

VICTREX™ PEEK-BASED
APTIV XPI™
PEEK FILM
SLOT LINERS

**ENHANCING THERMAL MANAGEMENT, EFFICIENCY AND
RELIABILITY IN HIGH-VOLTAGE ELECTRIC MOTORS**

EVOLVING DYNAMICS

Key trends in e-mobility

- ▶ The move to electrification in the automotive industry requires new approaches in design and material selection, driven by the need for increasing vehicle range, reducing cost, enhancing driving experience and faster charging – all without compromising on reliability and safety.
- ▶ As a result, electric drives must provide a higher ratio (relative to Peak ratings) of continuous torque and power, and greater efficiency.

GREATER POWER DENSITY

LONGER RANGE

FASTER CHARGING

RELIABLE PERFORMANCE



COMPLEX E-MOTOR REQUIREMENTS NEED WORLD CLASS CAPABILITIES

E-Motor design needs to address multiple engineering, manufacturing and cost challenges

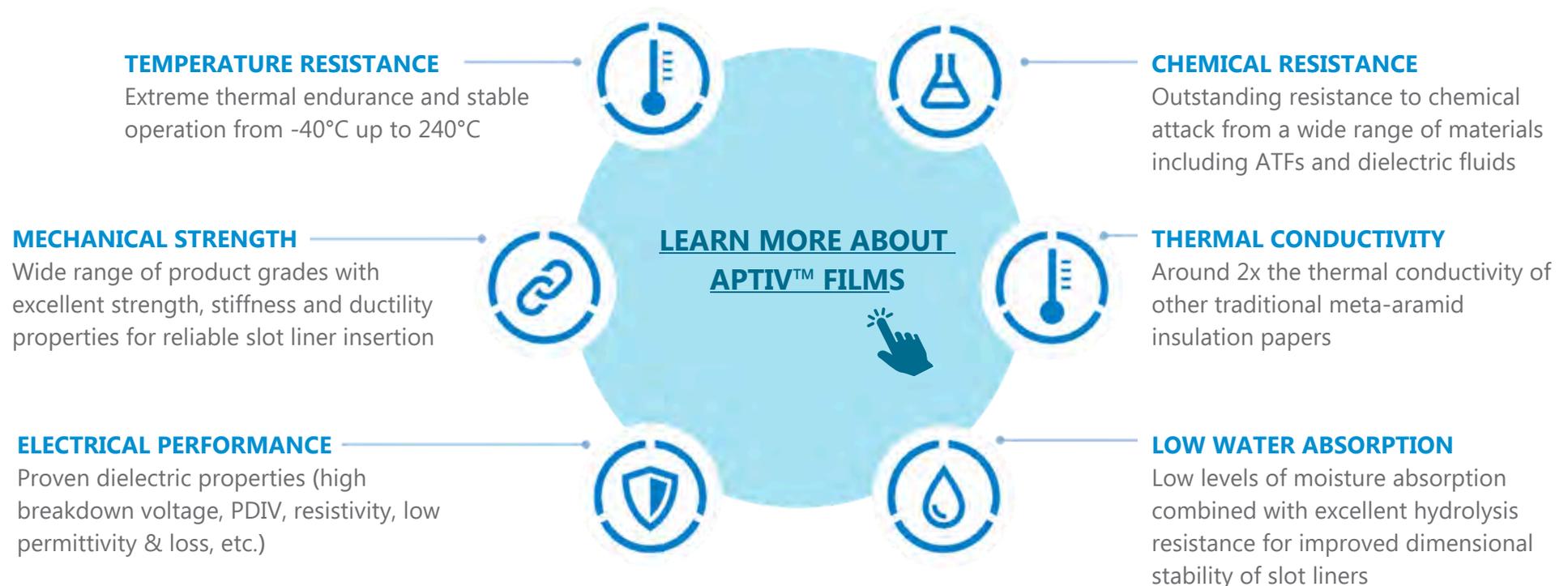
- ▶ **ENSURING EFFECTIVE THERMAL MANAGEMENT**
to maintain maximum continuous torque and optimise efficiency
- ▶ **MAXIMISING ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE**
to support high-voltage systems of 800V and beyond
- ▶ **REDUCING E-MOTOR SIZE AND WEIGHT**
for design flexibility and cost optimisation
- ▶ **SUPPORTING HIGH-VOLUME AND RELIABLE QUALITY E-MOTOR PRODUCTION**
through tolerance to robust manufacturing processes
- ▶ **ENABLING TOTAL COST-EFFECTIVENESS**
to ensure competitiveness in the dynamic automotive sector

PEEK INTRODUCTION

COMBINING PEEK VERSATILITY AND HIGH PERFORMANCE IN A THIN-FILM FORMAT

INTRODUCING THERMOPLASTIC PEEK-BASED APTIV™ FILM

APTIV films provide durability and reliability in the most demanding application environments. They incorporate all of the outstanding properties of VICTREX™ PEEK (PolyEtherEtherKetone) polymer in a thin film format. Their balance of properties make them amongst the highest-performing, most versatile thermoplastic films on the market. When used as stator slot liner insulation, APTIV XPI film enables excellent thermal management as well as high electrical performance and increased copper fill factor resulting in enhanced e-motor efficiency.



MATERIAL MATTERS

Assessing slot liner options for high-voltage e-motors

PROPERTIES / RELEVANCE		Meta-Aramid Paper	Meta-Aramid Laminate (NKN)	PEEK-based APTIV XPI film
Thermal Management	Thermal Conductivity	★★	★★	★★★★
	RTI (Electrical)	★★★	★★★	★★★★
	Thermal Class	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Electrical Performance	Partial Discharge Inception Voltage (PDIV)	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
	Breakdown Voltage (BDV)	★★	★★★	★★★★
Chemical Resistance	Ageing in Automotive Transmission Fluids (ATF)	★★	★★	★★★★
Dimensional Stability	Moisture Uptake	★★	★★	★★★★
Power Density	Copper Fill Factor	★★★	★★★	★★★★

★ not favourable ★★★★★ very favourable

Based on Victrex internal assessment

MATERIAL DATA

PERFORMANCE WHERE IT'S NEEDED

EXPLORING KEY MATERIAL DATA

	CONDITIONS	TEST METHOD	UNITS	TYPICAL VALUE	
MECHANICAL DATA				APTIV XPI™ A100	APTIV XPI™ B100
Tensile Strength	Yield, 23°C	ISO 527	MPa	130	100
Tensile Elongation	Break, 23°C	ISO 527	%	>150	>100
Tear Strength	At 23°C	ISO 6383-1	N/mm	4	4,4
ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES				APTIV XPI™ A100	APTIV XPI™ B100
Dielectric Strength	23°C	ASTM D149	kV / mm	189	200
Dielectric Constant	23°C	ASTM D150	N/A	3,5	3,6
Loss Tangent	23°C	ASTM D150	N/A	0,002	0,001
Volume Resistivity	23°C	ASTM D257	Ohm cm	4.00E +16	1.00E +16
Partial Discharge Inception Voltage (PDIV)	23°C	IEC 60270	V _{peak}	1700*	1450**
Partial Discharge Inception Voltage (PDIV)	180°C	IEC 60270	V _{peak}	1050*	1000**

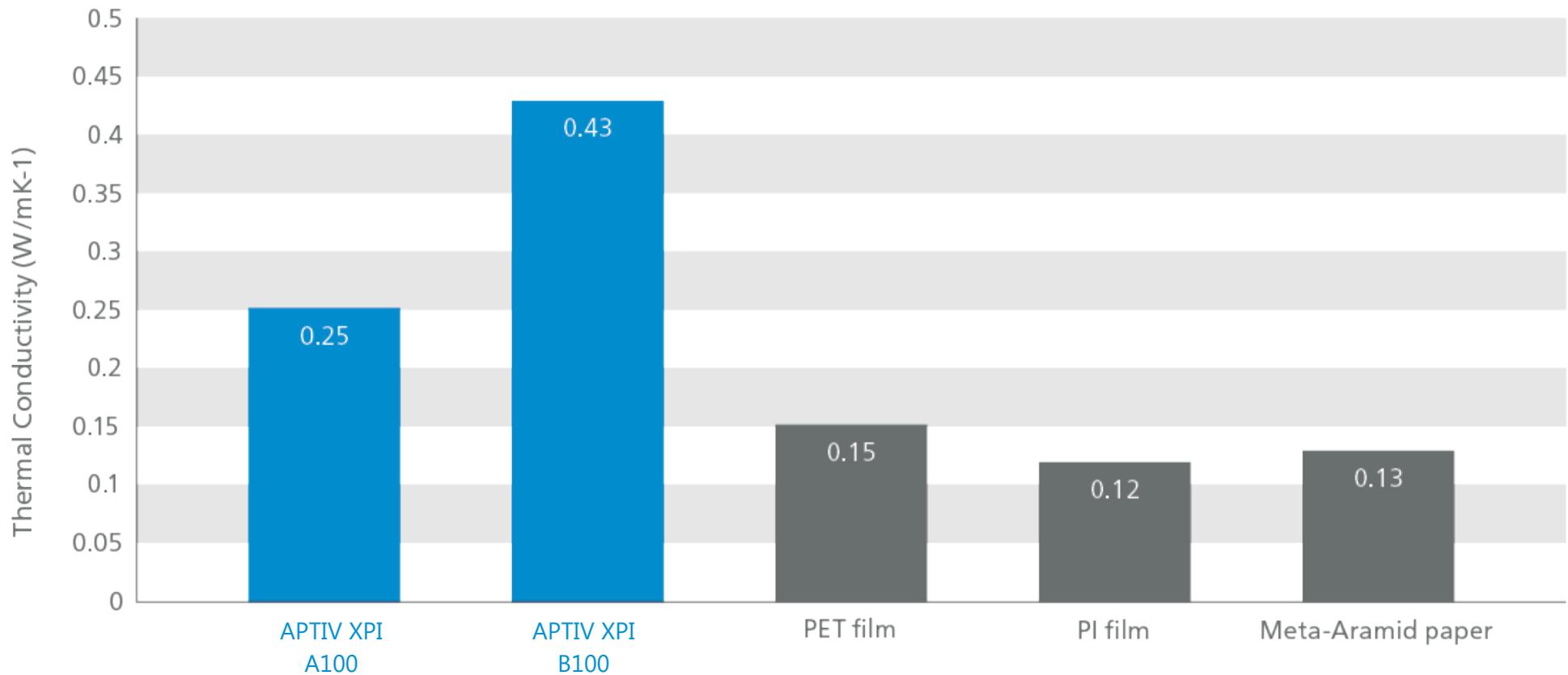
* tests performed on 150 µm thick film samples

** tests performed on 125 µm thick film samples

MATERIAL DATA

COOL FACTOR

APTIV XPI film steals the spotlight vs. traditional laminates in e-motor thermal dynamics



EXPERT VIEW

Taming the Temperature: Elevating e-motor performance with advanced thermal management



As BEV e-motors push beyond 800V and become increasingly power dense, thermal management becomes even more important. APTIV XPI film slot liners offer twice the thermal conductivity of traditional materials and can be applied in a thinner format which, in combination, can significantly reduce thermal resistance.

This enables optimum e-motor performance, through improved thermal efficiency, and long-term endurance in demanding environments



Colin Rimmer
Strategic Technology Manager
Victrex

KEY BENEFITS

TAMING THE TEMPERATURE

Optimising thermal management with APTIV XPI™ film slot liners

In the insulation application of slot liners for high-performance e-motors, specifically Permanent Magnet Synchronous Machines, when compared to traditional slot liner/paper, insulations APTIV XPI film has been found to offer

▶ **EXCELLENT THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY**

ca. 2x the thermal conductivity of traditional meta-aramid insulation enabling reducing stator winding temperature.

▶ **HIGH-TEMPERATURE RESISTANCE**

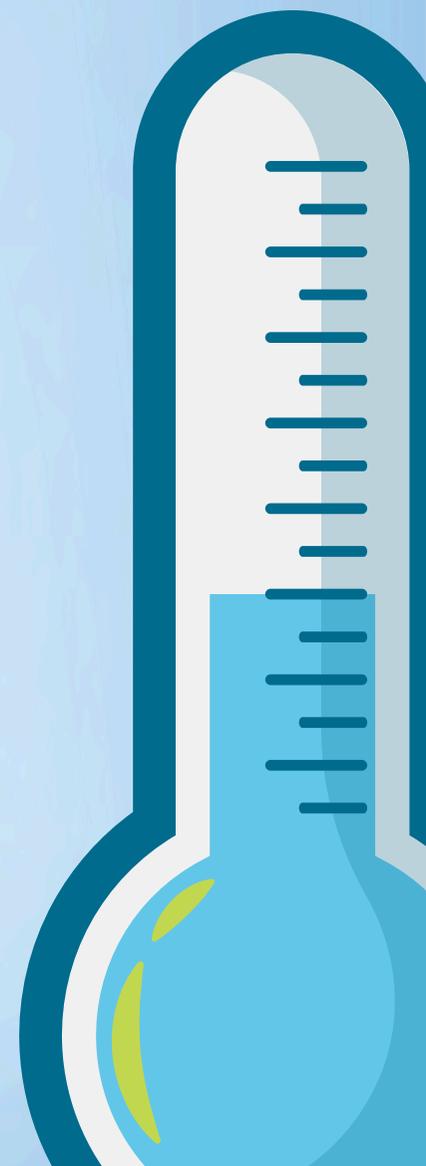
Extreme thermal endurance and stable operation from -40°C up to 240°C

▶ **TOP THERMAL INSULATION DURABILITY**

supporting reliable insulation performance over the complete service life

▶ **LEADING CHEMICAL RESISTANCE**

Outstanding resistance to chemical attack from a wide range of materials including ATFs and dielectric fluids



KEY BENEFITS

COMPARING SLOT LINER MATERIALS

In the insulation application of slot liners for high-performance e-motors, specifically Permanent Magnet Synchronous Machines, when compared to traditional slot liner/paper insulations, APTIV XPI film has been found to offer:

- ▶ **2x thermal conductivity improving thermal management**
- ▶ **Higher dielectric strength**
- ▶ **Better heat resistance and long term endurance**
240°C for APTIV film vs. 180°C for PET paper laminates or 220°C for Meta-Aramid paper (single layer)
- ▶ **Improved retention of electrical properties**
In elevated temperature environments cooled by ATF
- ▶ **Available in thinner 'fit for purpose' formats**
(150 µm and below)



EXPERT VIEW

APTIV XPI FILM SLOT LINERS CAN ENABLE REDUCED TOTAL E-MOTOR COST

“*Designing e-motors with PEEK-based APTIV XPI film can deliver material savings by enabling smaller, more compact designs that still deliver at least the same continuous power.*”

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James Bonnett
Global Program Leader E-Mobility
at Victrex

KEY BENEFITS

CUTTING WEIGHT & COST

Lighter and leaner e-motor designs with APTIV XPI film slot liners

Slimming down weight and scaling up savings, APTIV XPI film unleashes efficiency for a budget-friendly and lightweight revolution in electric motor innovation when compared to Meta-Aramid paper or laminate slot liners.

▶ **TOTAL COST REDUCTION**

Opportunity to reduce axial length by up to 5% and reduce e-motor bill of material costs* through electrical steel & rare earth magnet reductions

▶ **WEIGHT REDUCTION**

Can contribute to overall e-motor weight reduction by up to 5% due to reduced electrical steel and rare earth magnets

▶ **E-MOTOR SIZE REDUCTION**

Can support overall e-motor size reduction by up to 7% due to reduced electrical steel and rare earth magnets

EDRIVE
Engineering Services

* Saving based on study by Newcastle Uni & JLR on an 80 kW Distributed winding style PMSM.

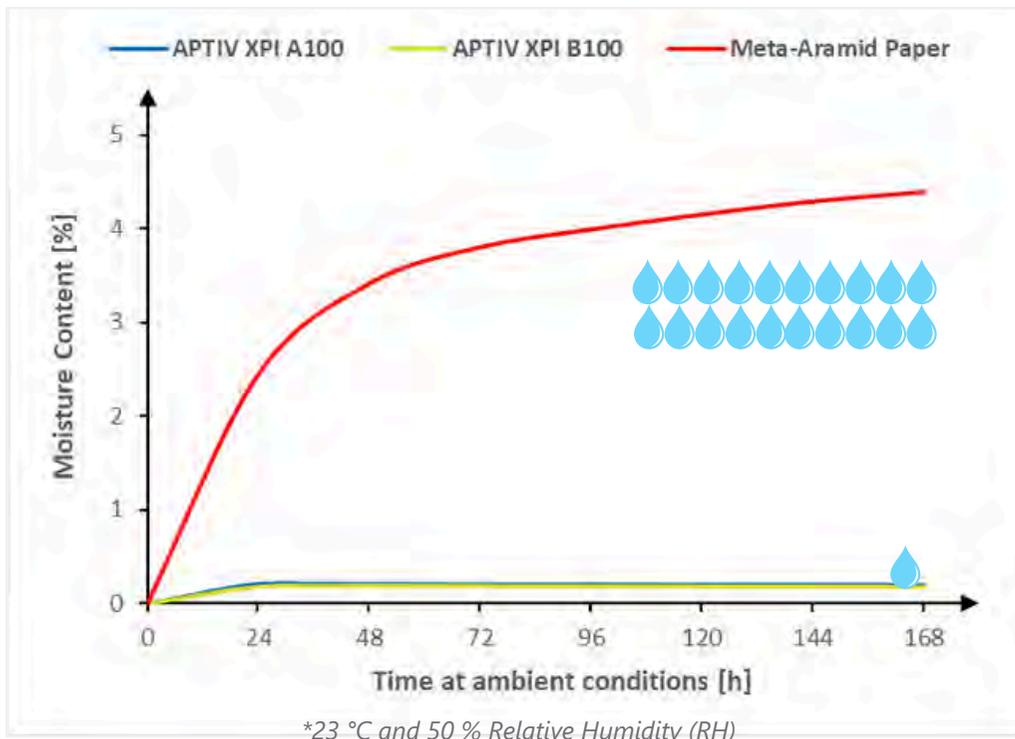
MATERIAL SELECTION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS TO ACCELERATE YOUR DEVELOPMENT

Automotive e-motor design engineers increasingly look for relevant data for rapid material evaluation and accelerate time to market. Furthermore, OEMs and Tiers look to utilise materials that minimise waste, improve quality and maximise reliability. Victrex recognises these challenges and APTIV XPI slot liners can help to support.

With VICTREX™ PEEK products being included in the ANSYS MotorCAD material selection database, design options are right at your fingertips for ease of evaluation

SUPPORTING MANUFACTURING QUALITY & EFFICIENCY

- ▶ Compared to traditional insulation papers, APTIV XPI film helps reduce dust particle formation and offers the potential for reduced equipment invest, maintenance cost and machine downtime while also improving product quality and workforce safety.
- ▶ APTIV XPI film inherently has very low moisture uptake, helping to reduce storage & conditioning costs, and maintain reliable product quality and robust processability



APTIV XPI film offers 20x less moisture uptake vs. Meta-Aramid Paper

- ▶ The absorption of moisture in meta-aramid can result in changes to its dimensions. For example, in a 96% RH environment, changes of >3.5% in thickness, >2% in cross direction and >1% in machine direction are possible
- ▶ Such changes may lead to problems in the processes of folding and insertion of the slot liner into the stator
- ▶ APTIV PEEK polymer film absorbs up to 20 times less moisture, supporting reliable insertion process and reducing risk of dimensional changes

WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS SAY

“ Equipmake is developing leading-edge high-performance electric motors for the automotive and aerospace industries, with a heavy focus on improving the cooling systems.

The use of Victrex's APTIV™ film for the slot liner material has enabled us to improve thermal management.



*Ian Foley,
Managing Director, Equipmake*

Equipmake 



SUSTAINABILITY

SUPPORTING NET ZERO EMISSION GOALS THROUGHOUT THE SUPPLY CHAIN WITH APTIV XPI FILM SLOT LINERS

- ▶ Reducing the potential to create dust for cleaner processing versus traditional slot liner paper laminate insulation
- ▶ PEEK is fully recyclable, enhancing the potential for life time circularity of e-motors
- ▶ Growing number of accreditations from leading sustainability programs including



SCIENCE
BASED
TARGETS

Commitment to the science-based emission reduction targets



The most widely adopted Automotive Supplier Assurance standard

MSCI
ESG RATINGS



A key ESG rating agency for investors & listed companies
A Rating



Committed to Apple's Supplier Clean Energy program



Inclusion in FTSE Russell Green Revenues Index



Committed to an ethical and sustainable supply chain



Climate change assessment, B
Water Security, C



SUSTAINABILITY

VICTREX IS COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY

52%

of revenues from sustainable products
(products offering a quantifiable
environmental or societal benefit)

88%

of R&D project investment focused on
sustainable products

100%

Renewable electricity across all Victrex
global locations

38%

Reduction in hazardous waste
disposed to landfill (after treatment)
vs FY2023

4%

Reduction in Scope 1, 2 CO2 emissions
vs FY2023

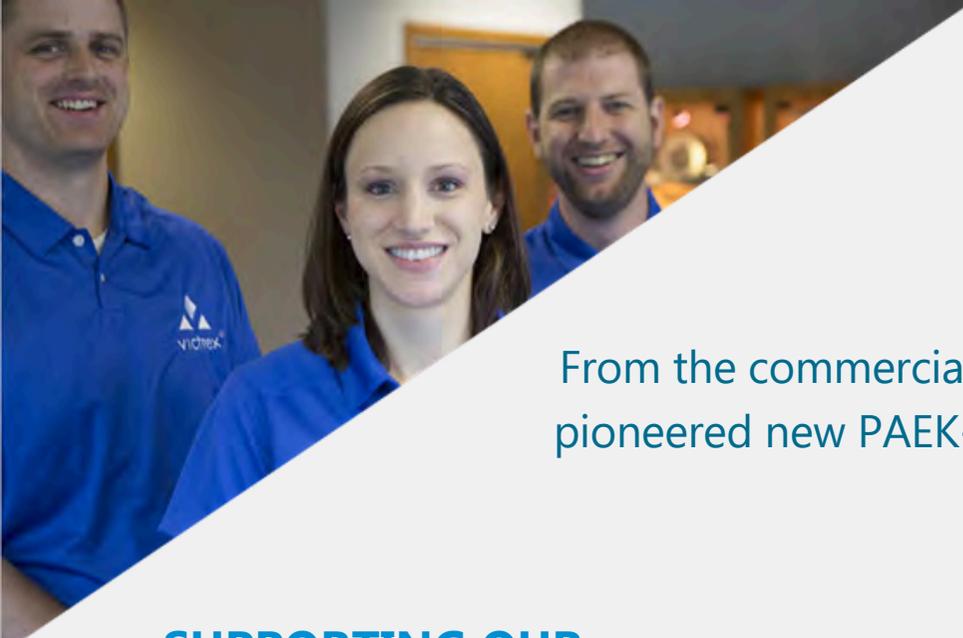
Aligned to UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030



- Decarbonisation: carbon net zero emissions by 2050 aligned to SBTi (Scope 1, 2 & 3)
- Increase the use of sustainable products which support CO2 reduction & clinical benefit
- Enhance circularity of our products and recycling rates
- Minimise resources (Carbon, Waste and Water) used in our operations
- Further inspire our employees and communities to positively impact sustainability

[LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR
SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY](#)





THE VICTREX DIFFERENCE

WHY VICTREX?

From the commercialisation of PEEK over 40 years ago, Victrex has continually pioneered new PAEK-based polymer solutions that have transformed markets, delivering global impact in the toughest environments.

SUPPORTING OUR CUSTOMERS' PRODUCTIVITY

- ▶ Custom formulations optimised for your specific requirements
- ▶ Expert 'on-site or remote' processing support

ACCELERATING INNOVATION

- ▶ Rapid response through deep automotive sector market insight
- ▶ Faster innovation and product scale up through PEEK-dedicated R&D and manufacturing facilities.

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PEEK EXPERTS

40+

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



THE VICTREX DIFFERENCE **LEVERAGING THE VICTREX ECOSYSTEM**

Beyond offering an innovative high-performance product, Victrex is collaborating with a network of partners.

In anticipating customer needs, we have been doing extensive work to underpin the value of APTIV Film slot liners. We partner with our customers to reduce risk, give them peace of mind and help accelerate their time to market.

Computer modelling data
for e-motor & vehicle drive cycle analysis, together with associated hardware validation

Access to wide range of mechanical data
associated with e-motor operation

Thermal ageing test data
of APTIV film slot liner

Extensive electrical testing data
from our partner network demonstrating higher BDV, PDIV of APTIV film vs. Meta Aramid insulation

UL RTI rated products
APTIV PEEK film slot liner

Oil compatibility data
demonstrating retention of electrical properties of APTIV after heat aging

Thermoforming capabilities
Dedicated assets for thermoformed part prototyping



Dr. David Simkin
Head of Winding Centre of Excellence
WMG Group @ Warwick University

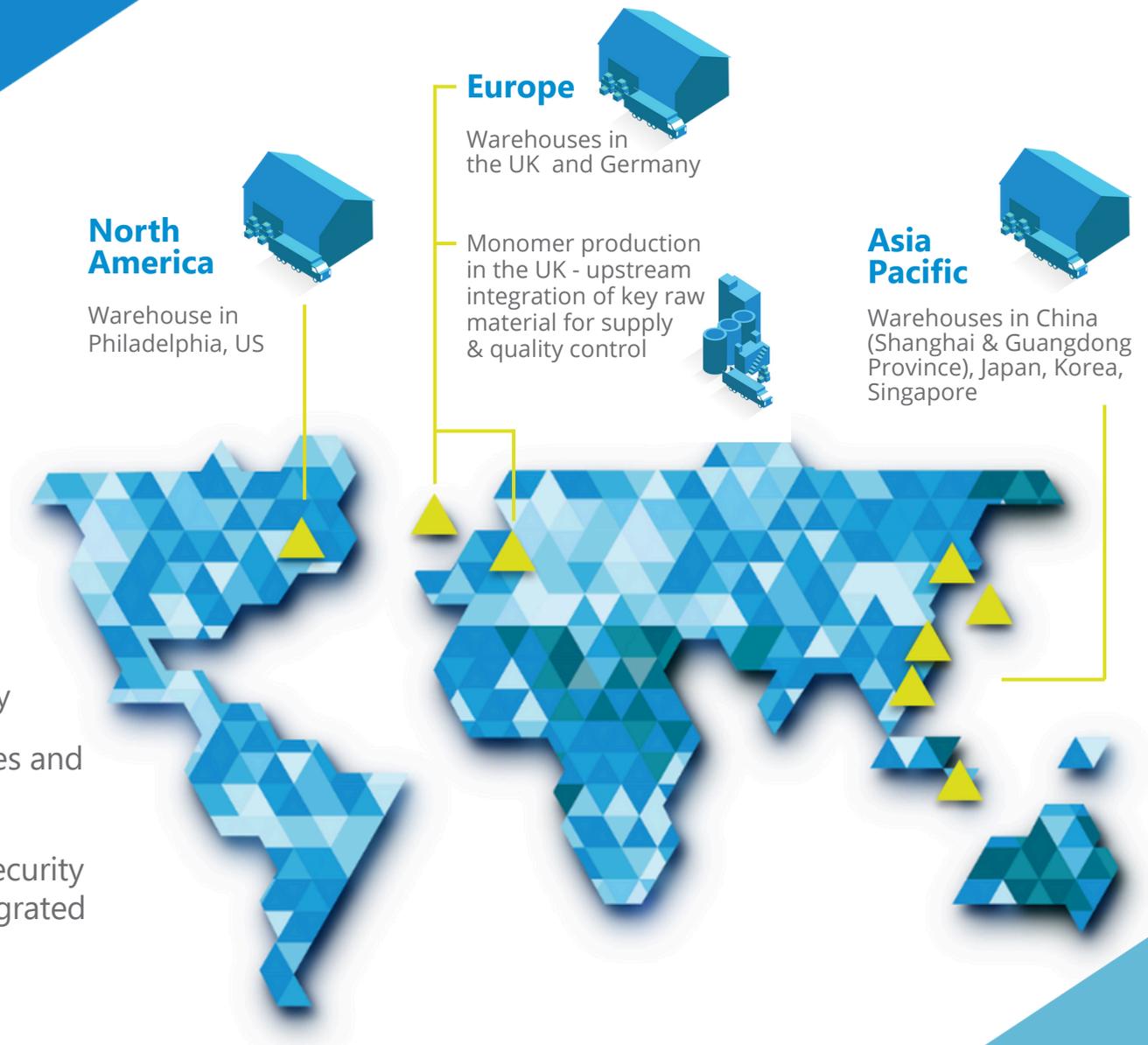
THE VICTREX E-MOBILITY ECOSYSTEM
Watch the 90 second video here



THE VICTREX DIFFERENCE

ENSURING SECURITY OF SUPPLY

- ▶ Upstream integration enabling greater control of formulating flexibility & supply
- ▶ Global facilities providing short lead times and strengthening overall logistics
- ▶ Strategic commitment to supply chain security supported through Class A certified Integrated Business Planning
- ▶ #1 global PEEK production capacity – Invested and ready for growth now

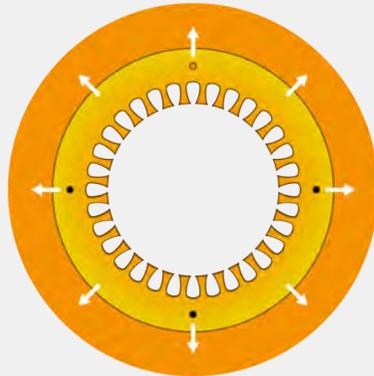


VICTREX E-MOTOR SOLUTIONS
**WE HELP YOU ADVANCE
SUSTAINABLE
MOBILITY**

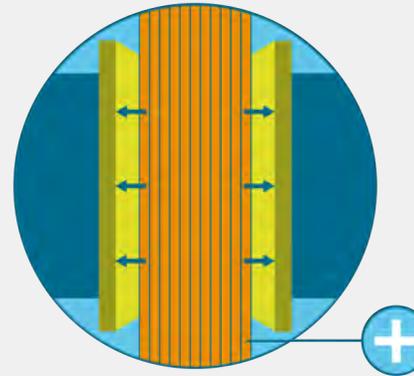
PEEK-based APTIV XPI film slot liners offer enhanced reliability and efficiency, as well as range and cost benefits in high-voltage e-motors to improve e-motor performance.

Combined with Victrex's unmatched PEEK experience, security of supply and our network of e-mobility partners, we help our customers advance sustainable mobility.

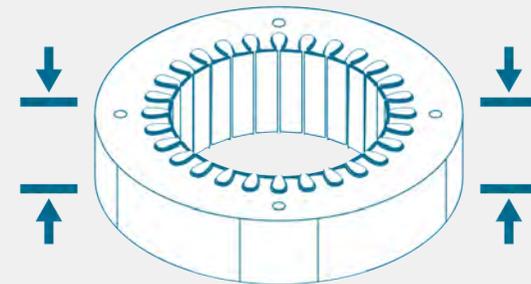
**THERMAL
MANAGEMENT**



**POWER
DENSITY**



**COST-
EFFECTIVENESS**



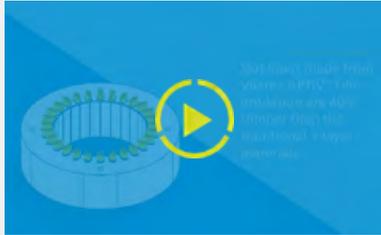
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E-MOBILITY TEAM
DIRECTLY!**



Experience the Victrex advantage and contact us now to discuss how we can support your next development and help you advance your e-motor efficiency.

YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN

VIDEO



E-motor slot liners using PEEK-based APTIV film for advanced electrical insulation solutions

WEBINAR



The impact of advanced PEEK slot liner insulation on high power density e-motors

VIDEO



VICTREX XPI Polymer for high-performance magnet wire Coating in high-voltage electric motors



**MORE INFORMATION AT
YOUR FINGERTIPS...**





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Victrex is an innovative world leader in high performance polymer solutions, focused on the strategic markets of automotive, aerospace, energy (including manufacturing & engineering), electronics and medical. Every day, millions of people use products and applications, which contain our materials – from smart phones, aeroplanes and cars to oil and gas operations and medical devices. With over 40 years' experience, we develop world leading solutions in PEEK- and PAEK-based polymers, semi-finished and finished parts which shape future performance for our customers and our markets, and drive value for our shareholders. Find out more at www.victrex.com

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