 66 Ultradur® PBT Ultradur® Petra PET

- FR V-0 performance
- Good CTI / GWFI performance
- Balanced mechanical properties



Sensors

Ultramid® PA 66 Ultradur® PBT Ultradur® Petra PET

- Very high dimensional stability
- Good electrical performance
- Good mechanical performance & flowability



At BASF Performance Materials: We turn your ideas into ideal solutions

We combine cutting-edge solutions with established expertise to make your ideas a reality

- You need more than just a product to solve your challenges. You need a variety of high-performance materials, applications, engineering, simulation and manufacturing know-how to get the job done.
- Backed by our global research and development network and our team of industry-leading experts, we can help you take your product to the next level.

Key capabilities of BASF

- Close collaboration with key customers in target industries worldwide
- Innovation in products, applications, processes and business models
- Technical, engineering and application competence
- Operational excellence ensuring reliability and consistent quality
- Focused specialty businesses

Focus of research and development

Our innovation focus is on developing new products and applications in key target industries, to improve existing solutions and address new unmet market needs, particularly in developing markets with strong market potential.

Metal Substitution with High-Performance Plastics

BASF's performance plastics offer decisive advantages over established metal structures in many areas. The range of applications for these intelligent plastic solutions includes automotive engineering, solar, robotics, automation and mining industries.

Vehicle construction is one particular area where BASF performance plastics have already replaced numerous metal components. BASF is now using the knowledge and know-how acquired from these projects in other markets, where plastic solutions offer prominent advantages as a metal substitute.

Metal Substitution: Our Service Package

1. Design and Construction

Parts design and construction, not only with engineering expertise but also with our Ultrasim® simulation software.

2. Manufacture and Processing

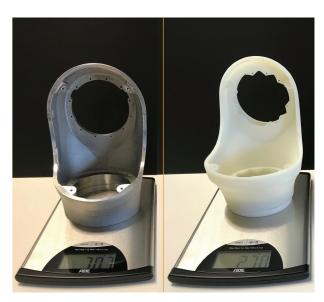
Achieving the required parts quality and establishing stable mass production.

3. Testing and Certification

Parts testing and necessary certifications to meet specific requirements and standards of each market.

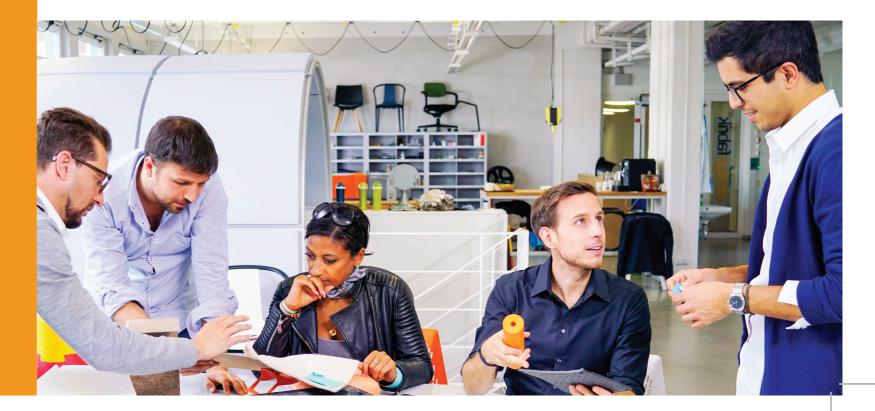
4. Marketing

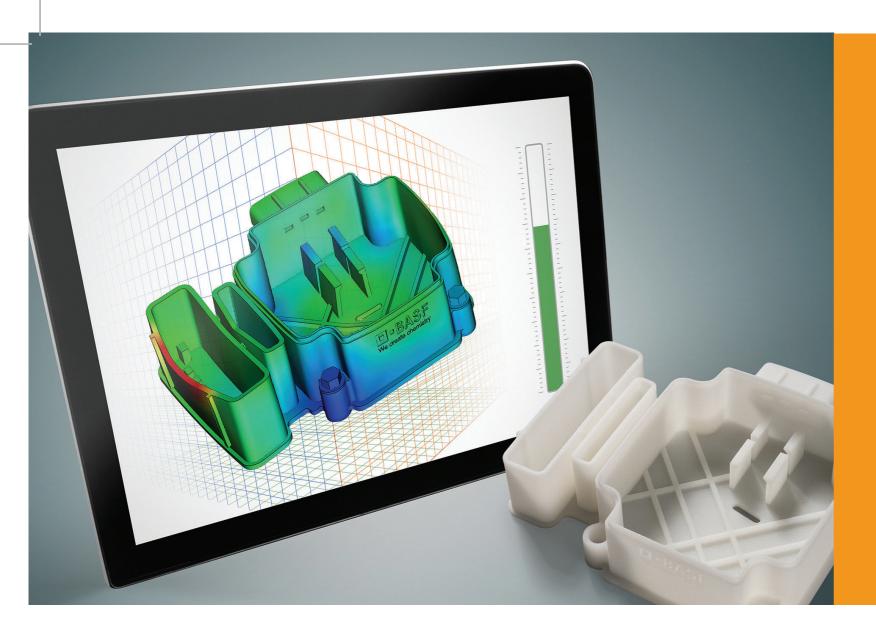
Support in marketing activities, leveraging on experience in automotive construction.



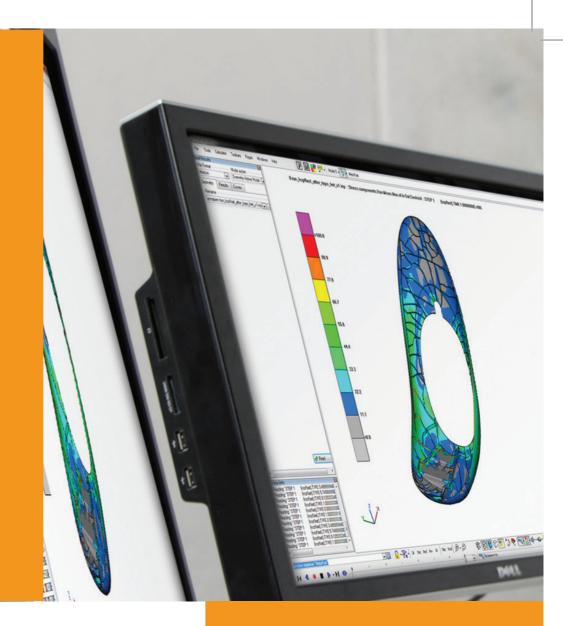
Weight of metal part 0.7kg

Weight of plastic part 0.3kg





- 1 Integrative simulation, material modeling
- 2 | Thermo-mechanical modeling
- 3 | Fatigue models
- 4 Mechanical material data
- 5 | Injection molding simulation
- 6 | Polyurethane foaming simulation



Ultrasim® – CAE Competence for Your Innovative Components

When it comes to freedom of design and cost savings, plastics are often the solution.

Ultrasim® is the versatile and flexible CAE competence for your innovations using BASF plastics. Our calculation of component concepts on a virtual basis starts with appropriate materials and adequate material models, ranging from the virtual prototype and ideal manufacturing process to the finished mass-produced component.

With Ultrasim®, we offer you a unique combination of core CAE tools so that each phase in the development of a component can be monitored virtually.



- 7 | Static mechanical simulation
- 8 Dynamic mechanical simulation
- 9 | Rheological material data
- 10 | Mathematical parts optimization
- 11 | 3D printing simulation
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