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**Composite “Micro” Tubing Gives Long Life to Bearing Retainers**

POSTVILLE, IA USA – Norplex-Micarta, the leading manufacturer of high performance thermoset composites, offers convolute rolled “micro” tubing material for industrial strength bearing retainers. With tensile strength of 16,000 psi and compressive strength of 33,700 psi, RTB320Z tubing offers excellent wear resistance, ensuring a long life under demanding conditions.



RTB320Z tubing features an extra-fine weave cotton fabric combined with a phenolic resin system. RTB320Z tubes have higher densities (minimum allowable specific gravity is 1.30) resulting in precise machining characteristics. RTB320Z meets Federal Specification WW-L-2887 for phenolic tubing used as a porous retainer for instrument bearings.

RTB320Z convolute rolled tubing is available as a 24” random length tube with inside diameters down to 0.094” and a finished outside diameter less than 0.751”.

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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, alternate energy, ballistic protection, construction, electrical devices, electronics, heavy industrial, military/aerospace, oil & gas, 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](mailto:info@norplex-micarta.com); Web: [www.norplex-micarta.com](http://www.norplex-micarta.com).

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