

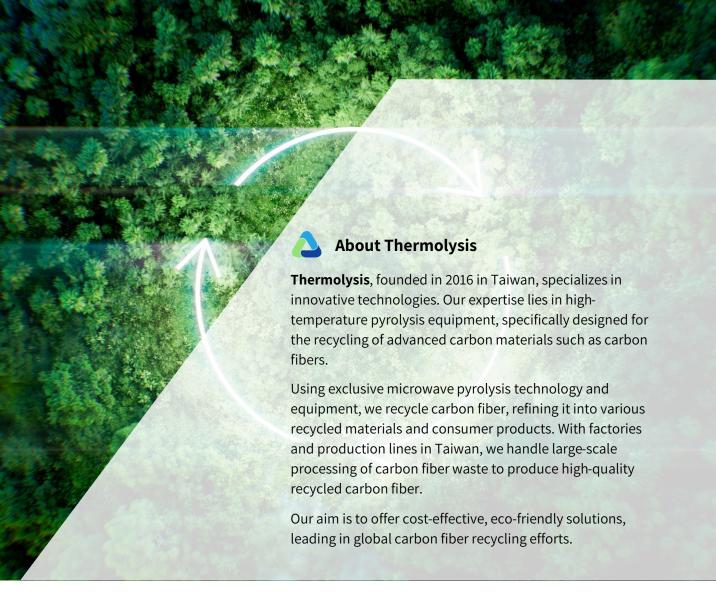
# Carbon Fiber Recycling and Regeneration

Upcycle CFRP Wastes for a Greener Tomorrow

# Thermolysis Co., Ltd.



One-stop service for recycling and sourcing, Enabling the circular economy of carbon fiber





Mass production of recycled

carbon fiber and development of

recycled carbon fiber products.

ISO 14067 carbon footprint certification

Winning the 20th National Innovation

Award in Taiwan

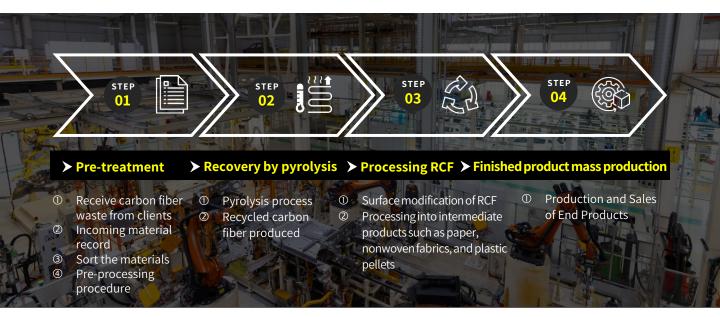
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equipment for production.

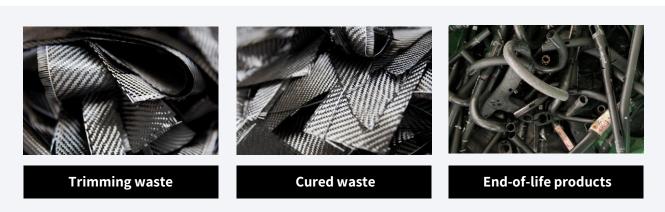
microwave pyrolysis



#### **Carbon Fiber Recycling Process**



#### Types Of Waste We Deal With



#### **Carbon Fiber Recycling Process by Thermolysis**







- Resin removal rate exceeds 90%, maintaining carbon fiber surface integrity.
- 100% from carbon fiber waste, environmentally friendly.
- Recycled materials verified through UL2809 for content, with traceable source.
- The recycling process is certified to ISO 14067 product carbon footprint standards, with recycled materials emitting only onefifth of the carbon compared to new ones.
- Various surface-modified recycled carbon fiber products available to meet diverse customer needs.

Item	Unit	RCF	RCF-PT <sup>#1</sup>	RCF-CM <sup>#2</sup>		
Fiber Grade	-		Mix Grade			
Fiber Length	mm	Customization	6-10 mm			
Length Tolerance	%	± 20				
Color	-		Black			
Moisture	Wt. %		<3			
Bulk Density	-		0.08-0.1			
Fiber Purity	%		≧ 99			
Sizing Content	Wt. %	-	2±1	-		
Sizing Type	-	-	PC 、TPU 、PP	Specific modification		
Application	-	Needle-punch nonwoven, Wet-laid nonwoven, BMC process, etc.	TP-pellet Compounding process, etc.	Cement reinforced material, etc.		

<sup>#1</sup> PT represents suitability for blending with RCF to produce plastic pellets.

<sup>#2</sup> CM represents suitability for blending with RCF to produce cement.

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#### Applicable Processing Techniques

#### **RCF**

- Suitable for Needle-punch nonwoven process.
- Suitable for Wet-laid nonwoven process.

#### **RCF-PT**

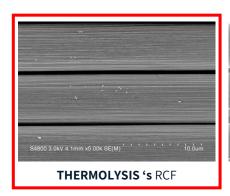
Suitable for plastic pellet compounding process.

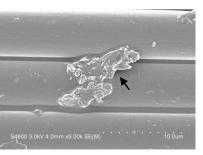
#### RCF-CM

Suitable for manufacturing cement-reinforced materials.

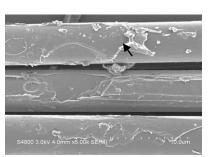
#### ▶ High-Quality Recycled Carbon Fiber

• Comparison of recycled carbon fiber surface analysis under SEM

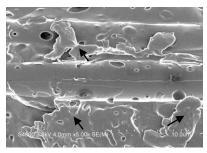




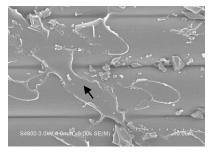
A company's RCF



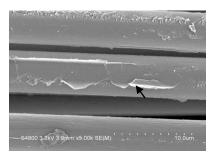
B company's RCF



C company's RCF



D company's RCF



E company's RCF

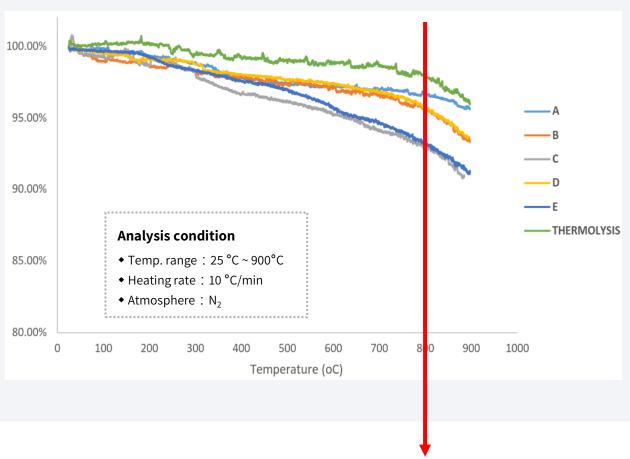
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Compared to competitors, THERMOLYSIS's recycled carbon fiber has a cleaner and impurity-free surface.



#### Recycled Carbon Fiber TGA Analysis (Comparison with Competitors)



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- When Td3% is higher, it is indicated that sample has lower impurity content.
- THERMOLYSIS RCF has stable and the lowest weight loss percent when temperature ramp up to 800 °C.

Competitor	T <sub>d3%</sub>
Thermolysis	809.57
А	717.24
В	584.23
С	353.10
D	656.65
E	461.34

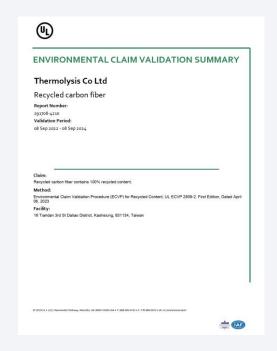
<sup>¾ T<sub>d3%</sub>: Temperature at 3% weight loss.</sup> 



#### UL 2809 Recycled Content Verification

In the past, the lack of mature and scalable recycling technologies led to opaque and untraceable sources of recycled materials. Additionally, the varying quality of these materials reduced industry confidence in their use.

To gain customer trust, Thermolysis enlisted UL to certify the source of our materials. In 2022, we received UL 2809 Recycled Content Verification, offering full transparency and traceability to confirm that Thermolysis processes recycled materials.



#### **ISO 14067 Carbon Footprint Certification**

To showcase the substantial carbon emission reduction achieved by using recycled materials, we had our recycled carbon fiber production process certified by TÜV Rheinland, Germany, according to ISO 14067 standards.

In 2023, we received certification confirming that Thermolysis' "recycled carbon fiber" emits only 5.047 kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent per kilogram. This is one-fifth the emissions of manufacturing virgin carbon fiber, highlighting the significant environmental benefits of Thermolysis' recycled carbon fiber.







#### **Recycled Carbon Fiber Material Series**

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Recycled carbon fiber, a new raw material, is not directly compatible with existing processing equipment. Thermolysis modifies recycled carbon fiber into usable forms like carbon fiber paper, nonwoven fabric, and plastic pellets, enabling easier integration into production lines. This extends to intermediate products like recycled carbon fiber prepreg, thermoplastic laminates, and carbon fiber tubes.





#### **Recycled Carbon Fiber Paper**



- 100% from carbon fiber waste, environmentally friendly.
- Through wet processing, the fibers are evenly dispersed in a binder, then dried to form recycled carbon fiber paper.
- The paper has a smooth surface, ideal for bonding with various resins to create composite materials.
- It boasts excellent properties like corrosion resistance, conductivity, breathability, and high mechanical strength typical of carbon fibers.
- Available in a basis weight range of 30 to 70 g/m<sup>2</sup>, with typical options of 30 g/m<sup>2</sup> and 70  $g/m^2$ .
- Customization is offered.

#### **Product Specifications**

ltem	Unit	Value			
Areal Weight	g/m²	30	70		
Thickness	mm	0.180	0.370		
Density	g/cm³	0.179	0.189		
Roll Width	mm	1030-	±10		
Tensile Strength (0°)	N/15mm	3.3	20.0		
Tensile Strength (90°)	N/15mm	1.0	4.0		

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#### **Applicable Processing Techniques**

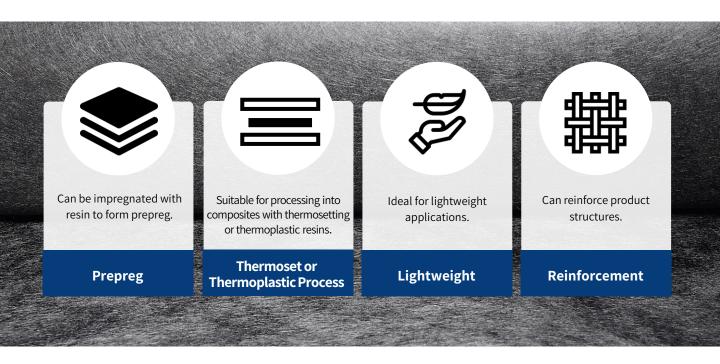
Hand Lay-up

- Resin Transfer Molding, RTM
- Thermo Molding



#### **Recycled Carbon Fiber Paper**

#### Product Applications



#### **Product Sampling** (all made from recycled carbon fiber by Thermolysis)





#### **Recycled Carbon Fiber Nonwoven Fabric**



- Using a dry nonwoven process, recycled carbon fibers are needle-punched to create nonwoven fabric.
- The length of the recycled carbon fibers used ranges between 6 to 10 cm.
- ◆ Mass-production of 100% pure RCF nonwoven fabric or customize blends with thermoplastic materials (like TPU, FRPC, PA6, PP, PPS, PET, etc.).
- The basis weight range for mass-produced pure RCF nonwoven fabric is 100-300 g/m<sup>2</sup>, while the basis weight range for blended products is  $100-500 \text{ g/m}^2$ .
- Thermosetting and thermoplastic resins can be used to impregnate carbon fiber nonwoven fabric to produce prepreg.
- It can also be further processed into thermoplastic laminates and thermoformed products.

#### Product Specifications

Item	Unit	Pure RCF	Blended Product
Types of Thermoplastic Polymers	-	non	TPU, FRPC, PA6, PP, PPS, PET, etc.
Ratio of Recycled Carbon Fiber	%	100 %	10~90 %
Length of Recycled Carbon Fiber	mm	20~60	20~60
Areal Weight	g/m <sup>2</sup>	100~300	100~500
Roll Width	m	Standard P	Product: 1M; Custom Product: 1~2M

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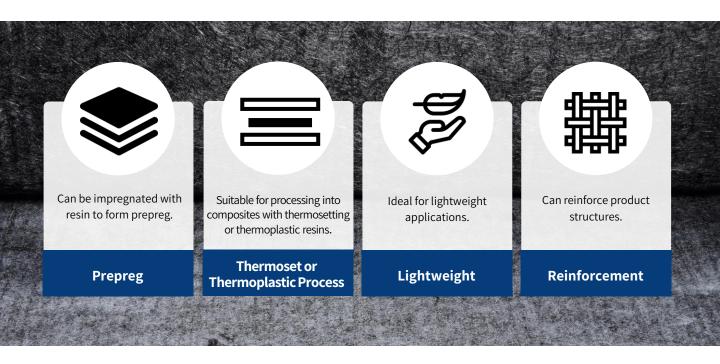
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#### **Recycled Carbon Fiber Nonwoven Fabric**

#### Product Applications



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#### **Recycled Carbon Fiber Pellets**



- Made from 100% recycled carbon fiber.
- The product combines recycled carbon fiber and thermoplastic resin to make plastic pellets, which can enhance material strength and stiffness.
- Engineering plastics, such as PA6, TPU, PP, and PC, can be added in a range of 10% to 30% according to customer requirements.
- Recycled carbon fiber from thermolysis is of high quality and retains high-strength physical properties. The resulting plastic pellets also maintain excellent properties, including high strength, high rigidity, wear resistance, conductivity, and light weight.
- The granular form is convenient for injection molding, extrusion, and compression molding.

Item	Unit				Value			
Types of Thermoplastic Polymers	-	P/	46	TPU	Р	Р	Р	С
Ratio of Recycled Carbon Fiber	%	10	20	20	20	30	20	30
Tensile Strength (ASTM D638)	МРа	132	177	68	78	109	132	145
Flexural Strength (ASTM D790)	МРа	189	262	49	107	155	184	196
Flexural Modulus (ASTM D790)	GPa	6.0	10.1	1.6	7.3	10.6	12.2	14

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#### **Recycled Carbon Fiber Pellets**

#### Product Applications



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#### **Recycled Carbon Fiber Thermoplastic Laminate**

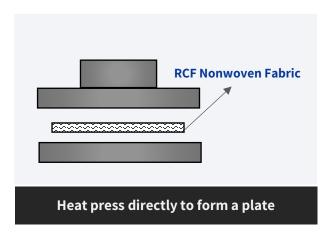


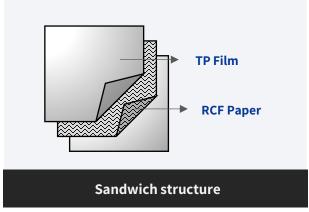
- Made from 100% recycled carbon fiber.
- Recycled carbon fiber paper or nonwoven fabric can be processed into laminate. By mixing in thermoplastic polymers like TPU, PA, PC, and PP, laminates of various thicknesses, resin-to-fiber ratios, and strength orientations can be tailored to suit customer requirements.
- Boast high strength, durability, and conductivity.
- Produced through hot pressing, they are ideal for mass-producing large parts and intricate crafts.
- Currently widely used in various industries including automotive, electrical equipment, and sports equipment in both consumer and industrial sectors.

#### Applicable Processing Techniques

Sheet Molding Compound, SMC

#### **Forming Type**







### **Recycled Carbon Fiber Thermoplastic Laminate**

Recycled Carbon Fiber Paper Laminate	Unit		Va	lue	
Types of Thermoplastic Polymers	-	PC		TPU	
Ratio of Recycled Carbon Fiber	%	34		34	
Stack-up	-	PC: 8 layers RCF Paper: 7 layers		TPU: 9 layers RCF Paper: 8 layers	
Thickness	mm	1	.0	1	.0
Flexural Strength	MPa	28	33	1	02
Flexural Modulus	GPa	19	).7	10	).7
Resistance	Ω		10	<b>^</b> 3	
Maximum Size	m		1m <sup>3</sup>	*1m	
Recycled Carbon Fiber Nonwoven Fabric Laminate	Unit		Val	ues	
Types of Thermoplastic Polymers	-	FRPC	TPU	PA6	PP
Areal weight	g/m²		3.	50	
Ratio of Recycled Carbon Fiber	%		4	0	
Stack-up	-		RCF Nonwov	en: 4 layers	
Thickness	mm		1	.0	
Flexural Strength (0°)	MPa	189	280	290	223
Flexural Strength (90°)	MPa	235	361	358	237
Flexural Modulus (0°)	GPa	13.7	14.4	13.8	13.9
Flexural Modulus (90°)	GPa	16.2	22.4	19.1	14.0
Resistance	Ω	10^3			
Resistance	3.6		10	5	

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#### **Recycled Carbon Fiber Prepreg**



- Made from 100% recycled carbon fiber.
- Using thermosetting epoxy resin as the matrix, along with recycled carbon fiber paper or nonwoven fabric, it is impregnated to create recycled carbon fiber prepreg.
- The product cures at temperatures ranging from 130°C to 150°C, designed specifically for high-performance structural applications.
- There are two types of resin to choose including M type (normal) and K type (fast curing).
- It's suitable for use in automotive, sports equipment, electronics, medical facilities, and industrial manufacturing to produce lightweight, high-strength structural components.

#### ▶ Applicable Processing Techniques

• Sheet Molding Compound, SMC

Autoclave Molding

Winding

#### Processing Condition

Curing Tomporature (0°C)	Curing time (min)				
Curing Temperature (0°C)	М Туре	К Туре			
130	60	15			
140	45	12			
150	30	9			



## Recycled Carbon Fiber Prepreg

Product	Item	Unit	Value	Description
	Tensile Strength (0°)	МРа	228	
	Flexural Strength (0°)	MPa	382	1. Matrix: RCF Paper
Recycled Carbon	Flexural Modulus (0°)	GPa	21.4	<ol> <li>Matrix: Ref Papel</li> <li>M Type Resin</li> <li>FAW = 70 g/m<sup>2</sup></li> </ol>
Fiber Paper Prepreg	Tensile Strength (90°)	MPa	140	4. RC = 65%
	Flexural Strength (90°)	MPa	246	5. Width = 1000 mm
	Flexural Modulus (90°)	GPa	15.1	
Product	Item	Unit	Value	Description
Product	Item  Tensile Strength (0°)	<b>Unit</b> MPa	Value 185	Description
Product				Description  1. Matrix: RCF Nonwoven
Recycled Carbon	Tensile Strength (0°)	МРа	185	
	Tensile Strength (0°)  Flexural Strength (0°)	MPa МРа	185 293	Matrix: RCF Nonwoven     M Type Resin
Recycled Carbon Fiber Nonwoven	Tensile Strength (0°)  Flexural Strength (0°)  Flexural Modulus (0°)	MPa MPa GPa	185 293 16	<ol> <li>Matrix: RCF Nonwoven</li> <li>M Type Resin</li> <li>FAW = 100 g/m²</li> <li>RC = 70%</li> </ol>

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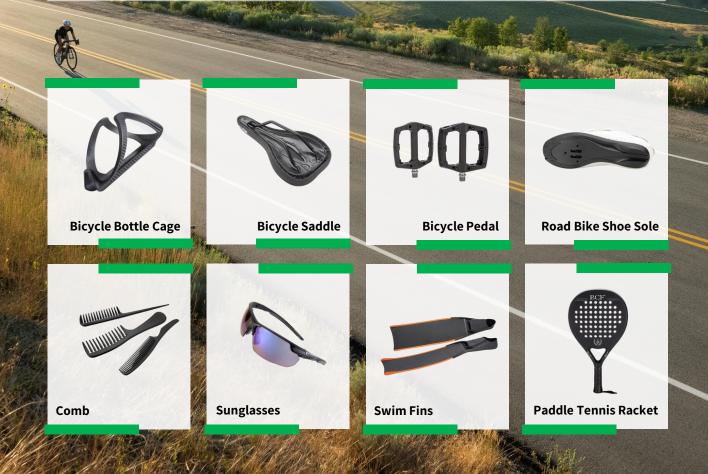


#### Series of Consumer Products Made from Recycled Carbon Fiber

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Thermolysis has created a green brand "RCF," focusing on recycling responsibility and embodying environmental consciousness. Using recycled carbon fiber processed by Thermolysis, the brand offers high-quality sports, leisure products, and daily necessities. Thermolysis commits to recycling all "RCF" products in the future, ensuring no environmental pollution and promoting continuous carbon fiber recycling.

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