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Norplex-Micarta Invests in Thermal Analysis Test Equipment

POSTVILLE, IA – Norplex-Micarta, the leading manufacturer of high performance thermoset composites, has recently installed a TA Instruments Model Q20 Differential Scanning Calorimeter (DSC) at its Postville, Iowa headquarters. The equipment is used to measure thermal transitions in materials by recording heat flow changes. The upgrade is part of on-going capital expenditure growth intended to advance the use of state-of-the-art equipment for material testing.



Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC) is used to measure the thermal change a material can undergo before it begins to soften, melt, or show other forms of a physical reaction, including phase changes. This is ideal for work with various polymers, as it is important to know at which temperature thermoset composites experience phase changes that affect their physical and electrical insulation properties. This testing helps Norplex-Micarta ensure their thermoset composites will stand up to even the most extreme high temperature and high electrical voltage and current applications. Testing can be conducted on most Norplex-Micarta cured composites, including tubing, sheet, and molded products.

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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 Europe, Asia/Pacific, and The Americas. Norplex-Micarta is located at 665 Lybrand Street, Postville, IA 52162; Tel: 563-864-7321; Fax: 563-864-4231; E-mail: info@norplex-micarta.com; Web: www.norplex-micarta.com.

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