

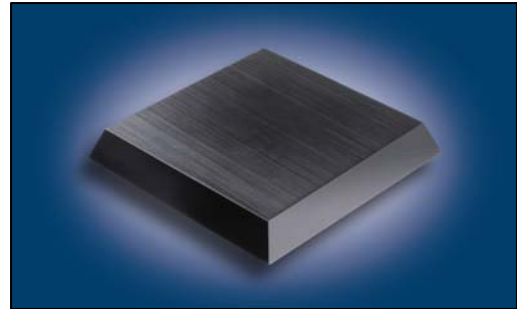


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Norplex-Micarta's New MC844G Provides Wear Resistance In a Pure Black Thermoset Composite

POSTVILLE, IA – Norplex-Micarta announces MC844G, a pure black thermoset composite that provides superior wear resistance. The material is constructed from a high quality black paper substrate and a black phenolic resin, making it ideal for a variety of architectural and construction applications that require a pure black surface. MC844G can also be used in various functional and decorative parts on musical instruments, such as guitar finger boards and bridges, and develops a patina with age and use. Additionally, MC844G is easy to machine.



MC844G has a flexural strength of 20,000 psi at elevated temperatures, and a compressive strength of 48,800 psi. Its maximum operating temperature is 130°C.

Norplex-Micarta phenolic resin – paper substrate composites are available in a variety of combinations, and can be modified to change the finished properties of the final laminate. These combinations yield cost-effective products with excellent thermal and electrical insulation properties, machining qualities, and outstanding performance in a wide range of applications.

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

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