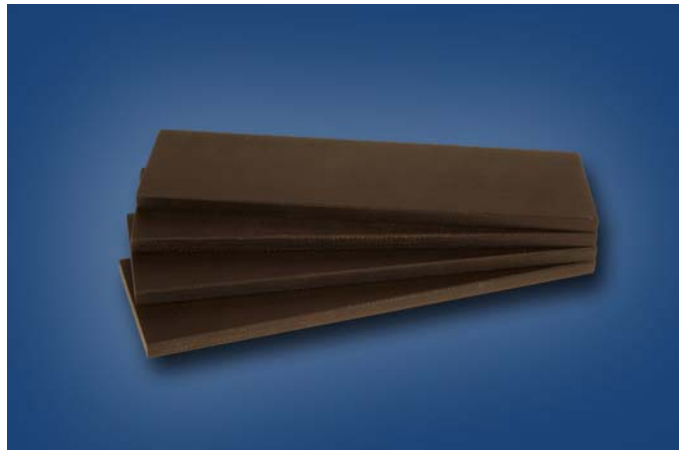


Norplex-Micarta Supplies Compressor Vane Material with Excellent Dimensional Stability and Lower Operating Temperatures

POSTVILLE, IA – Norplex-Micarta announces NP193PM, a high performance thermoset composite material that provides excellent dimensional stability in compressor vane applications. Superior dimensional stability prevents the pump blades from warping, and subsequently causing the pump to malfunction or disrupt the vacuum seal. NP193PM also



operates at lower temperatures than competing materials. The phenolic resin is combined with a proprietary additive that works as a lubricant, reducing friction and lowering operating temperatures by 50°. This reduced friction also increases wear resistance, enabling longer blade life and less down time for maintenance and repairs.

These superior material attributes make NP193PM an ideal choice for use in DuraBlade™, an American Industrial Components compressor blade product. American Industrial Components, a division of Dover Corporation, is a proven leader in the manufacturing of high performance, engineered thermoplastics and fluoropolymers for demanding applications.

Norplex-Micarta manufactures NP193PM from a woven aramid fiberglass fabric combined with a proprietary phenolic compound. NP193PM has an ambient flexural strength of 45,000psi and a hot flexural strength of 33,000psi.

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About Norplex-Micarta

Norplex-Micarta is the leading manufacturer of high performance thermoset composites. Norplex-Micarta's vast product line serves power generation, military/aerospace, oil & gas, medical device, electrical device, electronics assembly, construction, heavy industry, and transportation markets throughout Asia/Pacific, Europe, and The Americas. Norplex-Micarta is located at 665 Lybrand Street, Postville, IA 52162; Tel: 563-864-7321; Fax: 563-864-4231; Email: info@norplex-micarta.com; Web: www.norplex-micarta.com.

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