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FOREWORD

The Fraunhofer IFAM in Bremen deserves the honour to have first formulated and successfully implemented the basic idea of continuing education made by Fraunhofer. At the WZF, “knowledge generators become knowledge mediators”, the researcher becomes a learning coach for industry.

Multifunctional products and lightweight construction offer new opportunities for industry, which is increasingly using fibre-reinforced composites in many sectors. Regional key industries such as shipbuilding, automotive, wind energy and aerospace want to strengthen their position in national and international competition with qualified specialists.

The Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Technology and Applied Materials Research (IFAM) has been a member of the Fraunhofer Academy since 2006. Since then, the accredited educational institution “Training Center for Fiber Composites Technology” has been established, which carries out part-time and personnel-certifying qualifications in the field of fibre-reinforced composites (FRP). The direct link between research and development and professional further training is what distinguishes the internationally recognized personnel qualification program of Fraunhofer IFAM.

The offer of the Fraunhofer IFAM is one of the TOP programs of the Fraunhofer Academy. It meets the highest quality standards – with didactically experienced and top-class Fraunhofer experts. You too can benefit from the research competence of the Fraunhofer IFAM and allow yourself the professional advantage.

Best regards,

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COURSES

TRAINING CENTER FOR FIBER COMPOSITE TECHNOLOGY

This brochure gives an overview of training courses in fiber composite technology offered by the Fraunhofer Institute for Manufacturing Technology and Advanced Materials IFAM, Bremen, Germany.

The Fiber Reinforced Plastic Manufacturer, Fiber Reinforced Plastic Remanufacturer, Fiber Reinforced Plastic Specialist, and Composite Engineer training courses are available in both German and English. If you would like an In-House training course at your company, then this can be given in German, English, or translated into the relevant local language at any desired location in the world. Please contact us so that we can discuss the necessary arrangements for the relevant course and plan the timing.

The Training Center is accredited and meets the quality requirements of DIN EN ISO/IEC 17024.

Participants who successfully complete training courses in fiber composite technology will receive their certificates from the Fraunhofer Certification Body for Workforce Training.

Read more on Page 21.

We hope our training courses are of interest and look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues as course participants in the near future.

The training team at Fraunhofer IFAM



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Dates, prices and the registration form can be found on the Internet at www.bremen-composites.com or in our event brochure.



➔ **Fiber Reinforced Plastic Manufacturer** page 6

The course teaches employees how to manufacture high-quality FRP components using manual production methods.

➔ **Fiber Reinforced Plastic Remanufacturer** page 8

This course trains employees to repair fiber composites and to work in industrial production.

➔ **Fiber Reinforced Plastic Specialist** page 10

This course covers the important influences of individual components, such as the type of fiber and matrix, on the properties of the final components.

➔ **Composite Engineer** page 14

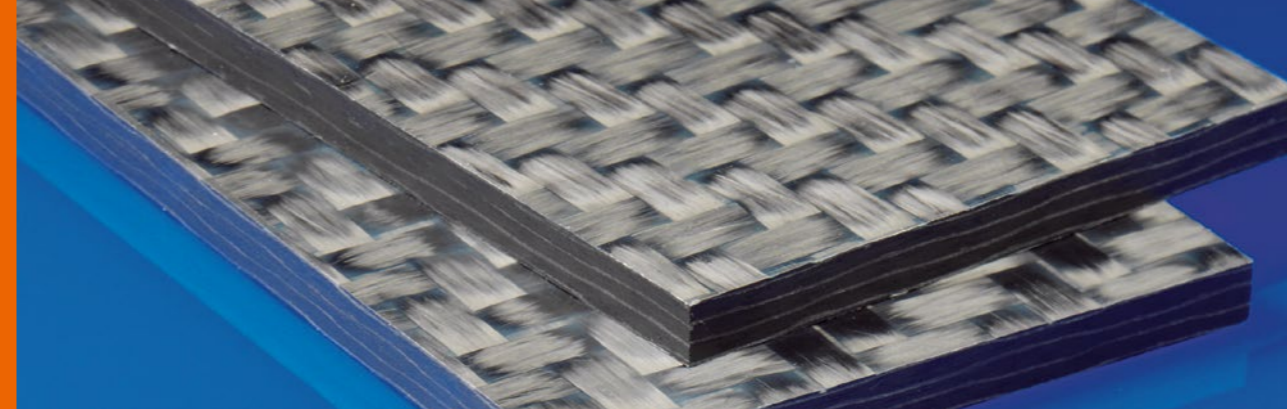
This advanced course trains employees to set up and supervise the whole life cycle of a fiber composite component from product development to production, repair activities, and recycling.

➔ **Lightweight Professional** page 18

This interdisciplinary course enables participants to identify and differentiate the steps involved in developing lightweight products, and to use (design, construct and set up processes with) specific lightweight materials in the correct way to fully utilize their lightweight potential.



FIBER REINFORCED PLASTIC MANUFACTURER (FRP-M)



Objectives of the training course

The Fiber Reinforced Plastic Manufacturer course teaches participants how to manufacture high-quality FRP components using manual production methods. The course focuses on extending and consolidating practical know-how. The theoretical background knowledge required for working with fiber reinforced plastics is acquired in theoretical sessions that are closely aligned to the practical sessions and via the so-called digital introductory learning program. This is accessed online or via the special Learn-App.

Duration of the training course and examinations

The total duration of the course, including the examinations, is 40 hours (one week). The theoretical content of the digital introductory learning program is an integral part of the course and is required for the formal training course. The course ends with oral and practical examinations on the last day. A prerequisite for taking these examinations is regular attendance at the course sessions.

Target groups and preconditions for participation

The course is aimed at company employees whose work involves handling or fabricating fiber reinforced plastics and at those who wish to enter this technical field. Participants must have an adequate knowledge of the course language to enable them to understand the course material and take the examinations.

COURSE CONTENT

Fundamental principles

The fundamental features of fiber reinforced plastics are largely covered in the digital introductory learning program. This gives participants a basic knowledge of the various components (fibers and matrix materials).

Materials

The course participants learn how the various components of fiber reinforced plastics affect the resulting properties of FRP products. Based on this knowledge, key points for handling FRP materials are highlighted.

Manufacturing methods

The course participants learn theoretical, and in particular, practical aspects of manual manufacturing methods. This covers various components and geometries and also the effective machining of FRP components. The identification and prevention of flaws and defects are discussed.

Health and safety at work and environmental protection

Safety measures to be taken when working with fibers and plastics, and regarding the auxiliary materials which are used in repair and manufacturing processes, are discussed. The proper use of work equipment and protective equipment is also covered.

Further information including details of fees and course dates can be found in the course schedule brochure or on our website: www.bremen-composites.com



FIBER REINFORCED PLASTIC REMANUFACTURER (FRP-R)



Objectives of the training course

The course participants will be trained to repair fiber composites and to work in industrial production. The training course teaches employees how to understand and effectively follow work instructions for their particular work tasks. After successful completion of the course they are able to process and repair high-quality fiber composite structures. The course focuses on extending and consolidating practical know-how. The theoretical background knowledge required for working with fiber reinforced plastics is acquired in theoretical sessions that are closely aligned to the practical sessions and via the so-called digital introductory learning program. This is accessed online or via the special Learn-App.

Duration of the training course and examinations

The total duration of the course, including the examinations, is 40 hours (one week). The theoretical content of the digital introductory learning program is an integral part of the course and is required for the formal training course. The course ends with oral and practical examinations. A prerequisite for taking these examinations is regular attendance at the course sessions.

Target groups and preconditions for participation

The course is aimed at employees in companies whose work involves independently maintaining, repairing, and processing fiber reinforced plastics following work instructions. Participants must have an adequate knowledge of the course language to enable them to understand the course material and take the examinations.

COURSE CONTENT

Fundamental principles

The fundamental features of fiber reinforced plastics are largely covered in the digital introductory learning program.

Materials

This section of the course provides participants with knowledge about the various components (fibers, matrix materials, core materials, fillers) used for manufacturing and repairing fiber reinforced plastics and their effects on the subsequent component properties. Points which must be specially heeded when repairing and maintaining fiber reinforced plastics are also covered.

Repair methods

Effective repair is a prerequisite for subsequently using the repaired components. The participants are introduced to the principles of repair techniques. Besides the necessary preliminary work, various strategies for repairing fiber composite components are introduced and are consolidated in practical assignments. In addition, the identification and prevention of flaws and defects are discussed.

Quality assurance

This section of the training course covers relevant quality assurance measures when repairing fiber reinforced plastics. This includes correct storage and processing of starting materials and also effective surface pretreatment to realize high-quality repairs.

Health and safety at work and environmental protection

Safety measures to be taken when working with fibers and plastics, and regarding the auxiliary materials which are used in repair and manufacturing processes, are discussed. The proper use of work equipment and protective equipment is also covered.

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FIBER REINFORCED PLASTIC SPECIALIST (FRP-S)



Objectives of the training course

This course provides training for employees involved in designing fiber reinforced plastics and planning their industrial manufacture. The direct linking of the theoretical and practical sessions means that the participants acquire a fundamental understanding of the effects of the individual components (e.g. fibers, matrix materials, core materials, additives) on the properties of the final FRP components. This practical knowledge is vital for effectively monitoring production processes. The course hence teaches the participants how to select suitable starting materials and manufacturing methods in order to meet the requirements of the resulting FRP products. After successful completion of the course, the participants will be able to select suitable matrix materials to manufacture high-quality FRP components, identify any defects/flaws, and repair these. They also acquire a comprehensive overview of current manufacturing methods and learn the differences between processing thermosets and thermoplastics.

Duration of the training course and examinations

The total duration of the course, including the examinations, is 120 hours and is split into 3 one-week modules focusing on different topics. To aid the learning, the theoretical part is backed up by a large number of practical assignments. The first and second one-week modules finish with written examinations. The final oral and practical examinations take place on the last day of the course. A prerequisite for taking the final examinations is regular attendance at the course sessions and having passed the written examinations at the end of the first and second one-week modules.

Target groups and preconditions for participation

The course is aimed at employees in industry whose work involves planning the manufacture of FRPs and implementation in the process chain, and at employees in companies that want to start manufacturing FRPs. Participants must have an adequate knowledge of the course language to enable them to understand the course material and take the examinations. A professional qualification in fiber composites or plastics or several years' work experience in these areas would be advantageous.

COURSE CONTENT

Fundamental principles

The course starts by covering the fundamentals of fiber reinforced plastics (FRPs). In theoretical and practical sessions the participants learn about the special features of FRPs and their constituent components. The differences between thermoplastics and thermosets are explained as are the typical features and properties of different fiber materials and textile semifinished products.

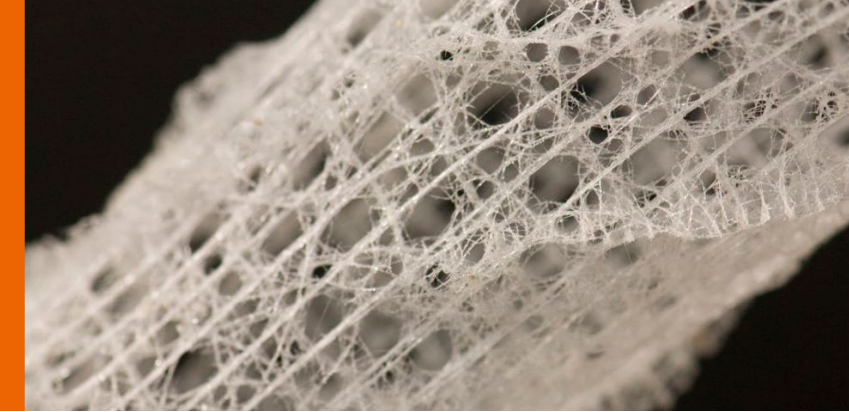
Materials

In order to adapt the component properties to meet specific requirements, it is vital to have knowledge about all influencing factors and their effects on the final products. The participants learn to estimate the effects of the individual starting materials (matrix, fiber type, textile semifinished product) on the resulting properties of an FRP component and learn to use this findings for production process planning. They also learn that not only the nature of the starting materials has a key effect but also their relative quantities and, for example, the fiber orientation. Optimal laminate structure and component geometry to maximize fiber/matrix interactions are also dealt with.

Manufacturing methods

The participants are introduced to the principles of manual and machine-based production technologies. In addition to hand lay-up, the special features of modern production methods such as vacuum infusion technology, resin transfer molding (RTM), press methods, autoclave technology, and pultrusion are discussed. The effect of the choice of matrix on the FRP production process is covered as are the necessary boundary conditions for production processes. Also discussed is how the production process, as well as the choice of starting materials and laminate structure, can affect the resulting properties of FRP components. In addition, the identification and prevention of flaws and defects are discussed.

FRAUNHOFER LIGHTWEIGHT DESIGN ALLIANCE



Repair methods

In order to carry out effective repairs it is vital to know the extent of the damage. The course participants learn how to identify typical types of damage to FRP materials and potential sources of the damage. They acquire a basic knowledge of non-destructive and destructive test methods. The course outlines what preliminary work is required for effective repair (e.g. removal of damaged sections, surface preparation). Strategies for repairing fiber reinforced plastic components are explained and these are then consolidated in practical assignments.

Health and safety at work and environmental protection

Safety measures to be taken when working with fibers, plastics, and auxiliary materials are discussed. The proper use of work equipment and protective equipment is also covered.

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The Fraunhofer Lightweight Design Alliance is an alliance of 18 Fraunhofer institutes that carry out R&D work on different aspects of lightweight design. The Fraunhofer Lightweight Design Alliance recognizes the challenge of developing technical concepts and solutions in the area of lightweight design and puts the emphasis on developing methods for manufacturing and evaluating lightweight components to ensure they meet safety requirements.

Lightweight design involves the whole development process. Too often lightweight design has been limited to the consideration of individual aspects. Effective lightweight design requires experimentally verified material data and takes into account production and assembly requirements and also recycling aspects. The objective is always to design the form/shape of the structure and materials (form and material based lightweight design) based on known and verified load data and the practical requirements (requirement based lightweight design) such that the component can perform its function/functions and can be manufactured and assembled within the set cost framework. The production process here must be so chosen that the batch numbers, quality, margins, and price allow ideal components to be manufactured (production based lightweight design).

The systematic approach to maximize the potential of lightweight design involves the bundling of expertise along the whole process chain, from the concept phase right through to marketable products.

This approach and philosophy of the Fraunhofer Lightweight Design Alliance is reflected in the Composite Engineer training course that was developed by 14 of the member institutes: The course covers the whole product life cycle of a fiber reinforced plastic component from the development stage to manufacture and repair. The effective use of fiber reinforced plastic technology requires interdisciplinary thought, evaluation, decision-making, and actions. It is imperative that all employees involved in lightweight design are effectively trained!

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COMPOSITE ENGINEER (CE)

MODULAR TRAINING COURSE

Background

Since 2016 the Fraunhofer Lightweight Design Alliance offers the professional training course "Composite Engineer" in cooperation with the Fraunhofer IFAM. The course participants are trained on particular topics by scientists and engineers who are engaged in current, cutting-edge R&D work in the field of composite materials. This guarantees direct transfer of key knowledge and technology to the industry. Due to a growing international demand, this course will be available in English soon.

Required knowledge for participation and objectives of the training course

Target groups are engineers, scientists and also qualified technical employees in all disciplines and sectors of industry, who either currently work with composites or wish to do so in the future. Participants for the "Composite Engineer" course must have either:

- successfully completed a professional qualification and have at least five years technical work experience
- successfully completed an engineering or science course (Bachelor degree or higher) at a university or technical college.

The Composite Engineer training course qualifies people to supervise the whole life cycle of a composite product. This covers product development, manufacture, and repair and involves interdisciplinary thinking, evaluation, decisionmaking, and actions relating to effective usage of composite technology.

Course content, duration and examinations

The Composite Engineer course is modular. Each module lasts three days. The Introductory Module and the four Basic Modules are compulsory. The participants take four Specific Modules of their own choice. Each of the Specific Modules ends with a written examination. A certificate of attendance from the Introductory and Basic Modules and successfully passed examinations for the Specific Modules are prerequisites for taking the final oral examination. Passing the final oral examination results in the award of a certificate as "Composite Engineer". The final oral examination is preceded by a two-day revision session, the so-called Final Module. The training course thus extends over a total of 30 days (6 weeks / 240 hours).

All the modules can also be booked individually by people not intending to take the full Composite Engineer training course.

For detailed information about the different modules, please check our website: www.composite-engineer.com

COURSE CONTENT

FUNDAMENTAL MODULE (COMPULSORY)

- FM** **Fundamental Module**
Overview of the whole life cycle of a composite component

BASE MODULES (COMPULSORY)

- MA** **Materials**
Fibers – thermoset and thermoplastic matrix systems – textile semi-finished products – prepregs
- PR** **Processing Technologies**
Processing technologies for thermoset and thermoplastic FRP-components
- MC** **Machining**
Machining with geometrically defined and undefined cutting edge – laser cutting – waterjet cutting
- JT** **Joining Technologies**
Adhesive bonding – mechanical joining – thermal methods – laser welding – hybrid joining

SPECIFIC MODULES (COMPULSORY ELECTIVE))

- DA** **Design and Architecture**
Lightweight design principles – methods and guidelines
- VI** **Vibration Reduction and Functional Integration**
Vibration measurement – measures for vibration reduction – vibration simulation – structural monitoring
- MO** **Modeling and Simulation**
Design philosophies – structural design – numerical simulation – FEA – failure mechanisms and criteria
- ST** **Surface Treatment and Analysis**
Surfaces and their properties – adhesive and cohesive forces – methods for surface characterization – FRP relevant surface preparation
- CA** **Characterization and Assessment**
Component requirements and classification – damage and failure mechanisms – nondestructive testing and failure analysis – destructive testing for the determination of mechanical properties

PT **Manufacturing and Production Technologies**
 Manufacturing methods and process chains in FRP component manufacture – selection of suitable process routes depending on material, manufacturing method, design, product requirements, cost efficiency and quantity

PP **Proof Testing and Test Philosophies**
 Determination properties and failure loads – experimental proof of function and safety – typical defects and inspection tasks of nondestructive testing

RM **Recycling and Maintenance**
 Repair methods – nondestructive test methods – recycling concepts for FRP's – Reuse of recycled carbon fibers

FINAL MODULE

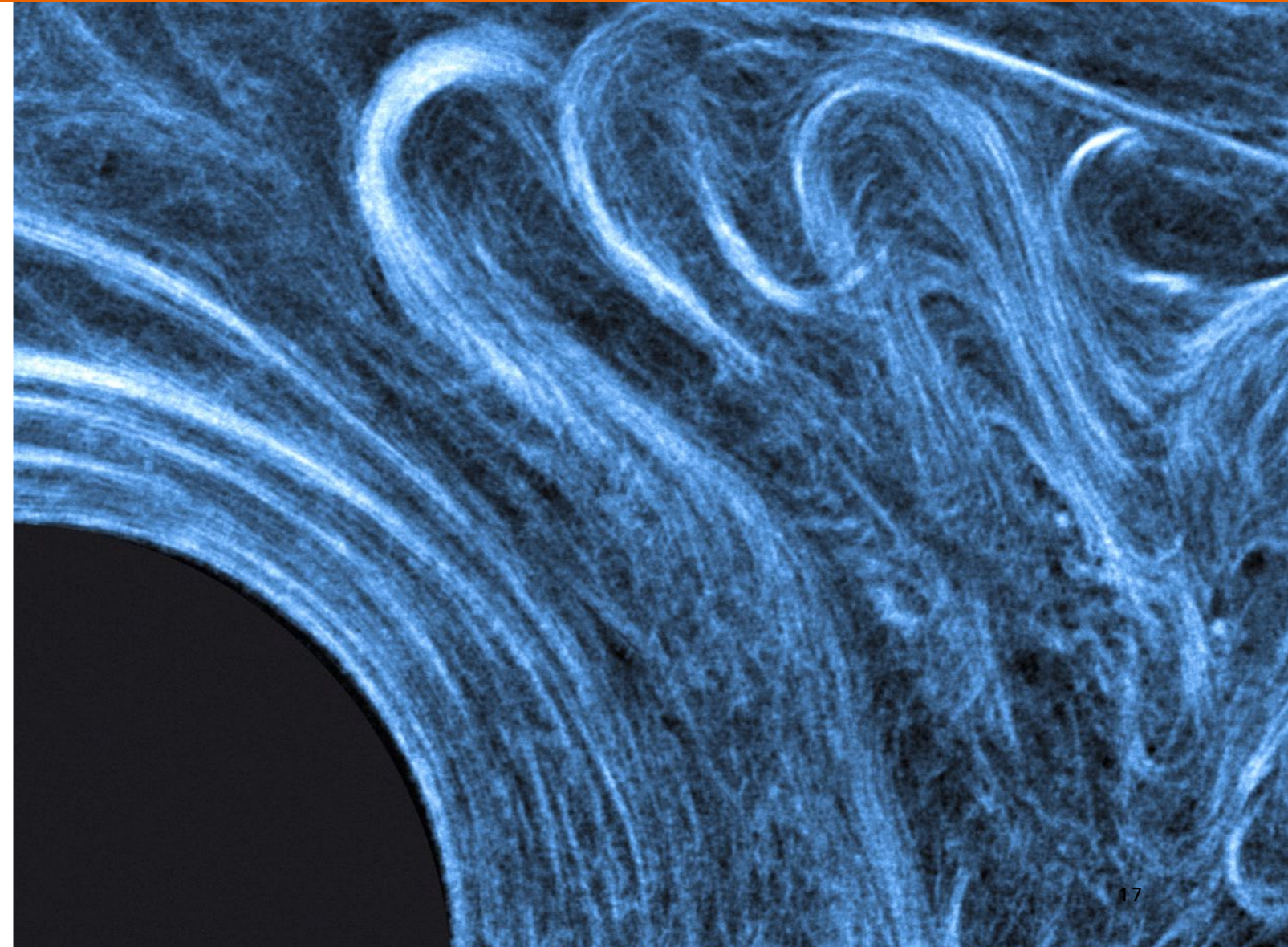
FI **Repetition and Examination**
 Repetition and summary of the Fundamental and Basic Modules – examination by certification body

Fraunhofer IFAM is the central registration point for all the modules. The modules are held at a number of different Fraunhofer Institutes throughout Germany, so ensuring the course participants have access to the required specialist expertise and equipment required for the various topics*.

On first registration each course participant is issued with access codes for the digital introductory learning program and the associated app that introduce fundamental aspects of the life cycle of a fiber composite component.

The course is in preparation. For up-to-date information, please visit our website:

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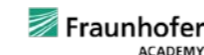
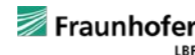


LIGHTWEIGHT PROFESSIONAL (LP)

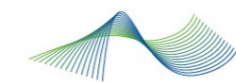
Background

The Lightweight Professional is a modular T-shaped professional training course about lightweight construction guidelines, cost- and life-cycle-assessment methodologies and specialized and transversal perspectives and properties of lightweight materials. All modules are a combination of e-learning and classroom course. You will be able to identify and differentiate the steps involved in developing lightweight products, and to design, construct and set up processes with specific lightweight material in the correct way to fully utilize the lightweight potential. This professional training course is divided in three certification levels: basic (introductory module), advanced (eight material modules) and expert level (transversal modules). This course follows the requirements of ISO EN DIN 17024 and is certified by an external accreditation body.

Project partners



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FRAUNHOFER PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

From 2019 participants who successfully complete training courses in Fiber Composite Technology will receive their certificates from the Fraunhofer Certification Body for Workforce Training.

Training issues certificates for training courses in Fiber Composite Technology, Usability Engineering, Data Management, and Product Lifecycle Management (PLM).

The Fraunhofer Certification Body for Workforce Training certifies that the qualifications received by successful course participants are in accordance with the requirements of DIN EN ISO 17024. The certificates confirm that successful course participants have acquired expertise and practical knowledge in the relevant technical area.

For further information and the examination regulations please visit our website
www.personenzertifizierung.fraunhofer.de/en.html

IN-HOUSE COURSES

➔ FRP-MANUFACTURER ➔ FRP-REMANUFACTURER ➔ FRP-SPECIALIST

For companies who wish to train a larger number of their employees at the same time, there is the option of holding courses at your company. A minimum of 10 participants is required for an In-House training course. The prerequisites for participation, length of the courses, objectives, and course materials are identical to the courses held at the Training Center for Fiber Composite Technology in Bremen.

General requirements for training courses held outside the Training Center for Fiber Composite Technology are as follows:

- If possible, the availability of two separate rooms for theory and practical sessions.
- Theory room with table, flip-chart or whiteboard, including pens, etc.
- Practical room with work benches, adequate ventilation and air extraction, plus facilities for waste disposal. If agreements are made, production areas can also be used for the practical sessions.

All equipment and consumables (such as resins, hardeners, fibers, etc.) required for the practical sessions must be made available by the host company/organization in consultation with the Training Center for Fiber Composite Technology. In consultation with the company/organization, certain aspects of the course can be tailored so that they have relevance to specific production-related issues.

To arrange a date for a course please contact the relevant course organizer.

For specially customized courses for which a qualification cannot be awarded, participants receive a Certificate of Participation.

In-House courses in Germany and other countries

If you would like an In-House training course at your company, then this can be given in

- German,
- English, or
- translated into the relevant local language at any desired location in the world. Please contact us to discuss the necessary arrangements for such a course and plan the timing.

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FRAUNHOFER ACADEMY

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Handling new technology and new methods and processes wants to be learned. If current research knowledge is to unfold its innovative potential in companies, smart minds with the relevant know-how are needed. The Fraunhofer Academy, the consortium of all Fraunhofer Institutes with a focus on advanced training, provides the necessary qualification for specialists and managers. It is the expert supplier for advanced training on the job. Specialists and managers profit from a unique knowledge transfer flowing from Fraunhofer Research to the companies. The “knowledge generators” simultaneously act as “knowledge transmitters”.

What started out as a project, has developed into a well established and renowned institution of the German education and training landscape.

Since the founding the Fraunhofer Academy has continually grown. In the beginning phase the academy comprised the activities of four Fraunhofer Institutes offering one program each, today 17 facilities are responsible for 25 programs in five thematic areas:

- Technology and Innovation
- Energy and Sustainability
- Logistics and Production
- Production and Testing Technology
- Information and Communication

Due to the close co-operation with industry and businesses, Fraunhofer knows the current technical as well as social challenges and turns research results into usable innovations in an efficient and targeted way. This up-to-date knowledge from experience is reflected in the course offers of the Fraunhofer Academy.

For further information about the Academy's program www.academy.fraunhofer.de/en.html

