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New nylon stories





A real circular choice.

Renycle[®] is the RadiciGroup new sustainability-oriented engineering polymers range, from post-industrial and post-consumer sources, targeted at meeting the growing needs of the market that requires products with a low and measurable environmental impact without compromising on quality, reliability, traceability, safety. This range has a lower environmental impact than prime grade material, based on LCA (Life Cycle Assessment) indicator data, currently available for each grade. This new brand answers the growing demand for more sustainable products, guaranteeing high technical performances.

From scrap to new nylon

RadiciGroup, thanks to its long-standing know-how in material formulation and recycling, is able to convey scraps either in the same industry which originated them or in a different one. This depending on the specific characteristics of the materials and the performance expected from final applications, choosing the most sustainable solution. This is true for post-industrial material, which is diverted from the waste stream during a manufacturing process, and for post-consumer material, which is generated by households or by commercial, industrial and institutional facilities as end-users of the product which can no longer be used for their intended purpose.



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Our ecological footprint? Measured through the LCA study

The Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), regulated by ISO14040, is an integral part of the Renycle® offer. The LCA assessment focuses on determining the environmental impact resulting from the use and transformation of the resources into finished product.

Collecting

This valuable contribution, developed for each Renycle® grade, is obtained following a workflow that uses, as input data, the process parameters measured directly on the RadiciGroup production plants. Periodically, surveys are carried out to determine impacts for each production step.

The calculation takes into account:

- Raw materials
- Energy consumption
 - **Emissions**
- · Process waste production Packaging

Additives



Product safety is essential

For this reason, the raw material used for the production of Renycle® is carefully selected and checked, in order to ensure its traceability and origin. Renycle® materials are subjected to strict controls to guarantee the absence of dangerous substances according to the GADSL (Global Automotive

Declarable Substance List) and the reference regulations, including:

- REACH (CE) n.1907/2006
- RoHS III (2011/65/CE)

Let's talk about performance

Thanks to the optimization of the formulations, combined with the careful selection of high quality raw materials recovered from post-industrial and post-consumer sources, Renycle[®] represents the range of sustainable engineering polymers whose mechanical performances, and the related variability, are maintained over time.

Choose the Renycle grade suitable for your application

Particular attention should be paid to applications involving structural or safety components. The graph, based on the table data, shows the tensile stress-strain curves obtained in compliance with the ISO527 standard, in DAM (Dry-As-Molded) conditions.

The materials in comparison are a PA6-GF30 prime grade polyamide, Renycle® S GF3001K 3033BK (PA6-GF30 whose polymer base is partially recycled) and Renycle® S GF3003K





3033BK (PA6-GF30 whose PA6 polymer is recycled). What can be seen is that as the recycled content increases, although the design of the materials aims at maintaining the properties, there is a reduction in performance compared to the first choice which is not negligible. This aspect, of fundamental importance, must be taken into consideration in the component design phase when implementing the criteria for choosing the materials.

	PA6-GF30	RENY	CLE' S	RENYCLE' S		
Property	Prime grade reference	GF3001K 3033BK	∆ vs prime [%]	GF3003K 3033BK	∆ vs prime [%]	
Tensile modulus [MPa]	9,400	9,350	-0.5	9,500	1.1	
Tensile stress at break [MPa]	165	150	-9.1	150	-9.1	
Tensile strain at break [%]	3.2	3	-6.3	2,6	-18.8	
Impact strength [kJ/m²]	85	70	-17.6	75	-11.8	

Example: trade-off environmental vs mechanical performances

Finished Product	Global warming potential* [kgCO ₂ eq.]	Cumulative Energy Demand* [MJ]	Stress at Break [MPa]	Strain at Break [%]	Impact Unnotched [kJ/m₂]	
PA6-GF30 (prime grade reference)	5.4	100	173	3.2	73	
RENYCLE' S GF3004K 3033 BK	1.3	27	135	2.6	55	
Δ[%]	-76%	-73%	-21%	-18%	-25%	

*Impact Assessment Method used: IPCC 2021 GWP100 v.1.02; Cumulative Energy Demand v1.11 - Simapro v.9.5.0.1 - DB Ecoinvent 3.9.1 - Reference year 2022

Why choose Renycle®

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Renycle® gives you the opportunity to be greener in several ways:

- A global leader: Renycle[®] is a product from RadiciGroup, one of the world's leading manufacturers of polyamides, synthetic fibres and engineering polymers.
- **Performance:** Renycle[®]'s technological value and performance are retained unchanged over time and there is no loss into the environment.
- No waste: conversion of scrap eliminates the need for new raw material.
- Green energy: the energy consumed in Renycle® polymer production is mainly green, as it comes from renewable sources.

- Environmental conscious choice: Renycle® promotes a culture of reuse and recycling, with materials that can still offer high technical performances.
- **Optimization:** Renycle[®] is targeted at meeting the right trade-off environmental vs mechanical performances.
- Engineering Service: thanks to an advanced simulation software, RadiciGroup supports its customers to predict the behaviour of materials right from the very early stages of product development. The goal is to optimize design and also to take into account eco-design and environmental performance.

A number of possibilities with Renycle®

Renycle® is very versatile and can have different properties depending on the final application:

- Flame retardant
- · Laser markable
- Heat stabilized
- Halogen and red-phosphorus free
- Hydrolysis resistant
- Toughened

- Light and UV stabilized
- · Electrically neutral
- High stiffness

The Renycle[®] story does not end here. Its applications go on and on.

Renycle® is the ideal solution for all those sectors where creativity and high performance are required. It has countless applications in:





E-mobility







Furniture



Sports accessories

Automotive

Electrical/ Electronic

Consumer goods

Examples of Renycle® applications **Automotive**

1. Thermal management systems

Renycle® can be used in some typical components of the automotive "thermal management systems" segment. The proposal of low environmental impact formulations is intended as an alternative to first choice homologous products (fossil origin), subject to verification of the technical requirements of the final application. This allows to reduce the overall environmental impact even in consolidated applications.

Fan shroud

Made of recycled Renycle® A GF3004K 3033 BK (PA66-GF30). This heat-stabilized material contains recompounded base polymer from high-quality recycled feedstock.

This assures a limited property drop compared to the primary grade, guaranteeing a low environmental impact.



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Radiator end tanks

Made of Renycle® A GF3002HR 3039BK, a product consisting of partially recycled content. The material has been specially formulated to ensure good resistance when directly exposed to engine cooling liquids. It is a lower environmental impact alternative to glass fibre filled PA66s, which, since years, has been the material chosen for this application



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2. Power train and engine system

Also for this segment, where significant mechanical properties are required for the various components, such as resistance to exposure to high temperatures for a long time and to contact with chemicals, Renycle® products based on PA66 and PA6 are available.

Air intake manifold

Used in both diesel and gasoline engines. In this case the optimal proposal falls on Renycle® S GF3004K 3033BK (PA6-GF30) and on Renycle® A GF3504K 3033BK (PA66-GF35) recycled.

The correct selection of the source material guarantees an acceptable variability of the final properties and adequate mechanical strength to prevent breakage in situations of exposure to vibrations even at high operating temperatures and thermal shocks.



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RENYCLE'S GF3004K 3033BK

Property	Dried-As-Molded	23°C - RH50		
Tensile modulus [MPa]	9,300	5,400		
Tensile stress at break [MPa]	135	85		
Tensile strain at break [%]	2.6	3.6		
Impact strength [kJ/m²]	55	70		
Notched Impact Strength [kJ/m²]	8	12		

Engine covers

Glass and glass/mineral filled Renycle® products are a valid alternative to primary materials. Typical materials for this application are Renycle® S GFK 3003K 3033BK (PA6 (GF+MD)30) or Renycle® S GF3001K 3030BK (PA6-GF30), providing good planarity and good surface appearance.





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3. E/E Lighting systems

Formulations suitable for different components have been developed

Cable channels

For these applications it is possible to choose:

- Renycle® S GF1501K 3030BK (PA6-GF15): partially recycled material, reinforced with 15% glass fiber, heat stabilized and black in colour.
- Renycle® S GF1501TK 3030BK (PA6-GF15): partially recycled compound, reinforced with 15% glass fiber, heat stabilized, toughened and black in colour.
- Renycle[®] S T203K 3030BK (PA6-I): fiber-free formulation, recycled, heat stabilized, toughened and black.



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14 12.5 11 11 [kJ/m²] 5.5 0 RENYCLE' S RENYCLE' S RENYCLE' S GF1501K GF1501TK T203K 3030BK 3030BK 3030BK

Charpy Notched Impact Strength (23°C DAM)

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Examples of Renycle[®] applications Flame retardant grade for E-mobility and electrical/electronic sector

E-mobility plug and socket components

Also in the E-mobility sector Renycle® S GF2501 HF0 3033BK is used in the production of the own components of the charging socket for electric vehicles. Among the peculiar characteristics of this partially recycled engineering polymer, are the self-extinguishing properties, excellent stiffness and dimensional stability, good aesthetics and, finally, laser markability. Also this type of products can represent a valid alternative to first choice products of fossil origin with the advantage of having a reduced environmental impact.



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GF2501	HF0 3033BK							

Property	Dry-As-Molded				
Tensile modulus [MPa]	9,400				
Tensile stress at break [MPa]	120				
Tensile strain at break [%]	2.9				
Impact strength [kJ/m²]	50				
Notched Impact Strength [kJ/m²]	7				
Flammability UL-94	V0 - 0.8 mm				
Glow Wire Flammability Index (GWFI)	960°C - 1 mm				
Glow Wire Ignition Temperature (GWIT)	750°C - 0.8 mm				

Examples of Renycle[®] applications **Consumer goods**

Garden tools

The Renycle® family is particularly suitable for garden tools as it allows the maximum reduction of the environmental impact without sacrificing the required mechanical and aesthetic performance.

An example of a technopolymer suitable for this kind of application is the recycled material Renycle® S GF3003 3033BK (PA6-GF30), which has characteristics suitable for molding and overmoulding of handles, inserts and levers typical of gardening tools.



Furniture

Also in this case Renycle® S GF3003 3033BK turns out to be the winning choice that combines environmental and technical performance, without forgetting the aesthetic performance that is fundamental in the furniture sector.

Sports accessories

Even in the sports and leisure sector, sustainability raises the perceived value of applications made with low environmental impact materials. In this case, the buckles and clips are made with the Renycle® S GF3003K 3033BK. The material is made of recycled polyamide 6, the reinforcement fiber is added in a percentage equal to 30% to give the right mechanical performance.





Madanial	Base Polymer	Recycled content range (on the base polymer)	Mechanical - Dry As Molded					Physical			
name (See legend)			Tensile Stress at Break	Tensile Strain at Break	Tensile Modulus	Flexural Modulus	Charpy Notched Impact Strength	Charpy Impact Strength	Heat Deflection Tempera- ture	Melting Tempera- ture	Density
ISO Standard			527	527	527	178	179/1eA	179/1eU	75/2Af	11357- 1/-3	1183
Test Conditions			23°C	23°C	23°C	23°C	23°C	23°C	1.8MPa	DSC	23°C
Unit			MPa	%	MPa	MPa	kJ/m²	kJ/m²	°C	°C	kg/m ³
RENYCLE [®] A GF1502K 3033BK	PA66- GF15	up to 50%	118	2.4	6,048	5,680	-	30	-	260	1,240
RENYCLE [®] A GF3002HR 3039BK	PA66- GF30	up to 50%	160	3.2	9,600	8,900	8	60	-	258	1,370
RENYCLE [®] A GF3502K 3033BK	PA66- GF35	up to 50%	170	2.3	11,200	10600	7	58	-	265	1,400
RENYCLE" A GF3504K 3033BK	PA66- GF35	up to 100%	170	2.1	11,400	10,600	7	55	235	260	1,400
RENY CLE [®] A T204K 3030BK	PA66-I	up to 100%	65	35	2,400	2,400	12	-	65	260	1,120
RENYCLE' S GF1501K 3030BK	PA6- GF15	up to 50%	125	3.5	5,900	5,300	5.5	45	-	220	1,230
RENYCLE' S GF1501TK 3030BK	PA6-I- GF15	up to 50%	100	5	5,300	4,500	12	64	-	220	1,190
RENYCLE [®] S GF2501 HF0 3033BK	PA6- GF25 FR(40)	up to 50%	120	2.9	9,400	9,100	-	50	-	217	1,380
RENYCLE' S GF3001K 3033BK	PA6- GF30	up to 50%	150	3	9,350	7,950	8.5	70	-	217	1,350
RENYCLE' S GF3003 3033BK	PA6- GF30	up to 100%	150	3.4	9,500	8,300	11	75	-	220	1,360
RENYCLE' S GF3003TK 3033BK	PA6-I- GF30	up to 100%	120	3.2	8,300	7,500	15	70	-	220	1,330
RENYCLE' S GF3004K 3033BK	PA6- GF30	up to 100%	135	2.6	9,400	8,400	8	60	195	220	1,370
RENYCLE' S GF3501 3030BK	PA6- GF35	up to 50%	170	3.3	10,900	10,600	12	80	-	220	1,400
RENYCLE' S GF3501KN 3033BK	PA6- GF35	up to 50%	160	3	11,100	10,700	12	75	-	220	1,390
RENYCLE' S GF3503UK 3050BK	PA6- GF35	up to 100%	156	2.7	10,500	10,300	10	70	-	219	1,420
RENYCLE' S GF4001KN 3033BK	PA6- GF40	up to 50%	180	2.5	12,700	12,000	14	73	-	220	1,450
RENYCLE' S N101 3030BK	PA6	up to 50%	80	15	3,000	3,000	6	-	-	220	1,130
RENY CLE [®] S T203K 3030BK	PA6-I	up to 100%	65	35	2,500	2,450	16	Not Br.	60	220	1,120
RENYCLE' S GFK3003K 3033BK	PA6- GF+MD30	up to 100%	100	4	6,100	5,800	-	45	-	220	1,360

RadiciGroup. Inside your world.

RadiciGroup is one of the world's leading producers of a wide range of chemical intermediates, polyamide polymers, high performance engineering polymers and advanced textile solutions, including nylon yarn, polyester yarn, yarn made from recovered and bio-source materials, nonwovens and personal protective equipment for the industrial and healthcare fields. These products are the result of the Group's outstanding chemical expertise and vertically integrated polyamide production chain and have been developed for use in a variety of industrial sectors, such as: automotive, electrical and electronics, household appliances, consumer and industrial goods, apparel, furnishing, construction, sports. The basis of the Group's strategy is a strong focus on innovation, quality, customer satisfaction and social and environmental sustainability.

Sustainability

Every day at RadiciGroup, we work to make circularity our business model. We optimize the use of materials while fine-tuning our processes, eliminating waste and promoting recyclability from the earliest product design phases. We are always looking for low-impact solutions in terms of natural resources and energy. We rely on certified management systems for Quality, Health and Safety, Environment and Energy to keep our companies in line with the highest sustainability standards.



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