

# Core Material Qualification Guidance for Aircraft Design and Certification

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### **Project Overview**

#### **Overall Goals**

- Develop a framework for the qualification of core materials including guidelines and recommendations for their characterization, testing, design and utilization within the aerospace industry.
- Second goal: To transition the test data and guidelines generated in this ۰ program into shared databases, such as CMH-17.

#### **Research Outputs**

- **Trial test results** that provide valuable lessons learned regarding test methods best suited for core materials
- Qualification framework for core materials ٠
  - Material and process specifications
  - Test matrix and subsequent test plan including required physical and mechanical test methods. Mechanical test plan inclusive of relevant environments for these materials and applications.
- Lessons learned, guidelines, and data made available to CMH-17



### **Establishment of Industry Steering Committee**





#### **Framework Development** (Trial Testing)

CMH17

COMPOSITE MATERIALS HANDBOOK

- **Industry Survey**
- **Material Selection**
- **Material Acquisition and Fabrication**
- **Testing, Data Reduction and Data Analysis**
- **Steering Committee Review**



#### **Qualification Program**

- **Test Plan & Specification Development** •
- **Material Acquisition & Panel Fabrication**
- **Testing & Data Reduction**
- Data Review (Statistical Analysis)
- **Reports and Specifications Published**



## **Industry Survey**

- Goal of Survey: Generate industry driven input on the development of a qualification framework for core materials
- **48 responses from 23 organizations** (50% OEMS, 24% Tier 1 suppliers, others consultants, government, academia)
  - Question 5 Core materials primarily used by respondents:
    - 98% Honeycomb
    - 80% Foam
    - 20% Corrugated
  - Question 6 Core materials and parts/applications currently in use:
    - Materials: Nomex honeycomb core mentioned in nearly every response but other materials mentioned (fiberglass, closed cell foams)
    - Parts/applications: Secondary structures control surfaces, access panels, fairings, spoilers
  - Questions 7 Materials for future aircraft structures (5-10 years):
    - 91% Honeycomb
    - 72% Foam
    - 20% Corrugated

Owention	
Question Ol: Company Name	Taxt how
Q2: What is your company's role in the aviation industry?	Radio buttons with pre-selected options + "other" option and comments box
Q3: Are you familiar with CMH-17 (previously known as MIL- 17)?	Yes/No
Q4: Are you familiar with the NCAMP qualification and equivalency program through Wichita State University – NIAR?	Yes/No
Q5: Please identify the core material forms that you are currently utilizing in aircraft structures. Check all that apply.	Select from following general options (multiple selections allowed): Honeycomb, Cross-Banded, Corrugate, Waffle-Type, Foam, Natural (balsa wood and others), Other (please specify)
Q6: Please specify the core materials and parts/applications currently in use- Multiple materials/parts can be listed	Text box
Q7: Please identify the core material forms that are proposed for future aircraft structures (5-10 years). Check all that apply.	Select from following general options (multiple selections allowed): Honeycomb, Cross-Banded, Corrugated, Waffle-Type, Foams, Natural (halsa wood and others) Other (please specify)
$\Omega$ Please specify the core material and	Text hoy
parts/applications proposed for future aircraft- Multiple materials can be listed	
Q9: Are there other core materials that you believe are likely to produce structural components in aircraft within the next 5-10 years?	List core type List materials (facesheet/core) List parts/application
Q10: Please rate the following statements for implementing new core materials from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree.	Cost, Availability, Producibility, Lack of trained personnel, Lack of design and certification guidelines, Lack of available qualification data, Joint design, Flaw detection by NDI, Reparability
Q11: Are you interested in serving on a peer advisory committee to provide technical expertise on the development of the methodology?	Yes/No If Yes, users directed page to enter contact information
Q12: Is your company interested in contributing materials and/or resources to the development of data for incorporation of results into CMH-17 and other sources for the general public?	Yes/No If Yes, users directed page to enter contact information









Cell Size: 1/8"

Direction

## **Overview of Core Material Selected**

Material	Description	Selection Support
Honeycomb Core	HexWeb® HRH-10-1/8-3.0	Committee feedback & Survey Commonly used in industry
Facesheet Prepreg	HexPly® AGP193P(NT)/8552S;38%;193AW;50	NCAMP Qualified
Film Adhesive	FM 300-2M	NCAMP Qualification in Progress



Adhesive





Expansion)

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**Core Thickness** 

(0.5")



### **Trial Test Matrix**

Goal of Trial Testing: Evaluate selected core material using a notional test matrix (formed through the steering committee) to aid in developing the qualification test matrix.

#### • Core Physical Properties

 ASTM C271 "Standard Test Method for Density of Sandwich Core Materials"

#### Core Mechanical Test Methods

- ASTM C273 "Standard Test Method for Shear Properties of Sandwich Core Materials" (L & W Directions)
  - Shear strength for honeycomb core varies with core thickness effective strength used for design reduced by associated K factor)
- ASTM C365 "Standard Test Method for Flatwise Compressive Properties of Sandwich Cores" (Bare & Stabilized)
- ASTM C363 "Standard Test Method for Node Tensile Strength of Honeycomb Core Materials"
- Panel Test Methods (emphasis on generating core properties)
  - ASTM C297 "Standard Test Method for Flatwise Tensile Strength of Sandwich Constructions"
  - ASTM C364 "Standard Test Method for Edgewise Compressive Strength of Sandwich Constructions"
  - ASTM D1781 "Standard Test Method for Climbing Drum Peel for Adhesives"
    - ASTM C393 "Standard Test Method for Core Shear Properties of Sandwich Constructions by Beam Flexure"
    - ASTM D7249 "Standard Test Method for Facesheet properties of Sandwich Constructions by Long Beam Flexure"

Mechanical Test Properties									
Layup /Warp	Test Type and	Property	Number of Batches x Number of Panels x Number of Test Specimens						
Direction)	Direction	Property	Test Temperature/Moisture Condition						
,			RTD	ETD1 (180F)	ETW1 (180F)				
N/A	Core Shear (L) ASTM C273 (0.5" thick core) (1)	Strength and Modulus	1x1x5	1x1x5	1x1x5				
N/A	Core Shear (W) ASTM C273 (0.5" thick core) (1)	Strength and Modulus	1x1x5	1x1x5	1x1x5				
N/A	Bare Compression ASTM C365 (0.5" thick core)	Strength	1x1x5						
4 core 4 (2)(3)	Stabilized Compression ASTM C365 (0.5" thick core)	Strength and Modulus	1x1x5	1x1x5	1x1x5				
N/A	Node Tensile Strength ASTM C363 (0.5" thick core)	Strength	1x1x5						
4 core 4 (2)(3)	Flatwise Tension ASTM C297 (0.5" thick core)	Strength	1x1x5	1x1x5	1x1x5				
4 core 4 (2)(3)	Edgewise Compression ASTM C364	Strength and Modulus	1x1x5						
4 core 2 (2)(3)	Climbing Drum Peel ASTM D1781	Strength	1x1x5						
4 core 4 (2)(3)	Core Shear Stress ASTM C393	Strength and Modulus	1x1x5	1x1x5	1x1x5				
4 core 4 (2)(3)	Long Beam Flex ASTM D7249	Strength and Modulus	1x1x5						
Note 1: The core thickne Note 2: 4 core 4 correspondence plies of film adhesive. Fa	ss used for the qual and the thickness onds to 4 plies for top facesheet bond acesheet layup will be [0,90,90,0] and	ed to core with 2 plies of [0,90].	ns can be changed to match film adhesive and 4 plies fo	h what is available and/or re or the bottom facesheet bor	equired. Ided to the core with 2				

Note 3: The stacking sequence can be changed to match what is required and/or desired.





## **Trial Test Results – Physical Testing**

- ASTM C271 recommends the minimum specimen size to be 12-inches by 12-inches with a thickness equivalent to the core thickness
  - This will be followed for the qualification, however, data was generated for several sizes in the trial testing

Test Method	ASTM	Proporty	Specimen Size						
Description	ASTIVI	горену	2"x2"	2"x6"	5"x10"	12"x12"			
Core Density	C271	Avg. Density (lbm/ft <sup>3</sup> )	3.377	3.263	3.166	3.296			
		St. Dev.	0.0614	0.0730	0.0677	0.0546			
		CV	1.820	2.236	2.138	1.656			
		No. of Specimens	10	53	16	12			
		,	91 Specimens						







## Trial Testing Results – Core Mechanical Testing

- Shear Strength in (L) ribbon direction nearly two times the (W) transverse direction as expected
- Highest C.V. witnessed with stabilized flatwise compression at ETW condition
- Node Tension Testing Multiple Failures at **Loading Pins**



	Test Method Description	ASTM	Property	RTD	ETD	ETW
			Strength (psi)	204.6	170.1	115.9
			St. Dev.	7.633	3.562	3.320
			C.V. (%)	3.730	2.094	2.866
			No. of Specimens	5	5	6
			2% Offset Strength (psi)	203.1	165.3	111.1
	Core Shear (L)	C273	St. Dev.	8.385	4.468	3.672
	ore Snear (L)	02/0	C.V. (%)	4.128	2.702	3.305
			No. of Specimens	4	5	6
			Modulus (ksi)	6.620	5.969	4.410
			St. Dev.	0.2372	0.1909	0.1156
			C.V. (%)	3.583	3.198	2.621
			No. of Specimens	5	5	6
			Strength (psi)	110.5	98.06	76.90
			St. Dev.	3.315	1.685	1.932
			C.V. (%)	3.001	1.719	2.513
		C273	No. of Specimens	6	5	5
	Core Shear (W)		2% Offset Strength (psi)	108.6	93.61	71.84
			St. Dev.	4.266	1.687	1.415
			C.V. (%)	3.927	1.802	1.970
			No. of Specimens	6	5	5
			Modulus (ksi)	3.942	3.479	3.326
			St. Dev.	0.1132	0.0757	0.0954
			C.V. (%)	2.872	2.177	2.867
			No. of Specimens	6 005 5	5	5
,			Strength (psi)	335.5		
	Bare Flatwise Compression	C365		0.420 1.617		
			No. of Specimens	5		
			Strongth (psi)	458 Q	101 6	205.8
			Strength (psi)	430.9	5 361	293.0
			C V (%)	0 001/	1 326	10.83
	Stabilized Flatwise		No of Specimens	6	5	7
	Compression	C365	Modulus (ksi)	29 54	25 82	22 51
			St Dev	0.6260	0 9221	1 424
			C V (%)	2 110	3 572	6 326
			No. of Specimens	6	5	7
			Strength (psi)	18.24	0	
	<u> </u>		St. Dev	1.485		
	Node Tensile	C363	$C_{\rm V}$ (%)	8.139		
			No. of Specimens	6		









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## Trial Testing Results – ASTM C273 Core Shear







## Trial Testing Results – Panel Mechanical Testing

Edgewise
Compression

 Primarily facesheet property (removed for qualification)

- Climbing Drum Peel
  - Committee interest



<b>Test Method Descriptio</b>	n ASTM	Property	RTD	ETD	ETW
		Ultimate Stress (psi)	212.7	197.9	146.2
		St. Dev.	4.751	4.184	2.309
		C.V. (%)	2.233	2.115	1.58
Core Shear Stress	C393	No. of Specimens	5	5	6
oble offeat offeas	0000	Bending Stress (ksi)	24.50	21.65	16.1 <sup>°</sup>
		St. Dev.	1.216	0.6138	0.593
		C.V. (%)	4.965	2.836	3.68
		No. of Specimens	5	5	6
		Strength (ksi)	63.02		
		St. Dev.	4.152		
		C.V. (%)	6.589		
Edgewise Compression	C364	No. of Specimens	6		
		Modulus (Msi)	9.569		
		St. Dev.	0.4065		
		C.V. (%)	4.248		
		No. of Specimens	6		
		Avg Peel Torque (in-lb/in)	12.86		
Climbing Drum Peel	D1781	St. Dev.	1.056		
		C. V. (%)	8.213		
		No. of Specimens	5		
		Ultimate Stress (psi)	61459.7		
		St. Dev.	3245.9		
			5.281		
		NO. OF Specimens	0 10.01		
			0.4514		
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		No. of Specimens	4.137		
Long Beam Flex	D7249	Chord Modulus (compressive) (Msi)	10 07		
		St Dev	0.3695		
		C V (%)	3.67		
		No. of Specimens	5		
		Stiffness (M Ib.in2)	0.1200		
		St. Dev.	0.002054		
		C.V. (%)	1.711		
		No. of Specimens	5		







## **Summary of Qualification Documentation**

#### • NCAMP Test Plan

- Batch Definition
  - Paper is tracked via distinguishable lots

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- Resin Dip Date is tracked via a "unique" resin batch with at least 3-4 weeks between the dates.
- NCAMP Material Specification
  - Material Spec Limits
    - Core Mechanical & Physical Properties
- NCAMP Process Specification



Batch Definition									
Core Batch	A	В	С						
Paper Lot	Paper Lot 1	Paper Lot 2	Paper Lot 3						
Resin Dip Date	MM/DD/YYYY	MM/DD/YYYY	MM/DD/YYY)						

#### **Material Specification Required Mechanical Properties**

Property	Test Method	Number of Replicates
Bare Compression Strength	ASTM C365	3 per batch
Plate Shear Strength (L)	ASTM C273	3 per batch
Plate Shear Strength (W)	ASTM C273	3 per batch

#### **Material Specification Required Physical Properties**

Property	Test Method	Number of Replicates
Core Density	ASTM C271	3 per batch
Flame Resistance (1)	DOT/FAA/AR-00/12 Chapter 1	3 per batch
Note 1: Flammability will only be removed as long as the material reports to show the material does potential users.	tested as part of the qualification program basses FAA requirements. The data will b pass this requirement and provide inform	and will be e left in the nation for





### **Qualification Test Matrix**

					Mechanical Test Matrix							Physical Test Matrix				
		Number of Batches x Number		Property	Conditio	n/Method Min Rep	licates per Test Ty	ре								
Lower Test Tree and			of Sheets x Number of Test			f Test	Core Thickness	ASTM C366	All data from	All data from mechanical test specimens						
Layup (Warp Direction)	Direction	Core Thickness	Property	Test Temperature/Moisture		isture	Core Density	ASTM C271	Density to be ta material used	Density to be taken from each sheet of core material used with 10 replicates per sheet.						
				CTD	RTD	ETD1	ETW1	<u>Fluid</u>	Sensitivity	/ Test Matrix (ASTM C36	5 Bare <u>)</u>					
N/A	Core Shear (L)	0.5"	Strength and Modulus	3x2x3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1x2x3	Extended Contact:		Exposure	Test Condition	Code				
	ASTIVICZ75							ASTM D1655 Jet A Fuel (other je	et fuel may	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS12RT				
N/A	ASTM C273	0.5"	Strength and Modulus	3x2x3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1x2x3	be used but its type must be re	eported)	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS12ET				
	7101111-0270	0.25"						MIL-PRF-5606 Hydraulic	Oil	90 days min. @ 70 F±10 F	70 F	FS13RT				
		0.25								90 days min @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS14RT				
NI/A	Core Shear (L)	0.373	Strength and Modulus (thickness	1 2 2 1	1 2 2 2 4	4 1x2x4	2x4 1x2x4	MIL-PRF-83282 Hydraulic	: Oil	90 days min @ 70°F+10°F	180°F	ES14FT				
IN/A	ASTM C273	1.0"	correction factor)	1,72,74	17274					90 days min @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS15RT				
		1.5"						MIL-PRF-7808 Engine C	Dil	90 days min. @ 70°F+10°F	180°F	FS15FT				
		0.25"								90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS16RT				
Core Shear (W)	0.25						MIL-PRF-23699, Class STD Engine Oil		90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS16ET					
	Core Shear (W)	0.375	Strength and Modulus (thickness	1,004	1.0.4	1x2x4	1x2x4			90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS17RT				
IN/A	ASTM C273	0.75	correction factor)	1X2X4	1 1/2 / 4			Sea Water (ASTM D1141 or	equiv.)	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS17ET				
		1.0						Skydrol LD-4 (SAE AS1241, Type	e IV, Class	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS18RT				
		1.5"						1)	<i>.</i>	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS18ET				
N//A	Bare Flatwise Core	0.5"					1	50% Water with 50% Skydrol LI	D-4 (SAE	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS19RT				
N/A	Compression	0.5"	Strength	3x2x3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1x2x3	AS1241, Type IV, Class	1)	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS19ET				
	ASTIVI C305							Short Duration Contact:			-					
4 core 4	Stabilized Flatwise							MEK washing fluid ASTM	D740	90 minutes min. @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS21RT				
(1)	Core Compression	0.5"	Strength and Modulus	3x2x3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1x2x3		D740	90 minutes min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS21ET				
( )	ASTM C365							Polypropylene Glycol Deicer (Ty	/pe I) SAE	90 minutes min. @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS22RT				
4 core 4	Flatwise Tension	0.5"	Strength	3x2x3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1x2x3	AMS 1424	_	90 minutes min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS22ET				
(1)	ASTM C297	0.0	en en gin	0/12/10	0/12/10	0/12/10		Isopropyl Alcohol Deicing A	Agent	48±4 hours @70°F±10°F	70°F	FS23RT				
4 core 2	Climbing Drum Peel	0.5"	Strength	3x2x3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1x2x3	(11-1-735)		48±4 hours @70°F±10°F	180°F	FS23E1				
(1)	ASTM D1781		-					Control rests.		90 days min at 70°E+10°E	70°E	ES31PT				
4 core 4	Core Shear Stress	0.5"	Strength and Modulus	3x2x3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1x2x3	Distilled Water	-	90 days min. at 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS31ET				
( ') 4 coro 4										Dry per section 6.1	70°F	FS32RT				
4 core 4 (1)	ASTM D7249	0.5"	Strength and Modulus	3x2x3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1x2x3	Dry		Dry per section 6.1	180°F	FS32ET				
Note 1: "4 core 4" corre	esponds to 4 plies for t	on facesheet bonded t	to core with 2 plies of film adhesive and 4	plies for t	he botto	n facest	neet	050/ Delether H 11		Per section 6.1	70°F	FS33RT				
bonded to the core with	h 2 plies of film adhesiv	ve. Facesheet lavup w	ill be [0,90,90,0] for 4 ply facesheets and	[0,90] for	2 ply fac	esheets.		85% Relative Humidity	/ [	Per section 6.1	180°F	FS33ET				



### **Qualification Test Matrix**

Mechanical Test Matrix								Physical Test Matrix					
				Number of Batches x Number		Property	Conditio	n/Method Min Rep	licates per Test Ty	ре			
Louise Test Time and				of Sheets x Number of Test			f Test	Core Thickness	ASTM C366	All data from I	All data from mechanical test specimens		
Layup (Warp Direction)	Direction	Core Thickness	Property	Test 1	Speci Fempera Cond	ture/Mo lition	isture	Core Density ASTM C271		Density to be ta material used v	Density to be taken from each sheet of core material used with 10 replicates per sheet.		
				CTD	RTD	ETD1	ETW1	Fluid	Sensitivity	y Test Matrix (ASTM C36	5 Bare)		
N/A	Core Shear (L)	0.5"	Strength and Modulus	3x2x3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1x2x3	Extended Contact:		Exposure	Test Condition	Code	
10/7	ASTM C273	0.0		UNZNO	UNENO	UNENO	17270	ASTM D1655 Jet A Fuel (other je	et fuel may	90 days min. @_70°F±10°F	70°F	FS12RT	
N/A	Core Shear (W)	0.5"	Strength and Modulus	3x2x3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1x2x3	be used but its type must be r	eported)	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS12ET	
	ASTM C273							MII -PRF-5606 Hydraulic	Oil	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS13RT	
		0.25"								Eluid Sonsitivity	180°F	FS13ET	
N1/A	<b>Thickness</b>	0.375"	Strength and Modulus (thickness				4.0.4	MIL-PRF-83282 Hydraulid	c Oil		70°F	FS14RT	
N/A	Correction	0.75"	correction factor)	1x2x4	1x2x4	1x2x4	1x2x4			Using Bare	180 F	FS14E1	
	Eastor Dange	1.0						MIL-PRF-7808 Engine (	Oil	ASTM C365	180°F	FS15FT	
	actor Range	1.5								90 days min. @ 70°F+10°F	70°F	FS16RT	
_		0.25	_					MIL-PRF-23699, Class STD E	ngine Oil	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS16ET	
Core (	Core Shear (W)	0.375	Strength and Modulus (thickness	1 2 2 4	12224	1 2 2 4	1x2x4			90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS17RT	
IN/A	ASTM C273	ASTM C273 1.0"	correction fact <mark>or)</mark>	Single Batch		1 X 2 X 4	1224	Sea Water (ASTM D1141 or	equiv.)	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS17ET	
		1.5"	Single E					Skydrol LD-4 (SAE AS1241, Typ	e IV, Class	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS18RT	
	Dava Elaturia a Cara	1.5	for V	let	-			1)		90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS18ET	
N/A	Compression	0.5"	Strength	tions	87273	3x2x3	1x2x3	50% Water with 50% Skydrol L	D-4 (SAE	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS19RT	
	ASTM C365	0.0	Proper	lies	0,2,0	57275	17270	AS1241, Type IV, Class	; 1)	90 days min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS19ET	
	Stabilized Elaturian							Short Duration Contact:	T			500/07	
4 core 4	Stabilized Flatwise	0.5"	Strength and Modulus	3x2x3	32223	32223	1x2x3	MEK washing fluid. ASTM	D740	90 minutes min. @ 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS21RT	
(1)	ASTM C365	0.0	Offerigin and Modulus	0/2/0	57275	57275	17270	Belypropylone Chycel Deiger (T)		90 minutes min. @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS21ET	
1 coro 1	Elatwice Tension							AMS 1424	ype I) SAE	90 minutes min @ 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS22RT	
(1)	ASTM C297	0.5"	Strength	3x2x3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1x2x3	Isopropyl Alcohol Deicing A	Agent	48±4 hours @70°F±10°F	70°F	FS23RT	
4 core 2	Climbing Drum Peel							(TT-I-735)	.gom	48±4 hours @70°F±10°F	180°F	FS23ET	
(1)	ASTM D1781	0.5"	Strength	3x2x3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1x2x3	Control Tests:					
4 core 4	Core Shear Stress	0.5"	Strongth and Madulus	21212	2222	22222	1,000	Distilled Water		90 days min. at 70°F±10°F	70°F	FS31RT	
(1)	ASTM C393	0.5	Strength and Modulus	3X2X3	3X2X3	3X2X3	TXZX3			90 days min. at 70°F±10°F	180°F	FS31ET	
4 core 4	Long Beam Flex	0.5"	Strongth and Modulus	21212	21212	21212	1,222	Dry	ļ	Dry per section 6.1	70°F	FS32RT	
(1)	ASTM D7249	0.0		3X2X3	3x2x3	3x2x3	1X2X3	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Dry per section 6.1	180°F	FS32ET	
Note 1: "4 core 4" co	rresponds to 4 plies for t	op facesheet bonded t	to core with 2 plies of film adhesive and 4	plies for t	he botto	m facesh	neet	85% Relative Humidity	, L	Per section 6.1	70°F	FS33RT	
conded to the core v	vith 2 plies of film adhesi	ve. Facesheet layup w	ill be [0,90,90,0] for 4 ply facesheets and	[0,90] for	2 ply fac	esheets			,	Per section 6.1	180°F	FS33ET 1	

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### **Status of Qualification Testing**







## Program Status & Summary

- All 3 batches of core have been delivered to NIAR.
- All core has been cut for sandwich panels to be fabricated.
- Bare core test specimens have be cut in preparation for conformity







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## **Program Status & Next Steps**

#### • Honeycomb Core Qualification Program

- Specimen and Panel preparation
- Panel Fabrication
- Specimen ETW Saturation
- Qualification Testing
- Data Review

#### Benefit to Aviation

- Publicly available honeycomb core data along with framework for qualifying core materials.
- Guidelines generated in this program will be transitioned into shared databases, such as CMH-17



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