Keine Innovation in der pulverbettbasierten Additiven Fertigung ohne Werkstoffvielfalt: Serienqualität mit Polyolefinen (wie PP), technischen Thermoplasten (wie TPU, PBT oder PA66) oder veredeltem PA12 Rezyklat



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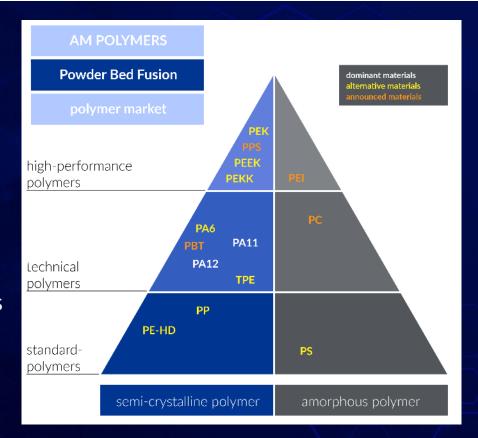
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- Still dominance of PA12 and PA11
- Nevertheless: numerous gaps
- Alternative materials available, but niche products
 - High cost
 - Limited availability
 - Excessive batch fluctuations
 - Insufficient component properties
 - Difficult processing
- ✓ Available materials show strong differences
- Often rejection of the use of alternative materials due to bad experiences







Various applications require specific materials for additive production

- Automotive
- Aviation
- Electronics industry
- **√** ...

But:

- ✓ Changing the process is already one big hurdle
- ✓ Change of material is one step too much





Extension of the material market by essential standard plastics:

- Qualified polymer powder materials
- Easy to process
- Short running-in times
- ✓ Start parameter sets for each machine
- ✓ Part properties comparable to injection moulding
- ✓ High batch-to-batch consistency
- ✓ AM Polymers does system engineering with competence in polymer, powder and process
- √ 7 laser sintering machines on site

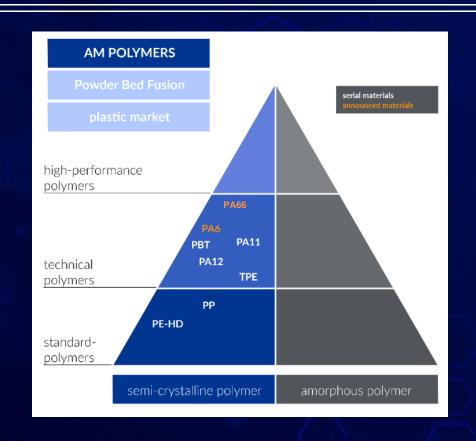






Polymer powder products for AM applications:

- TPU: ROLASERIT® PB-01 (since 2013)
- HDPE: ROLASERIT® PE-01-GR (since 2015)
- PP: ROLASERIT® **PP-01** (since 2017)
- PP: ROLASERIT® PP-03-O (since 2019)
- PP: ROLASERIT® PP-05 (since 2020)
- PBT: ROLASERIT® **PBT-01** (since 10/2020)
- PA11 and PA12: ROLASERIT® PA12-01 and ROLASERIT® PA11-01 (since 2021)
- PBT: ROLASERIT® **PBT-01-GF** and **CF** (since 08/2021)
- PA11: ROLASERIT® PA11-01-CF (since 09/2021)
- PA6 and PA66: ROLASERIT® PA6-01 and ROLASERIT® PA66-01 (part production service started in 10/2021)
- PA6-CF, PP-04, FR types and other materials in development







- Elastic material in natural and grey color
- Very good processability
- ✓ No smoking and no aging
- High surface quality and edge sharpness
- ✓ High elongation at break of up to 550%
- ✓ In process variable hardness Shore A 60-83
- ✓ Pressure tight 5 bar on 1,5 mm wall thickness
- Chemically smoothable



ROLASERIT®**A**

TPU

Thermoplastic polyurethane

Young's modulus [N/mm²]: 55-65 5

Tensile strength[N/mm²]: 7-10 5

Elongation at break [%]:







- Available in natural, white and black
- Good processability on each machine (also with blade)
- Good mechanical properties
- ✓ Elongation at break up to 100 %
- Since 2017 series material with batches in several ton scale







ROLASERIT® 1

PP

Polypropylene PP01		
	x	z
Young's modulus [N/mm²]:	800	800
Tensile strength[N/mm²]:	20	19
Elongation at break [%]:	30	10



PP - Post-Processing by Chemical Vapor Smoothing



AM Polymers

- Natural PP translucent
- Increase of EAB:
 - ✓ x: > 200%
 - ✓ Z: > 35%
- Increase of Charpy
 - √ 92 kJ/m² compared to 30kJ/m²
 - Notched: 5.2 kJ/m² compared to $4.7 \, kJ/m^2$

Polypropylene (PP) ROLASERIT® PP - for LS & HSS 3D Printing Produce End-Use Parts Like Injection Molding: Colorful and Translucent









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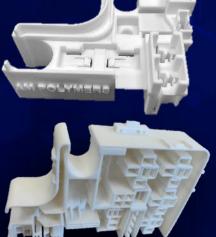






- Joint development with Mitsubishi
 Chemical Cooperation
- ✓ SOP in 10/2020
- Good mechanical properties and high ductility
- Excellent electrical properties
 - ✓ Surface resistance $[\Omega^*m]$: 5.E+16
 - ✓ Volume resistance [Ω]: 3.E+15
 - ✓ Better than many IM PBT-grades
- ✓ Good processability
- ✓ Good post processability by vapor smoothing
- Processable on standard laser sintering machines
- -> No high temperature machine needed







ROLASERIT® 1

PBT

Polybutylene terephthalate

-Joint Development with Mitsubishi Chemical Corperation —

Young's modulus [N/mm²]: 279

Tensile strength[N/mm²]: 48

Elongation at break [%]: 15

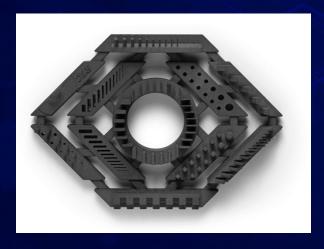






- First PBT Material with carbon fibers for powder bed fusion
- ✓ High modulus with up to 6,200 MPa
- ✓ High tensile strength of 60 MPa
- ✓ High temperature resistance with a HDT of 177°C (PA12GB: 157°C)
- ✓ Good processability

Processable on standard laser sintering machines (< 190°C)



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PBT

Polybutylene terephthalate

-Joint Development with Mitsubishi Chemical Corperation —

Young's modulus [N/mm²]: 6.20

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Tensile strength[N/mm²]:

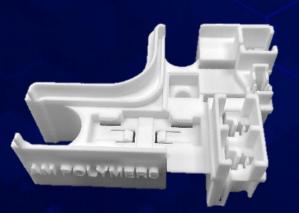
Elongation at break [%]:







- First PBT Material with glas fibers for powder bed fusion
- ✓ 30 % refresh rate
- ✓ High modulus with up to 3,900 MPa
- ✓ High temperature resistance with a HDT of 175°C (PA12GB: 157°C)
- Good processability
- Processable on standard laser sintering machines (< 190°C)





ROLASERIT® 1

PBT

Polybutylene terephthalate

-Joint Development with Mitsubishi Chemical Corperation –

Young's modulus [N/mm²]: 3.900

Tensile strength[N/mm²]:

Elongation at break [%]:





- <u>Development Product</u>
- ✓ First ever PA66 for powder bed fusion
- ✓ Properties in as-build/dry condition
- ✓ Tensile strength of 75 MPa
- ✓ Young's modulus > 3000 MPa
- ✓ EAB of 7-15 %
- ✓ Flame retardant according to UL94-V2







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PA

Polyamide 66

Young's modulus [N/mm²]: 300

Tensile strength[N/mm²]:

Elongation at break [%]:

15





- Recycled from used PA12 powder
- Increasing sustainability by reducing waste powder in laser sintering
- Chemical refinement to achieve quality of standard PA12 materials
- ✓ Refresh rate 50 %
- Available in black and white



ROLASERIT® 1

PA

Polyamide 12

Young's modulus [N/mm²]: 1.650
Tensile strength[N/mm²]: 50

Elongation at break [%]:

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