



# Sustainable materials in automotive Today and tomorrow strategies

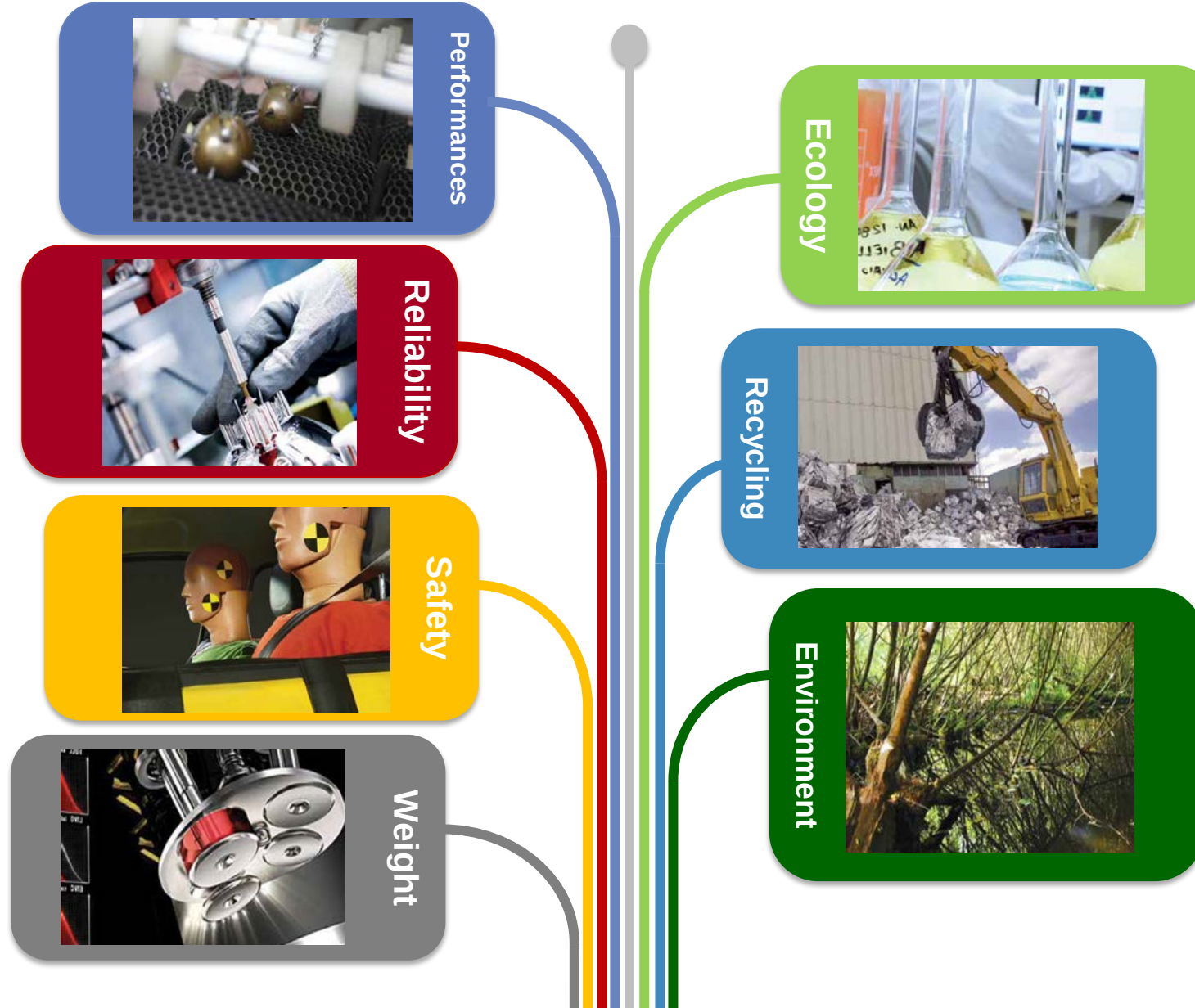
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# Sustainability drivers for materials selection



## Use of bio-polymers and bio-fillers



**Increase use of recycled materials**

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## Bio-composites

- Fibers:  
hemp, kenaf, flax



- Wood sources  
or crop residues

- Leaf fibers: sisal  
and banana fibers



## Bio-polymers

- Feedstock scraps: soybean, castor bean,  
corn, and sugar cane.



- Fermented
- Conversion processes

The use of renewable resources to produce material is the key for:

- a **reduction of the carbon footprint** and GHG emissions of products;
- **saving fossil resources**, and for substituting them step by step;
- vehicles **weight reduction**;
- potential **cost reduction**.

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## Current applications

**Bio-fillers** structural part:

Alfa Romeo Giulia Dashboard carrier



**PP reinforced with Hemp Fibers**

**Density 0,98 g/cm<sup>3</sup>**

**Compatible with current technologies**

## Current applications

**Bio-fillers** aesthetical part:

Fiat Panda Cross Dashboard fascia



**PP reinforced with Wood Fibers**

**Aesthetic fibers**

**Density 0,97 g/cm<sup>3</sup>**

**2K injection molded**

## Current applications

### PC bio-based (partially derived from starch)

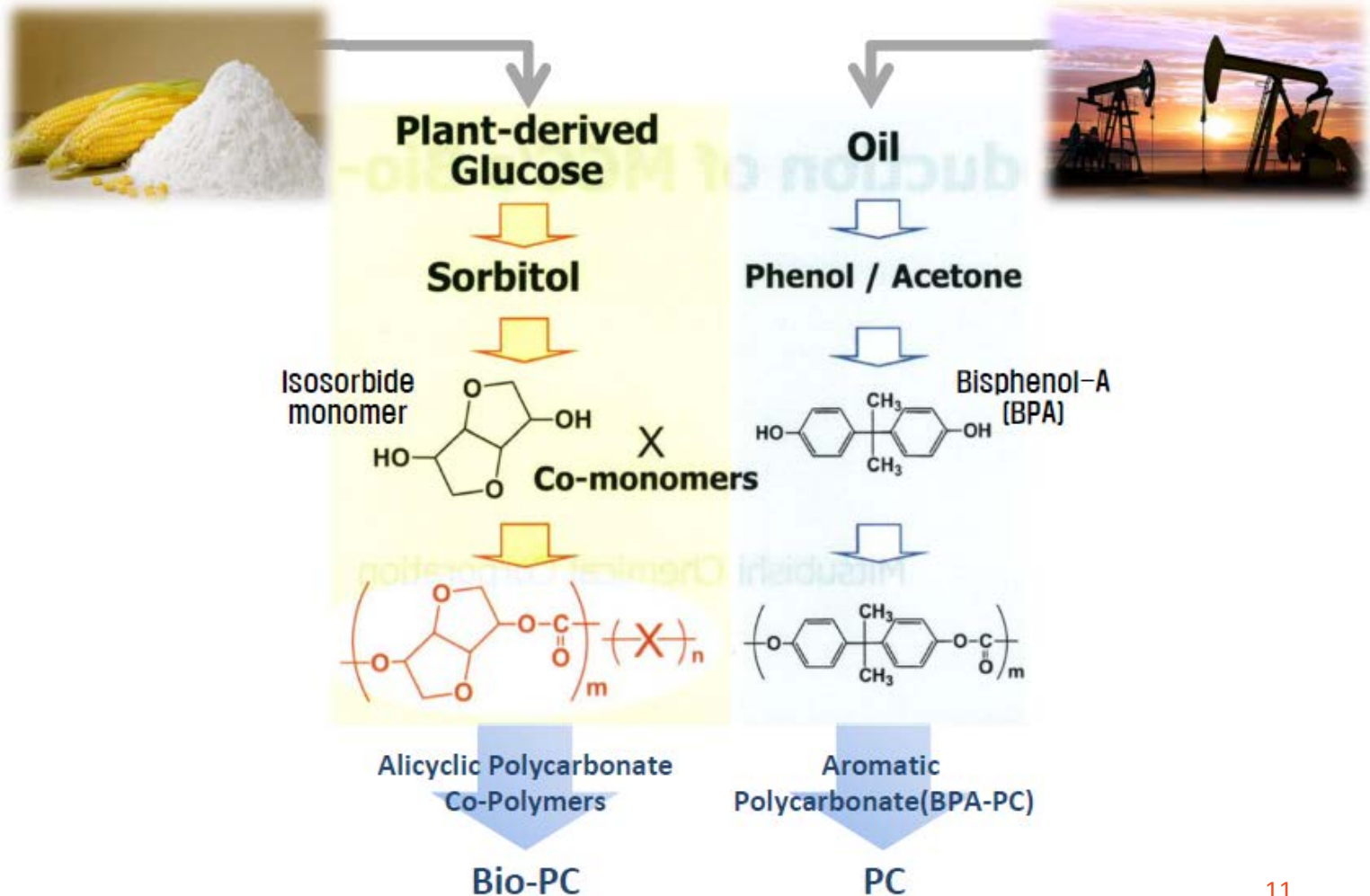
Comparable mechanical properties

Higher chemical and abrasion resistance

High aesthetic appearance

Great colorability

High UV resistance



## Current applications

### Bio-polymers aesthetical parts

Fiat Tipo, Fiat Professional Ducato Interior lenses



Fiat 500L radio ring



Fiat 500e key



Fiat 500e wearable key

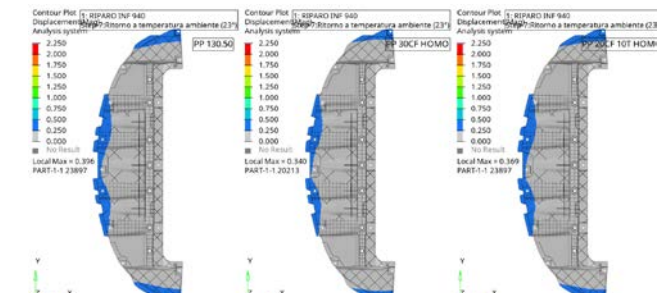
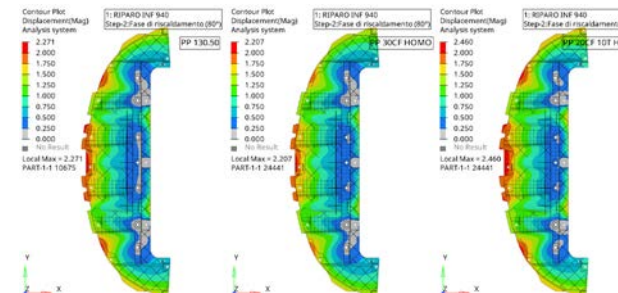
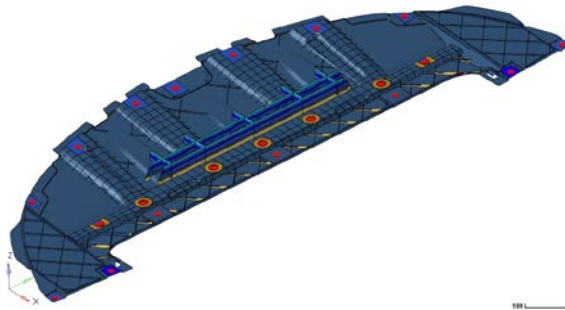


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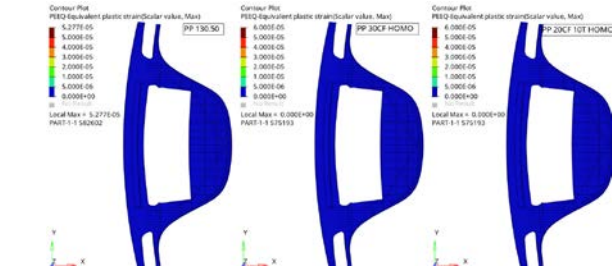
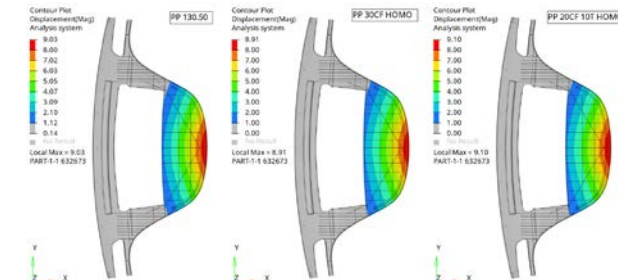
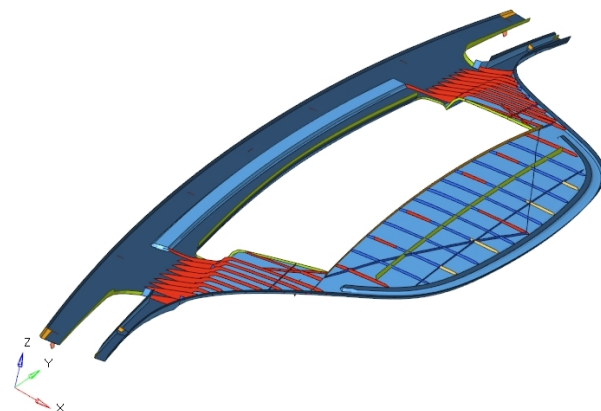
## Aesthetic and semi-structural Cellulose based PP compounds



### Aerodynamic central shield (Alfa Romeo Giulia) PP H – 23% C



### Cluster Central Instrument Panel (Lancia Y) PP H - 20% C - 10% TD



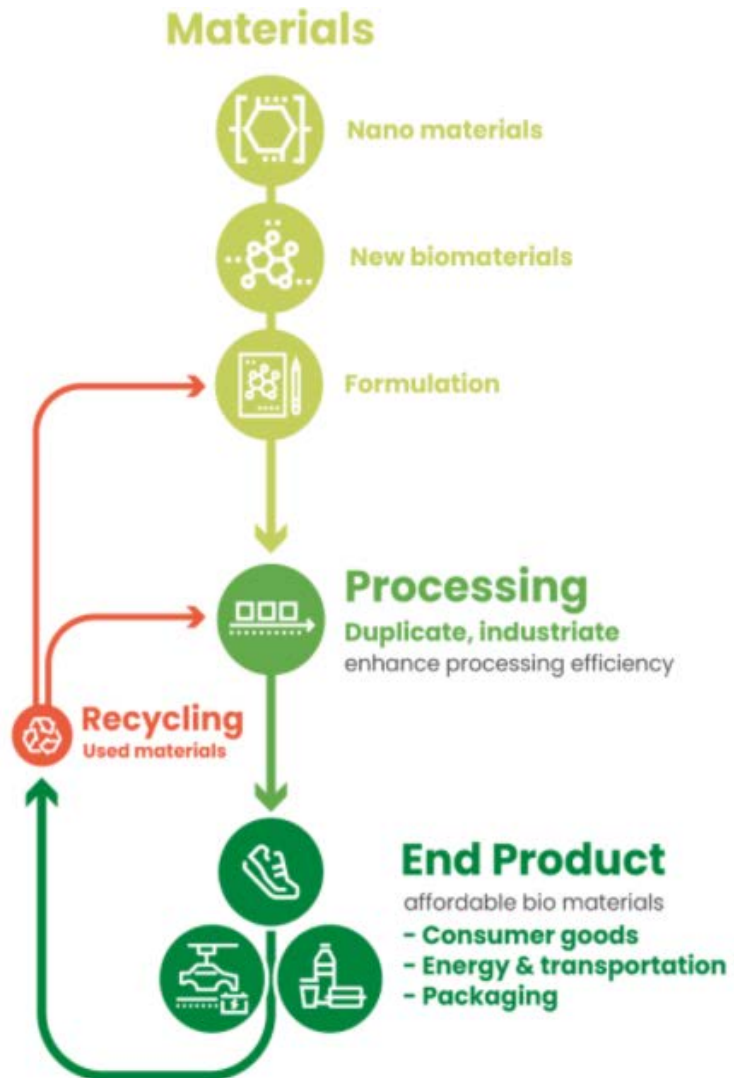
## EU ReInvent Project: Bio-based PU foams



Polyols, natural cellulose fibers, nanocrystals, and bio-silica and lignin nanoparticles (NPs)



## EU INN-PRESSME Project: Bio-based plastic for 3D printing and injection molding



Fiat 500 Dashboard fascia  
Produced during BARBARA Project



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**Post Industrial scraps**



**Post Consumer scraps**

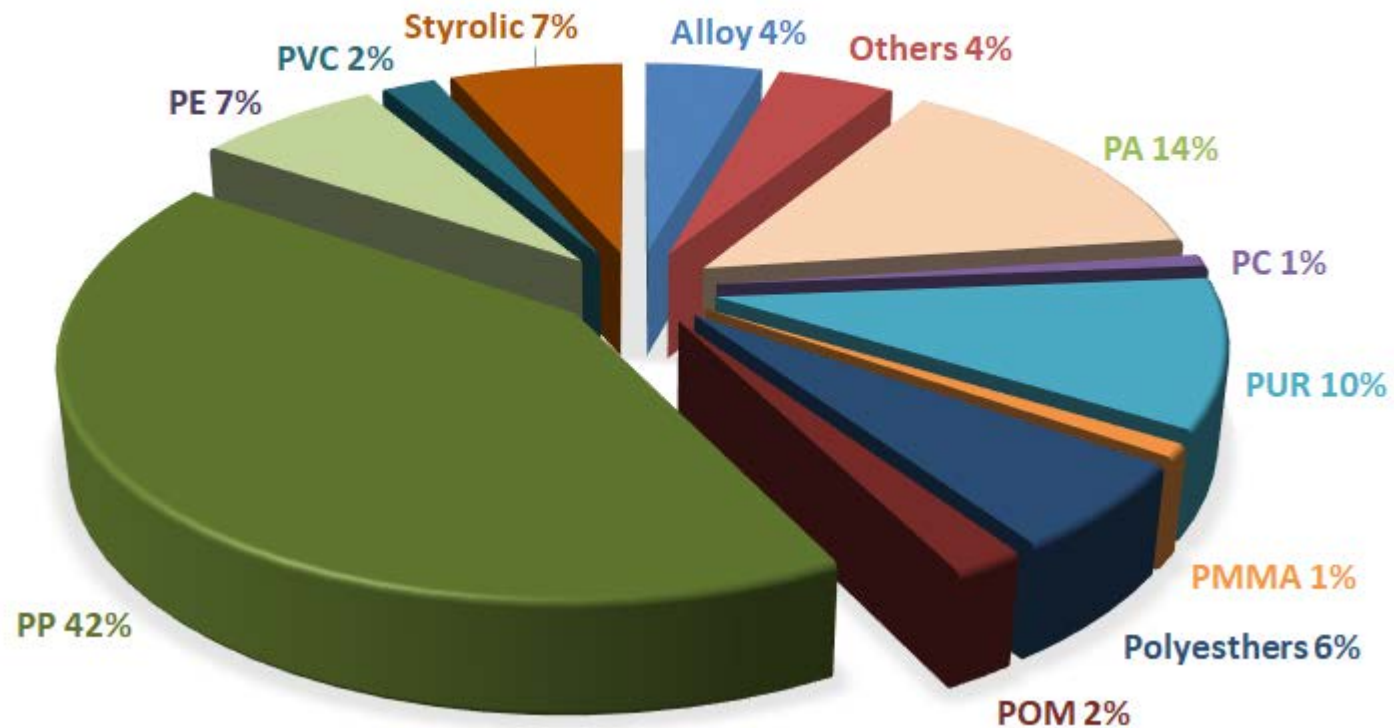


**Internal scraps**



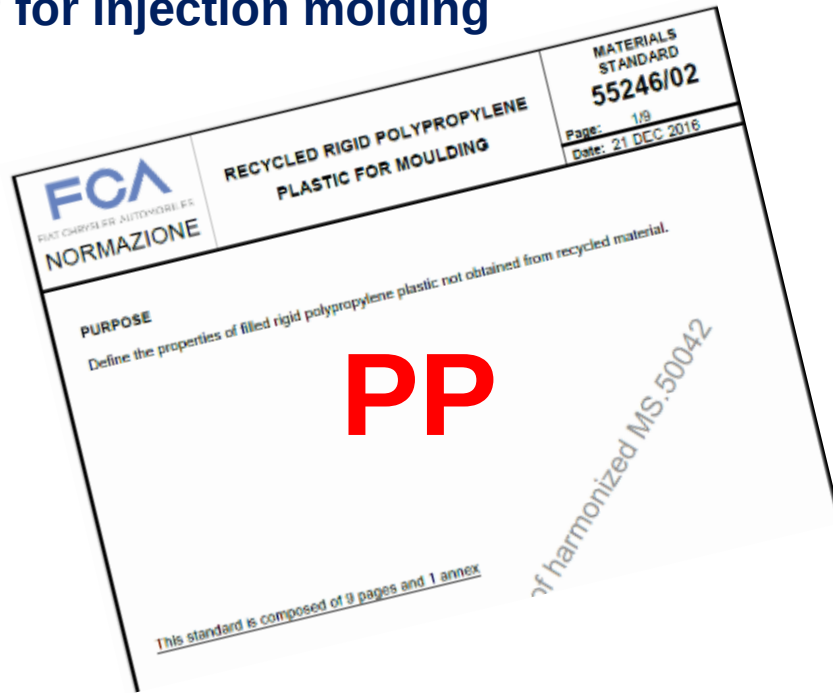
**End of Life plastic parts**





Total weight of plastics:  
150-180 kg per vehicles

## PP for injection molding



## Improvement needs to increase application:

- **Stable performances**
- **Increase efficiency of recycling**
- **New Materials Specification**
- **New specific design** to better exploit materials properties

## Current potential applications:

| DENOMINATION |             |         | APPLICATION EXAMPLES               |
|--------------|-------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| FIAT         |             | ISO     |                                    |
| BECOMES      | WAS         |         |                                    |
| PP 50.20 R   | —           | PP-TD20 | Kickplate under dashboard air duct |
| PP 45.300 R  | PP 45.400 R | PP      | Wheel arch guard                   |
| PP 47.60 R   | PP 47.70 R  |         |                                    |
| PP 50.280 R  | —           | PP-TD10 | Aerodynamic and underbody guards   |



## PP for injection molded parts on Jeep Renegade



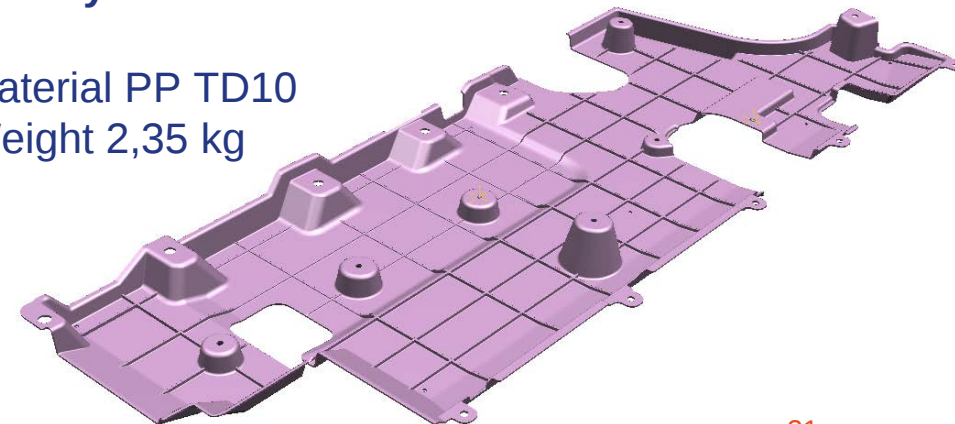
**Air duct defroster**

Material PP TD20  
Weight 1,100 kg

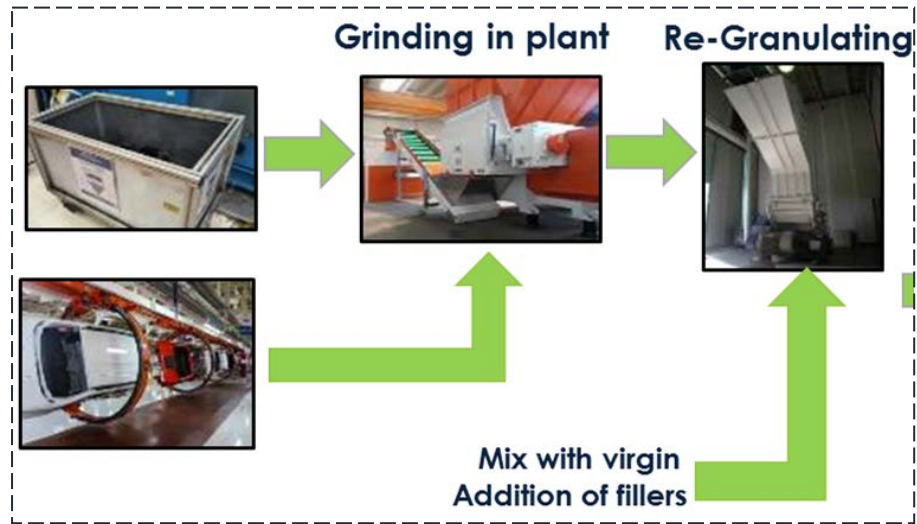


**Aerodynamic shield**

Material PP TD10  
Weight 2,35 kg



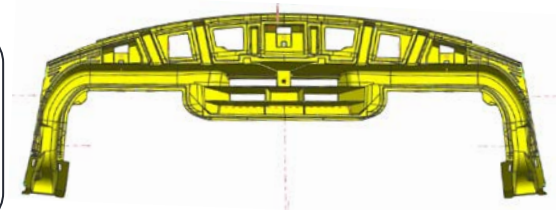
# Use of Recycled PP from process scraps – Stellantis Italy standard



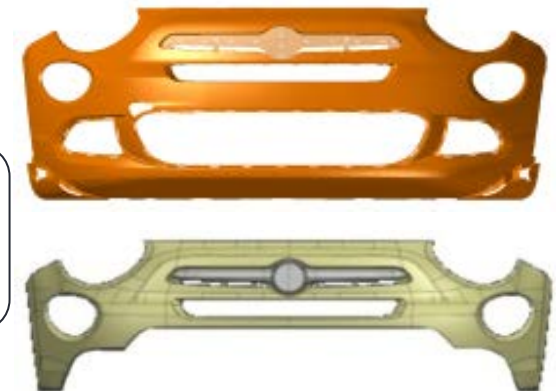
## Plastic Units Italy Plants internal recycling



**Air Duct**  
**100% PP RECYCLED**  
**(generic scraps)**



**Bumpers**  
**10% PP RECYCLED**  
**(bumper scraps)**



## PA for injection molded parts on Fiat 500



**Radiator Fan**

Material PA6.6 GF30  
Weight 0,518 kg



**Front cooling module**

Material PA6.6 GF30  
Weight 0,947 kg



## Components for air vents housing on Jeep Renegade



**Air diffusion bezel  
(structural part)**

Material PC+ABS  
Weight 0,208 kg



**Cluster bezel  
(structural part)**

Material PC+ABS  
Weight 0,483 kg



| Plastic family | Global standard           | R standard  | ISO nomenclature  |
|----------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| PP             | PP-H.TD20.2500F.2I.HS     |             | PP Homo-TD20      |
|                | PP-H.TD40.3800F.2I        |             | PP-TD40           |
|                | PP-C.TD25.2500F.7I        |             | PP-TD25           |
|                | PP-C.TD25.2500F.7I        |             | PP-TD25           |
|                | PP-H.GF30.4500F.6I        |             | PP-GF30           |
|                | PP-H.GF30.5500F.8I.HS     |             | PP-GF30           |
|                | PP-H.GF15-TD15.3900F.5I   |             | PP-(GF15+TD15)    |
|                | PP-C.GF30.5000F.12I       |             | PP-GF30           |
|                | PP-H.GF20.4100F.9I        |             | PP-GF20           |
|                | PP-H.GF40.8900F.11I       |             | PP-GF40           |
|                | TPO.TD17.1450F.40I.-30DE  |             | PP-TD17           |
|                | TPO.TD28.2200F.27I        |             | PP-TD28           |
|                | PP-C.TD20.2200F.3I        | PP 50.20 R  | PP Copo-TD20      |
|                | TPO.1200F.35I             | PP 45.300 R | PP Copo+EPDM      |
|                | PP-C.1000F.6I             | PP 47.60 R  | PP Copo           |
| PA             | TPO.TD10.1300F.38I.-30DE  | PP 50.280 R | PP Copo+EPDM-TD10 |
|                | PP-C.TD30.2300F.9I        | PP 58.80 R  | PP Copo-TD30      |
|                | PA66.GF30.7300F.8I        |             | PA66-GF30         |
|                | PA66.GF15.4600F.5I        |             | PA66-GF15         |
|                | PA66-EPDM.1600F.20I.HS    |             | PA66+EPDM         |
|                | PA6.GF30.7300F.10I        |             | PA6-GF30          |
| PC+ABS         | PA66 coppe ruota          |             | PA66-xxx          |
|                | PA aesthetic engine cover |             | PA-xxx            |
|                | PC-ABS.1900F.35I.CP       |             | PC+ABS            |
|                | PC-ABS.1900F.45I.MT       |             | PC+ABS            |
|                | PC-ABS.2000F.45I.HT       |             | PC+ABS            |
|                | PC-ABS.GF10.3300F.8I.HT   |             | PC+ABS-GF10       |
|                | PC-ABS.GF20.5500F.7I.HT   |             | PC+ABS-GF20       |

Increase number of **PP** available grades in Stellantis Italy standards

Introduce new standards for recycled **PA** and **PC-ABS**

More than 170 grades are under investigation



|               | FCA Specification   | Old FCAr Code | New FCA Code                       | Sigla ISO           |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Polypropylene | PP 65.25            |               | MS.50042 PP-H-R.TD20.2300F.2I      | PP Homo-TD20        |
|               | PP 75.20            |               | MS.50042 PP-H-R.TD40.3400F.2I      | PP Homo-TD40        |
|               | PP 65.40            |               | MS.50042 PP-C-R.TD27.2250F.4I      | PP Copo-TD27        |
|               | PP 140.80           |               | MS.50042 PP-H-R.GF30.4700F.6I      | PP Homo-GF30        |
|               | PP 130.50           |               | MS.50042 PP-C-R.GF15+MD15.3500F.4I | PP Copo-(GF15+TD15) |
|               | PP 140.120          |               | MS.50042 PP-C-R.GF30.5000F.10I     | PP Copo-GF30        |
|               | PP 135.90           |               | MS.50042 PP-H-R.GF20.3200F.6I      | PP Homo-GF20        |
|               | PP 145.110          |               | MS.50042 PP-H-R.GF40.7000F.8I      | PP Homo-GF40        |
|               | PP 50.400 LCE SR AF |               | MS.50042 TPO-R.TD17.1350F.30I      | TPO Copo-TD17       |
|               | PP 58.270 LCE SR AF |               | MS.50042 TPO-R.TD27.1900F.27I      | TPO Copo-TD27       |
|               |                     | PP 50.20 R    | MS.50042 PP-C-R.TD20.2000F.2I      | TPO Copo-TD20       |
|               |                     | PP 45.300 R   | MS.50042 TPO-R.800F.30I            | TPO Copo            |
|               |                     | PP 47.60 R    | MS.50042 PP-C-R.1000F.6I           | PP Copo             |
| Polyamide     |                     | PP 50.280 R   | MS.50042 TPO-R.TD10.1200F.28I      | TPO Copo-TD10       |
|               |                     | PP 58.80 R    | MS.50042 PP-R.TD30.2100F.7I        | PP Copo-TD30        |
|               | PA 240.80           |               | MS.50017 PA66-R.GF30.6500F.7I      | PA66-GF30           |
|               | PA 210.50           |               | In progress                        | PA66-GF15           |
|               | PA 65.200           |               | In progress                        | PA66+EPDM           |
|               | PA 200.100          |               | MS.50017 PA6-R.GF30.6000F.6I       | PA6-GF30            |
|               | PA wheel cover      |               | In progress                        | PA-xxx              |
| PC+ABS blend  | PA engine cover     |               | In progress                        | PA-xxx              |
|               | PC+ABS 95.350       |               | MS.50089 PC+ABS-R.1900F.30I.NT     | PC+ABS              |
|               | PC+ABS 100.450      |               | MS.50089 PC+ABS-R.1800F.40I.MT     | PC+ABS              |
|               | PC+ABS 105.450      |               | MS.50089 PC+ABS-R.2000F.40I.HT     | PC+ABS              |
|               | PC+ABS 110.80       |               | MS.50089 PC+ABS-R.GF10.3000F.8I.HT | PC+ABS-GF10         |
|               | PC+ABS 115.70       |               | MS.50089 PC+ABS-R.GF20.5000F.7I.HT | PC+ABS-GF20         |

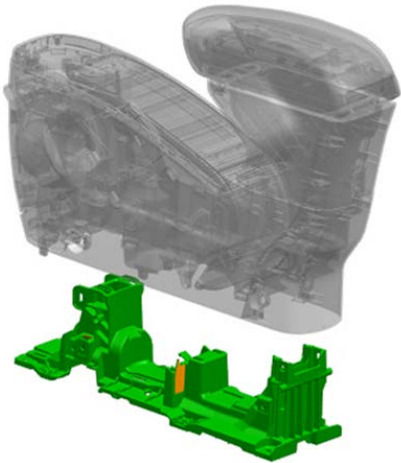
EU PlastiCircle Project



| Recycled materials | New compound          | Application        | Standard material |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| PET                | <b>r-PET GF30</b>     | Bracket            | PA6.6-GF30        |
| PP                 | <b>r-PP GF15-TD15</b> | Interior sub frame | PP-GF15-TD15      |

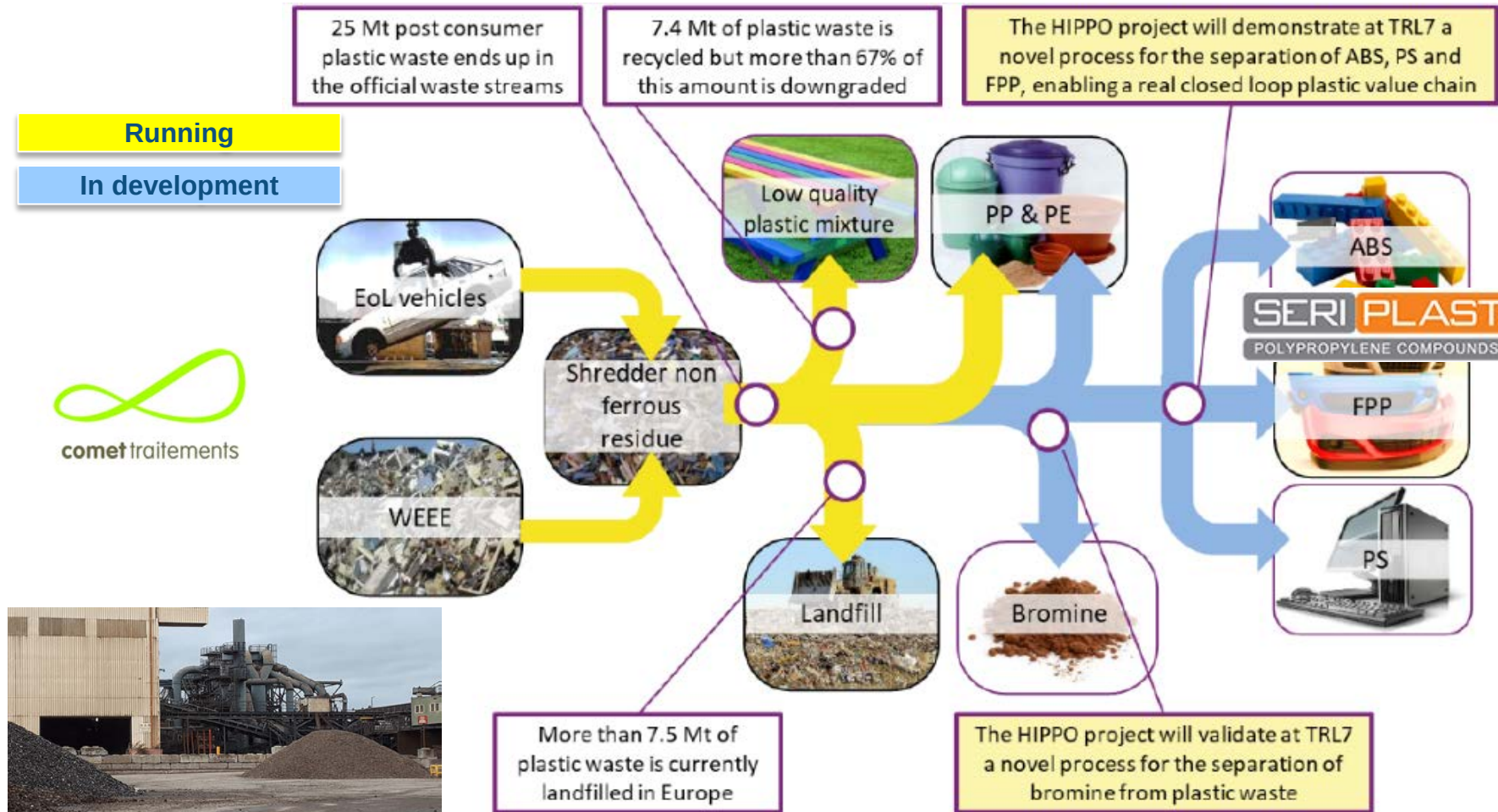


Selected bracket example for PET – General bracket suitable for engine compartment



Thermal tests conducted according to the specifications with positive results.

## Sorting, recovering and value-added recycling of high quality secondary thermoplastics coming ELV waste stream



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- ✓ Major drivers for recycling development are: **Regulations for Homologation** and new EU **Strategy for Plastics** in a circular economy
- ✓ **Stellantis** is making a policy of green materials that involves materials, manufacturing and the entire production chain - soon there will be an **Official Communication**.
- ✓ Next generation models will introduce most of innovative materials; **Collaborative approach** is crucial to exploit the new materials potential in the automotive domain
- ✓ Green materials are **Already present** in vehicles and several **Innovation projects** are running to improve our products sustainability
- ✓ To assure an innovation output **Reliable application** are necessary: stable performances (stable source), recycling efficiency (efficient collection network), reliable transformation processes, new product design to exploit materials properties
- ✓ Collaborative research and innovation activities are crucial to speed up the readiness of sustainable materials strengthening **Value chain**



Thank you !

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