



# ELECTRICAL RESINS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

## SWITCH MODE POWER SUPPLY

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Impregnating Resins and Compounds

ELANTAS, ZHUHAI

# Elantas Group Structure



 **BYK**  
Additives & Instruments

**Sales 2006** € 409m  
**Employees** 1.052\*

 **ECKART**  
Effect Pigments

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 **ELANTAS**  
Electrical Insulation

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 **ACTEGA**  
Coatings & Sealants

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# Elantas at a Glance



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**BYK-Chemie GmbH**

BYK Asia Pacific  
BYK-Cera  
BYK-Chemie de Mexico  
BYK-Gardner  
BYK Gardner USA  
BYK Japan  
BYK Solutions  
BYK Tongling  
BYK USA

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**ECKART GmbH & Co. KG**

ECKART America  
ECKART Asia  
ECKART Benelux  
ECKART Cosmetics  
ECKART France  
ECKART Italia  
ECKART Mexico  
ECKART Pigments  
ECKART Suisse  
ECKART Switzerland  
ECKART UK  
ECKART Zhuhai

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**ELANTAS GmbH**

ELANTAS Beck  
ELANTAS Beck India  
ELANTAS Camattini  
ELANTAS Deatech  
ELANTAS Isolantes Eletricos do Brasil  
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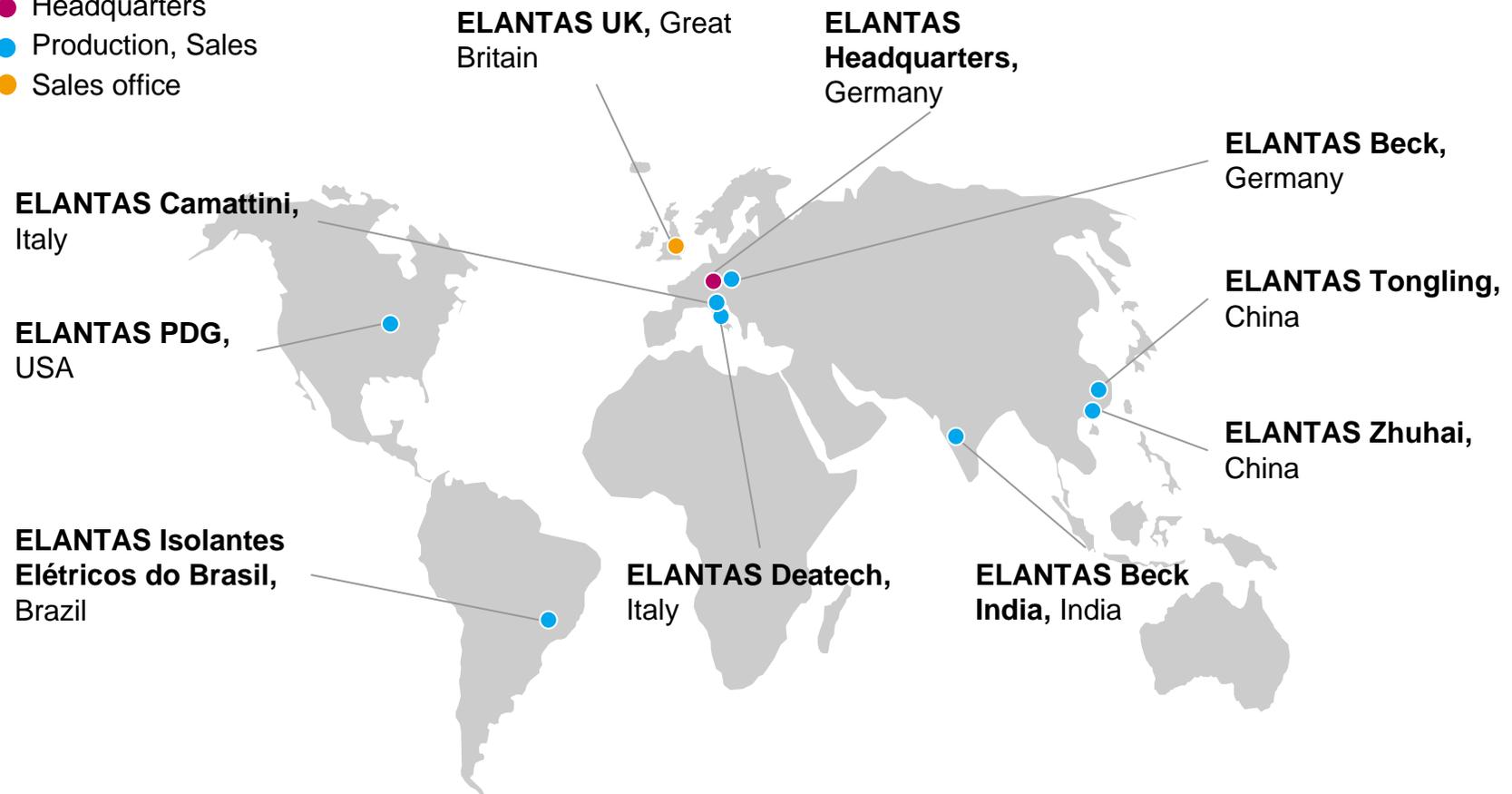
**ACTEGA GmbH**

ACTEGA Artistica  
ACTEGA DS  
ACTEGA Foshan  
ACTEGA Kelstar  
ACTEGA Radcure  
ACTEGA Rhenacoat  
ACTEGA Rhenania  
ACTEGA Terra

# ELANTAS

## Global Footprint

- Headquarters
- Production, Sales
- Sales office



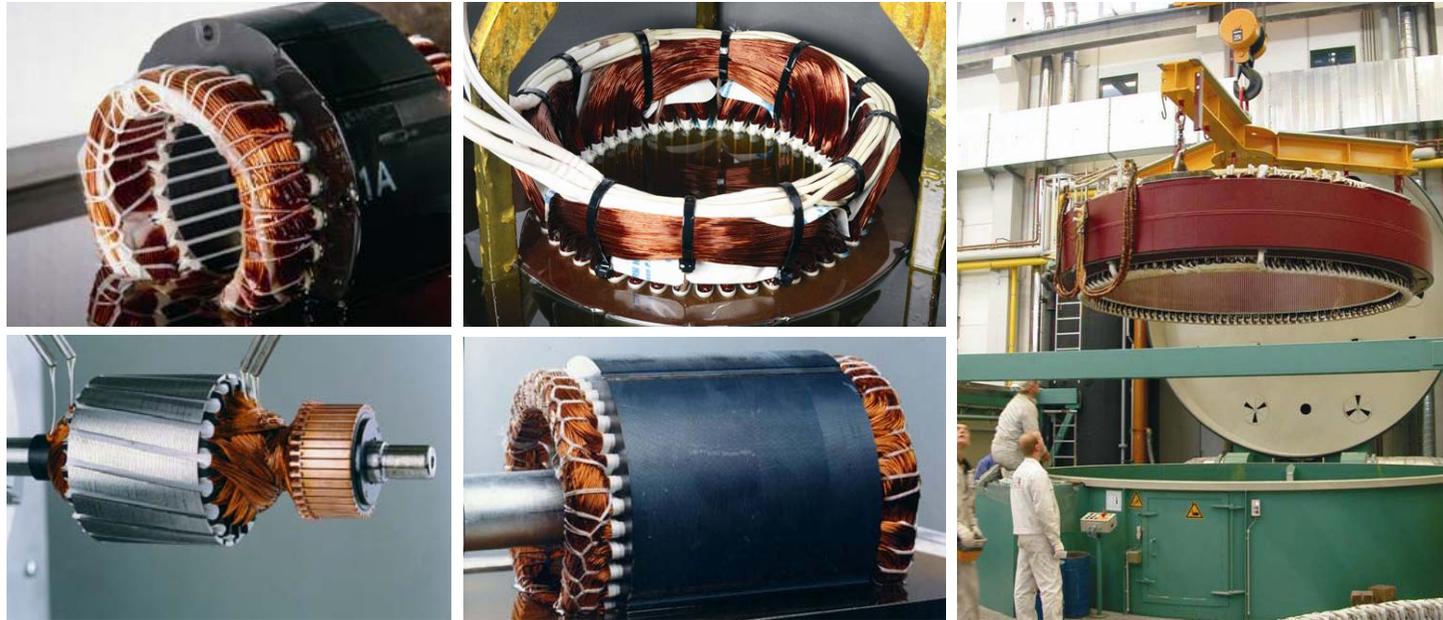
With production, R&D and technical service in Americas, Europe and Asia, ELANTAS is well positioned to benefit from ongoing globalization

# Primary Insulation Products and Applications



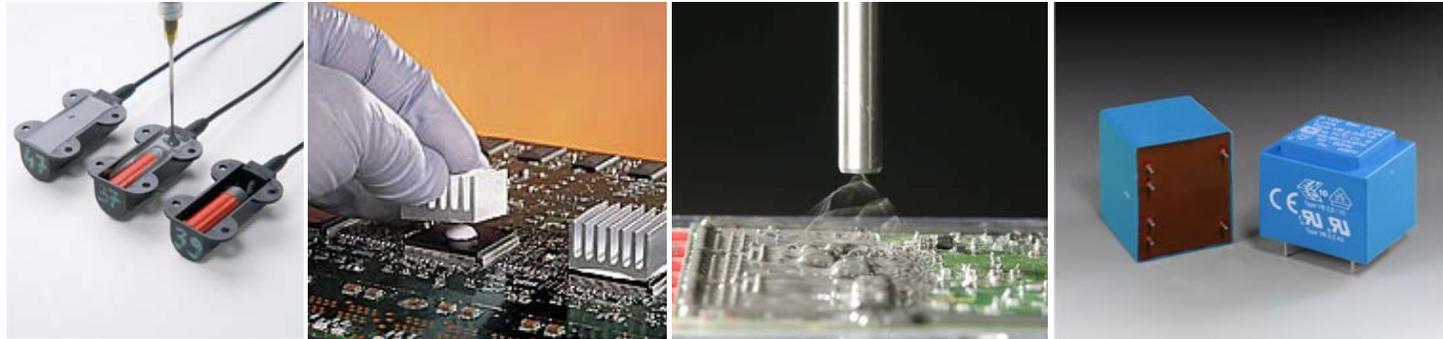
- Wire enamels for the primary insulation of magnet wire
- Magnet wire is applied in electric motors, generators and transformers

# Secondary Insulation Products and Applications



- **Secondary Insulation of winding wire after it is mounted in a device**  
(electric motor, generator or transformer)
- **Applied through various application techniques**  
(dip, roll-dip, hot-dip, trickle, VPI etc.)

# Electronic and Engineering Materials Products and Applications



- Resin systems for the overall protection of electronic circuits and electric devices
- Resin systems with specific functionalities in electronic components/assemblies

# ELANTAS, ZHUHAI: INVESTMENT AND PRODUCTION CAPABILITY

**Registered Capital: 5.70 Million  
USD**

**Total Investment: 9.50 Million USD  
Fluid working capital: 3.2 Million  
USD**

**Area of Land: 70,000m<sup>2</sup>  
Building area of the first  
stage: 12,500m<sup>2</sup>**

**Production Capability:  
15,000 tons of high performance  
impregnating varnish per year.  
10,000 tons of wire enamels per  
year**



# CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

- **In October 2002, Decision was made to set up Elantas Electrical Insulation (Zhuhai) Co. Ltd.**
- **In August 2003, Construction of Zhuhai plant was formally started**
- **By the end of July 2004, construction of the plant was finished and commissioning started**
- **In September, 2004, Zhuhai plant began the trial production.**



# EQUIPMENT STATUS

- **Six reactors**  
(3 × 15 cubic meters, 1 × 8 cubic meters, 1 × 4 cubic meters, 1 × 500 liters)
- **Eight dilutors**  
(5 × 35 cubic meters, 2 × 15 cubic meters, 1 × 1 cubic meter)
- **Ten mixers**  
(2 × 3 cubic meters, 2 × 5 cubic meters, 3 × 8 cubic meters, 3 × 1 cubic meters)



# EQUIPMENT STATUS

- **Ten intermediate storage tanks**
- **(10 × 50 cubic meters)**
  
- **Fourteen raw material storage tanks**
- **(7 × 60 cubic meters, 7 × 100 cubic meters)**
  
- **One waste fluid collecting tank**
- **(60 cubic meters)**
  
- **One safety tank (50 cubic meters)**



# QUALITY CONTROL STATUS

- **ISO 9000 was issued in May, 2005**
- **OHSAS 18000 & ISO14000 in 2006;**
- **TS16949 in May, 2007.**
  
- **Major test equipment for lab is positioned such as FTIR, TGA, DSC, Bond strength tester etc. which is enough for current quality control requirements;**
  
- **Technical development & management systems are applied to insure future quality.**

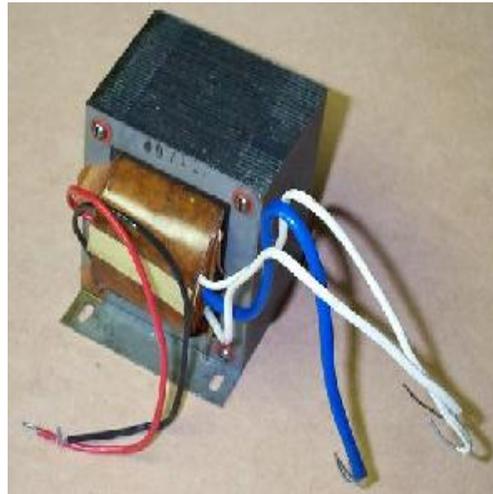


# QUALITY CONTROL STATUS

- **Both Chinese and English versions of raw material specifications, testing procedure and product specification, testing procedure and production process are available;**
- **UL approval work is done and we are authorized to produce and sell all products transferred / approved from P. D. George and other sister companies.**
- **A new lab has been established with more advance equipment like VPI and Enameling machine.**



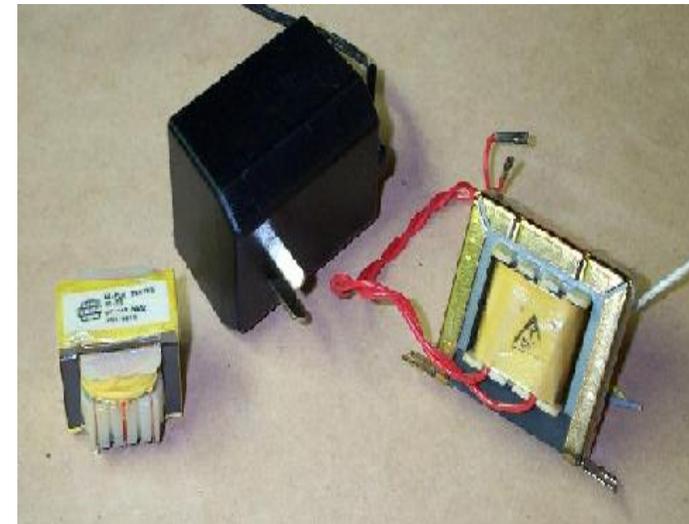
# A Strategic Approach to Specific Applications – Electronic Transformers



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## Topics:

- **Market size and development**
- **Electronic transformers – what are they?**
- **Resin requirements**
- **Products offered by ELANTAS**
- **Future resin systems**



# Market size and development

## Electronic Transformers

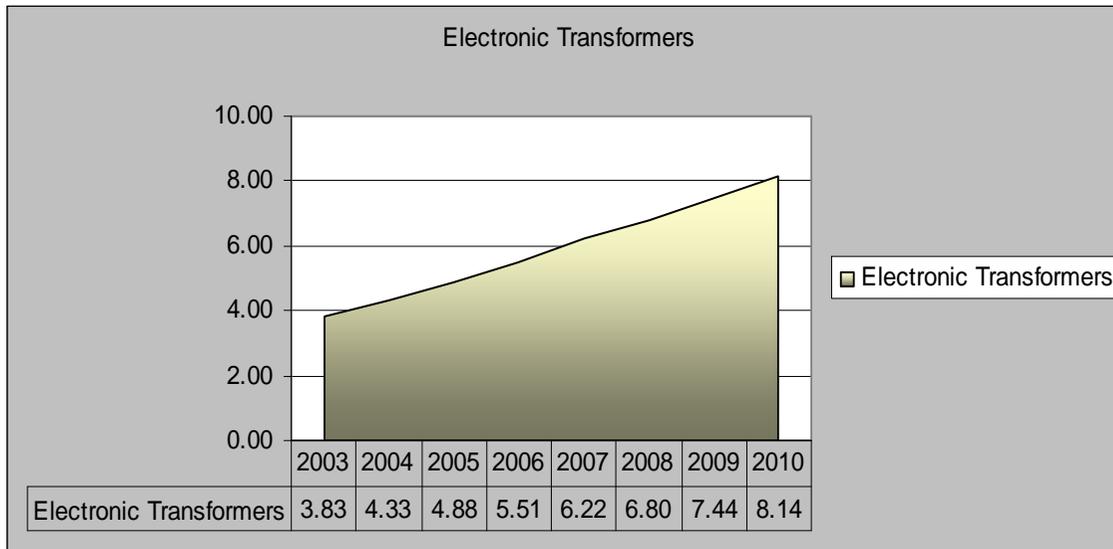
1999 - 2004

2005 - 2010

Market growth\* 20 % p.a.

10-15 % p.a.

(volume units: Mtons)



Secondary data: CHEAA – appliance reference

### Explanation

1. This market is dominated by USA companies who have OEM in China plus Taiwanese & Japanese bases. They continue to move production to China
2. This is the first industry in our field to absorb the foreign investment in China since their end product is highly labour intensive.
3. Future growth will be the growth of the Chinese domestic market for export.
4. OEM and / or foreign manufacturers focus on export but products have to be UL approved.
5. Many manufacturers have specified Elantas materials

# Electronic Transformers – What are they?

Component name:

Transformers

Transducers

Lightning and Surge Protection devices

Ballasts/Lighting

Capacitors/Suppressors

Switchgear

Used in:

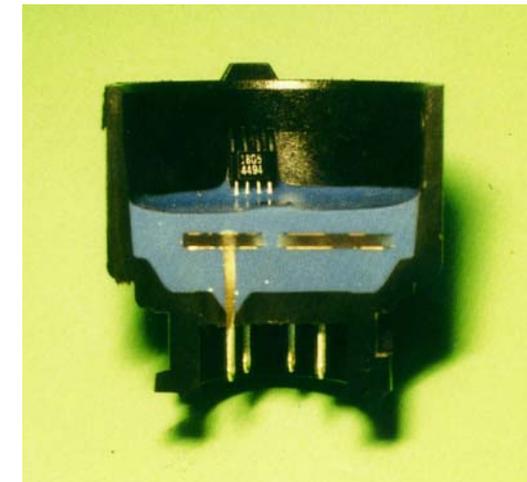
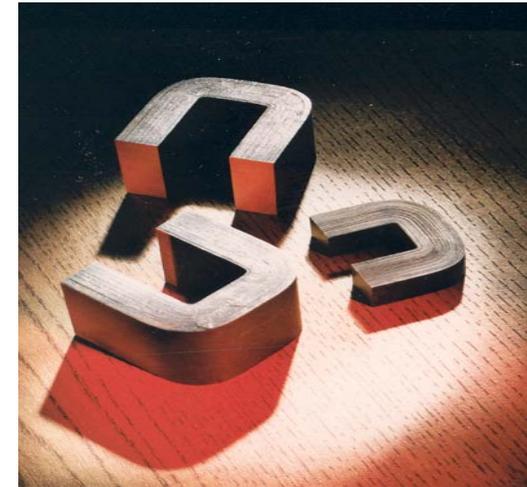
Telecommunications

Office equipment

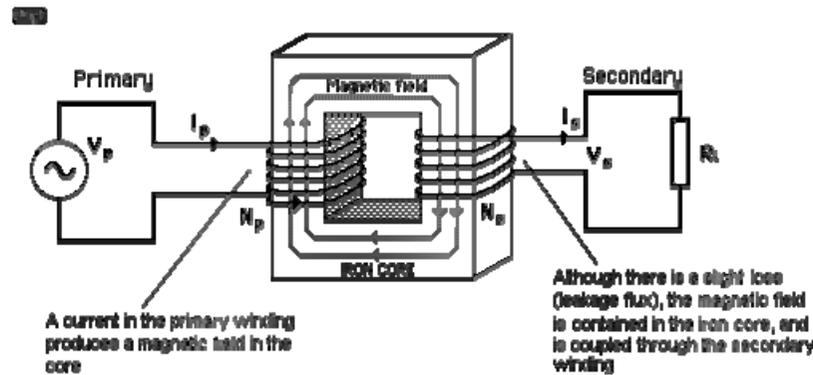
Automotive

Appliances

The control circuit of anything electrical!!!!



# Electronic Transformers – Operation?



- Inductance is the ability of a coil to establish (or induce) a voltage within itself to oppose changes in current through its windings.
- When varying current (AC) flows through a coil, a voltage is induced within the coil in a direction so as to oppose the change of current through it.
- **Transformers** are one of the major applications. These are made from "mutually coupled" coils where the magnetic field established in one coil, 'cuts' through the other coil and hence induces a voltage in the other coil. This is called 'mutual inductance'.
- They are used in electronics to **step-up or step-down voltages**. When a varying voltage (like AC) is applied to one of the coils of the transformer a voltage is 'induced' in the other coil due to mutual inductance.

## Resin functions:

- **Transformers are noisy! : Electrical varnishes help the unit resist vibration**
- **Transformer consolidation : Electrical varnishes help the unit resist wire separation, by solidifying the core and holding the conductors together within the coil.**
- **Environmental: Electrical varnishes insulate the winding and core from the environment. This insulation prevents the oxidation of core material and deterioration of magnet wire insulation due to contact with moisture or airborne impurities.**
- **Insulation of minute "nicks" on the magnet wire, increased dielectric strength of enamelled wire and fibrous and porous sheet insulation.**
- **Raised operating temperature of low-temperature sheet insulation.**
- **Fill of internal voids within the component : Playing a major role in heat transfer from "hot spots" within the part to the surface.**

## Resin requirements:

- Flexible: To aid noise reduction and prevent wire movement
- Low viscosity: To facilitate penetration between fine wires
- Low exotherm / shrinkage: To prevent damage to fine wires and limit changes in inductance
- High chemical and moisture resistance: To repel the environment
- Increased electrical performance: Dielectric strength.
- Increased thermal conductivity: Dissipate heat quickly and prevent hot spots.
- Coefficient of Thermal Expansion: Solids expand in response to heating and contract on cooling; this response to temperature change is expressed as its coefficient of thermal expansion

# Resin functions in detail

**Flexible:** To aid noise reduction and prevent wire movement

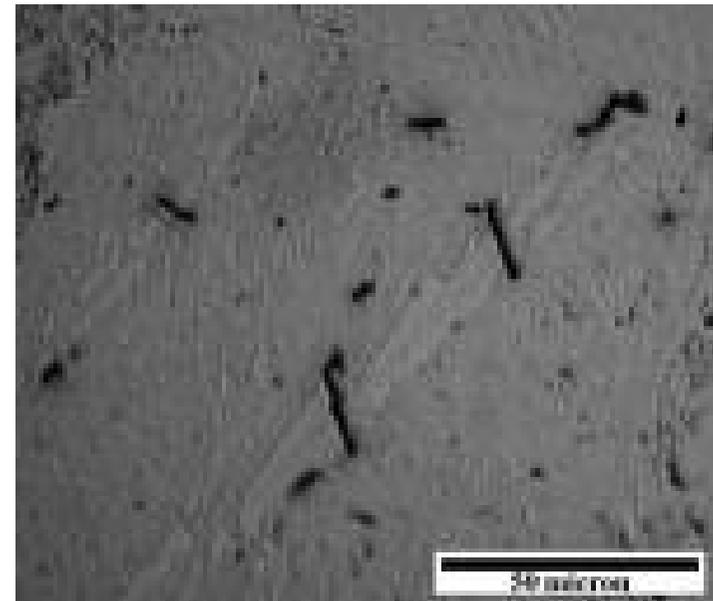
Base resin used must be able to “flex” according to the frequency power of the transformer to prevent micro-cracking.

Flexibility is measured using:

Hardness Measurements                      DIN 53505

Tensile strength                                ISO527

Glass transition temperature                IEC1006

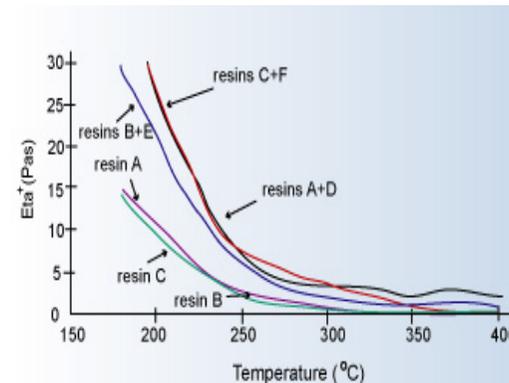


# Resin functions in detail

Low viscosity: To facilitate penetration between fine wires

Viscosity is the measure of a material's resistance to flow. It is a result of the internal friction of the material's molecules. Materials with a high viscosity do not flow readily; materials with a low viscosity are more fluid.

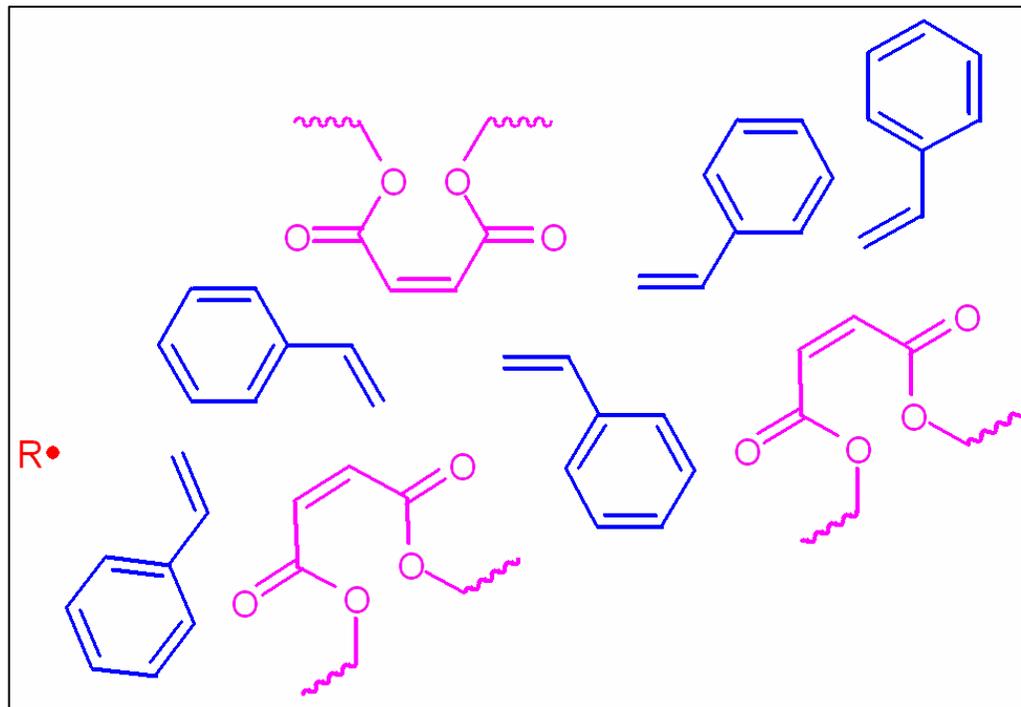
The higher the viscosity the thicker the material  
Viscosity decreases as temperature increases



# Resin functions in detail

Low exotherm / shrinkage: To prevent damage to fine wires and limit changes in inductance

When certain polymers cure they give out heat as an exotherm - the energy dissipated in a chemical reaction. This heat is sufficient to break wires and therefore change the overall inductance

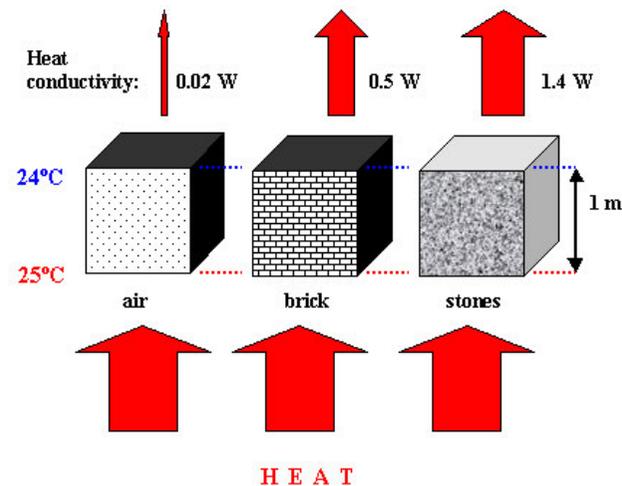


# Resin functions in detail

Increased thermal conductivity: Dissipate heat quickly and prevent hot spots.

Thermal conductivity is a measure of the heat transfer capability of the resin to prevent over-heating of the core. It is measured according to ISO 8894-1.

Inorganic fillers are used to increase this property but this can also increase viscosity.



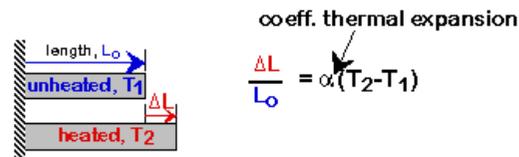
# Resin functions in detail

## Coefficient of Thermal Expansion

Materials expand / contract due to changes in temperature which leads to changes in thermal vibration of the atoms in a material, and hence to an increase in the average separation distance of adjacent atoms.

The **linear coefficient of thermal expansion** describes by how much a material will expand for each degree of temperature increase

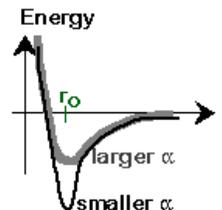
- Coefficient of thermal expansion,  $\alpha$



coeff. thermal expansion

$$\frac{\Delta L}{L_0} = \alpha(T_2 - T_1)$$

$\alpha \uparrow$  as asymmetry  $\uparrow$   
 $(\partial^3 E / \partial r^3)$  at  $r_0$



Anderson 205- 2-16

## Resin profiles:

	<b>Non-reactive Solvents</b>	<b>Solvent-less</b>	<b>Water-Reducible</b>
<b>Common Resins</b>	<b>Phenolic, Epoxies, Saturated Polyesters</b>	<b>Epoxies Polyurethane Unsaturated polyesters PBD resins</b>	<b>Saturated polyesters Epoxies</b>
<b>Common Solvents</b>	<b>Xylene, toluene</b>	<b>Styrene, Vinyl toluene</b>	<b>Small amounts of non-reactive organic solvent</b>
<b>Typical Cure Methods</b>	<b>Heat / room temperature</b>	<b>Heat / room temperature</b>	<b>Heat</b>
<b>Typical Process</b>	<b>Dip and Bake</b>	<b>Potting / Dip and Bake/VI</b>	<b>Dip and Bake</b>
<b>Material Tank Stability (Pot Life)</b>	<b>Very good</b>	<b>Very good</b>	<b>Very good</b>
<b>Tank Maintenance</b>	<b>Simple</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Environmental Emissions</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Price</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>Disposal Costs</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Typical Number of Parts</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>Two</b>	<b>One / two</b>

# Resins and Compounds for the Electronic Transformer Industry



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# Elantas 468 range

## Uses

Impregnation of electronic components

## Advantages

Outstanding Noise Reduction  
Outstanding Thermal Dissipation  
High Dielectric Strength  
Excellent Chemical and Moisture Resistance  
Excellent Tank Stability  
Long product history

## Application Method

Dip / Vacuum process

## Chemical type

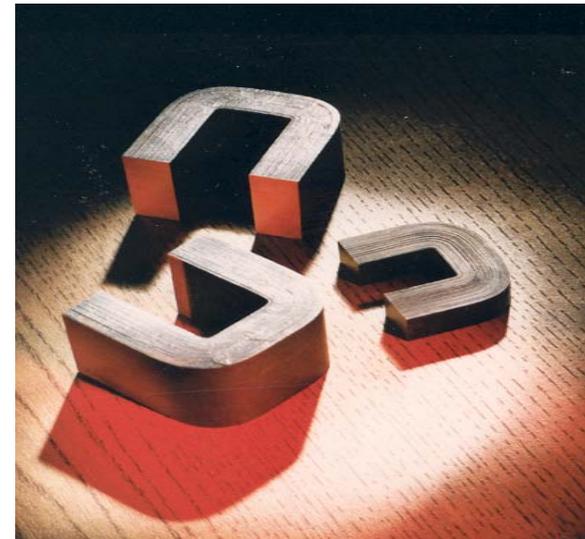
Resilient epoxy resin

## Single component

Cure: 3-5hours at 135C

## UL

recognized up to Class 200C



# Elantas V1630 / V1380 / 009-0008

## Uses

Impregnation of motors and transformers

## Advantages

Fast air dry  
Good penetration  
Good moisture resistance

## Application Method

Dip  
Spray

## Chemical type

Modified saturated polyesters

## Single component

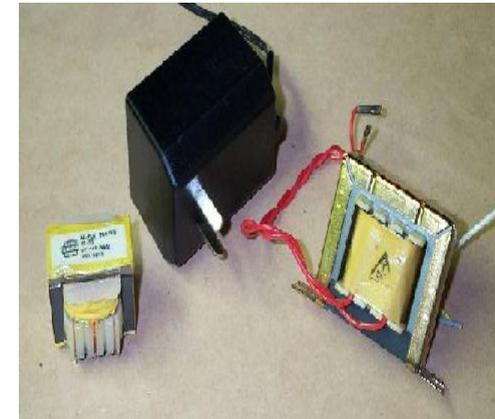
Cure 20-30 minutes at 25° C

## UL

recognized up to Class 180C

## CUSTOMERS

ATC Frost  
Delco Remy  
Signal Transformer  
Johnson Electric  
Various distributors



# Elantas 003-1010

## Uses

Impregnation of motors and transformers

## Advantages

High flexibility  
High bond strength  
Good moisture resistance

## Application Method

Dip  
VI

## Chemical type

Solvented saturated polyester

## Single component

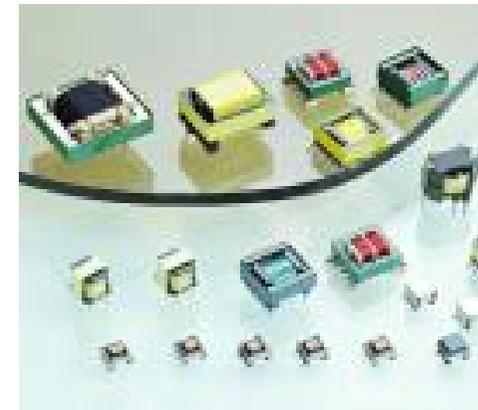
Cure 2-3 hours at 130-160° C

## UL

recognized up to Class 200C

## CUSTOMERS

Phillips Shanghai  
Sanyo  
Various distributors



# Elantas U510S

## Uses

Potting of electronic components

## Advantages

Very flexible

Good adhesion to various substrates

Excellent thermal shock characteristics

Room temperature cure

## Application Method

Potting

## Chemical type:

Flexible polybutadiene

## Dual component (100:24 pbw)

Cure 72-168 hours at 25C

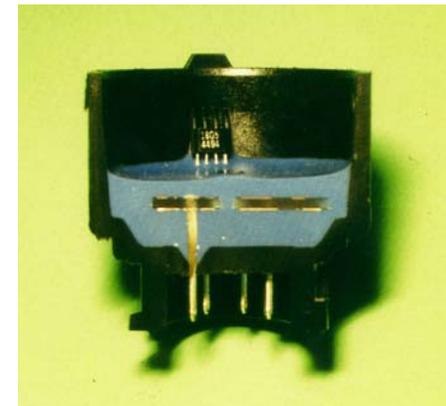
## UL

Not recognized by UL

## Customers

Delco Delphi Electronics

Hamlin



# Elantas PED 300

## Uses

Impregnation and potting of transformers

## Advantages

Very Flexible  
Excellent for noise dampening  
Can be highly filled  
Excellent field history  
Cost effective

## Application Method

Potting

## Chemical type:

Unsaturated polyester – in styrene

## Dual component (100:1)

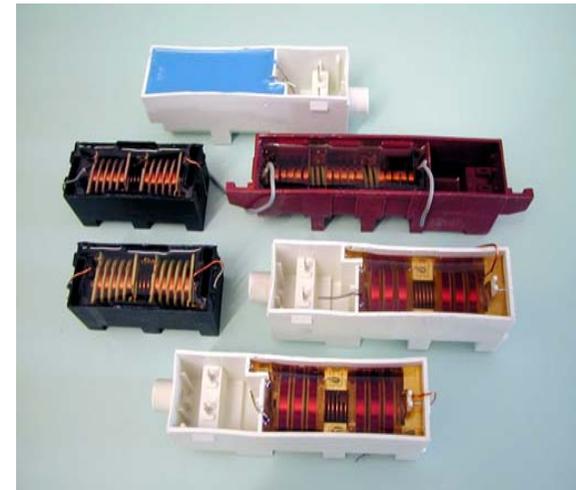
Cure 24 hours at 25° C (77° F)

## UL

Recognized up to Class 180C

## CUSTOMERS

Holophane  
Sola  
Jefferson  
Actown



# Altana E471-5LL

## Uses

Impregnation and potting of electronic transformers

## Advantages

Minimal exotherm and shrinkage.  
Excellent for noise dampening  
highly filled – excellent heat transfer  
Long pot life and low viscosity makes this compound ideal for fine wire applications.

## Application Method

Potting

## Chemical type

Highly filled epoxy resin

## Dual component (100:15)

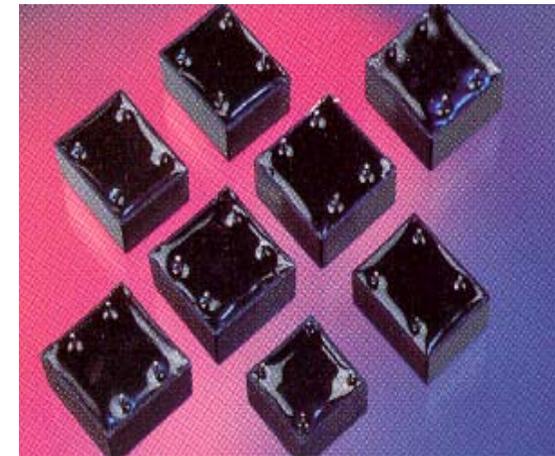
Cure 24 hours at 25° C (77° F)

## UL

Recognized to UL94 V-0

## CUSTOMERS

Various agents



# Altana 200 Polyurethane

## Uses

Impregnation and potting of high voltage electric and electronic transformers

## Advantages

Good electrical properties at elevated temperatures  
Excellent mechanical resiliency.  
Excellent heat shock.  
Low temperature cure.

## Application Method

Potting

## Chemical type

Filled polyurethane resin

## Dual component (100:16.7)

Cure 1-2 hours at 107-121° C

## UL

Not recognized by UL

## CUSTOMERS

Various agents



# Future Developments – Resin Choices?

## Environmentally Driven

Water Based resin systems

Low emission Resins

Low viscosity solventless epoxy systems



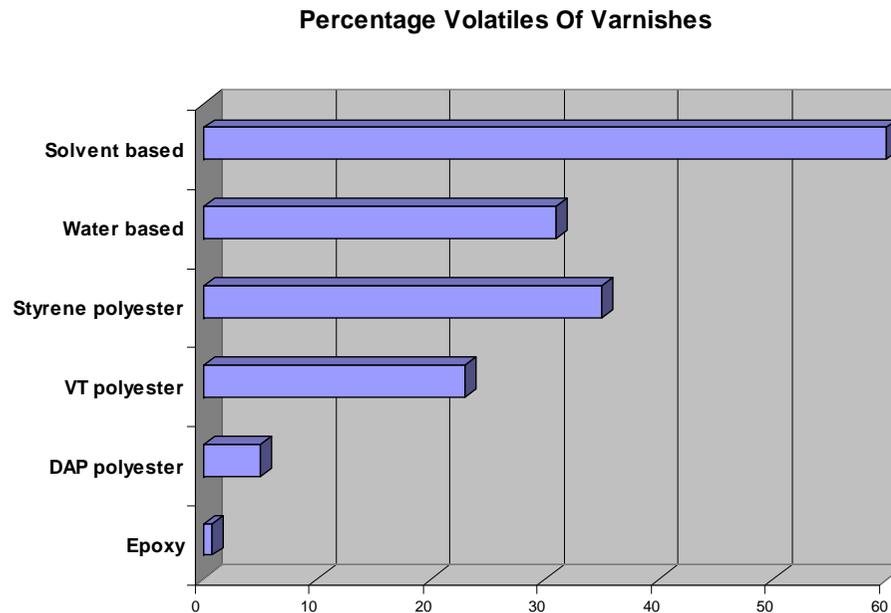
# Future Developments – Resin Choices?

## Environmentally Driven

EPA programs have been set up to improve air quality.

The clean air act has added an extra dimension in making a decision as to the type of varnish to use in the manufacturing of transformers and other electrical devices.

The figure below shows the typical % of VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) for each type of varnish.

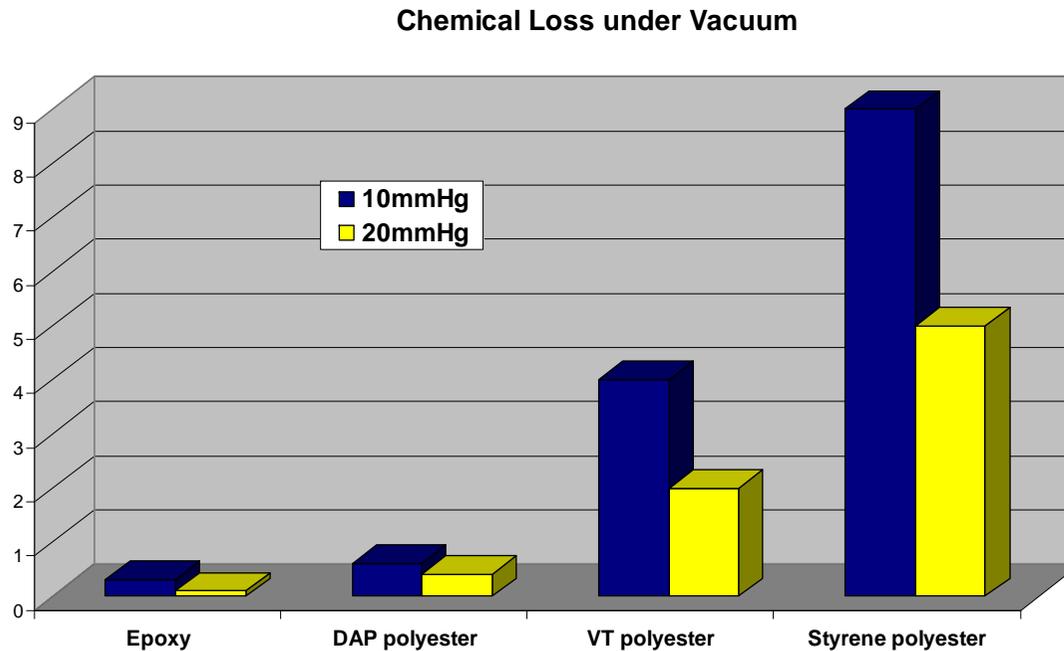


# Future Developments – Resin Choices?

## Environmentally Driven

The figure below shows the % volatiles stripped off under vacuum levels of 10 and 20mmHg. Solvent based and water based were not tested as the vapour pressure of the solvents and water.

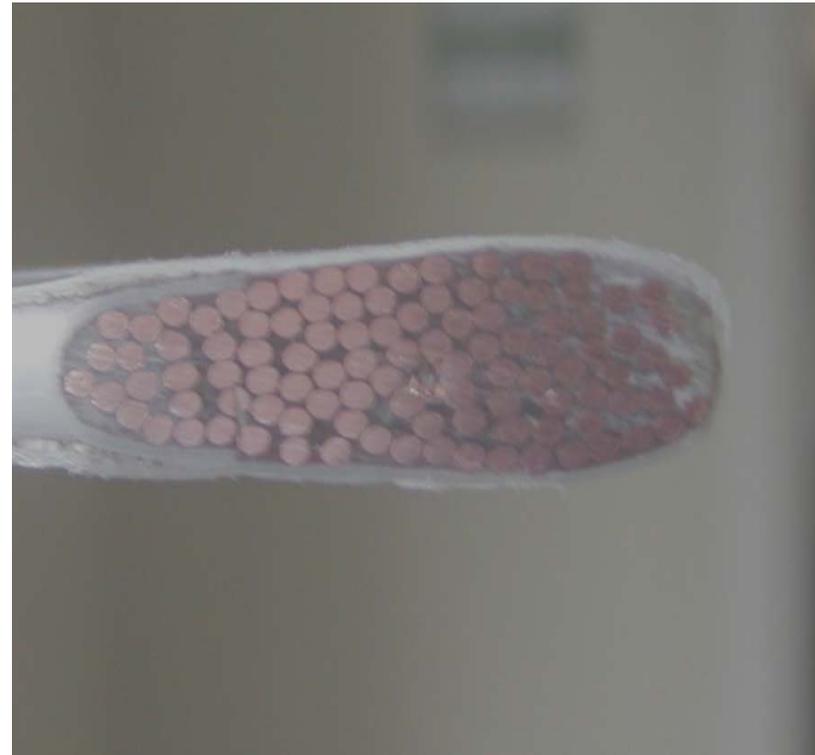
The solventless epoxy and DAP systems exhibited good results



# Future Developments – Resin Choices?

## Temperature Rating Driven

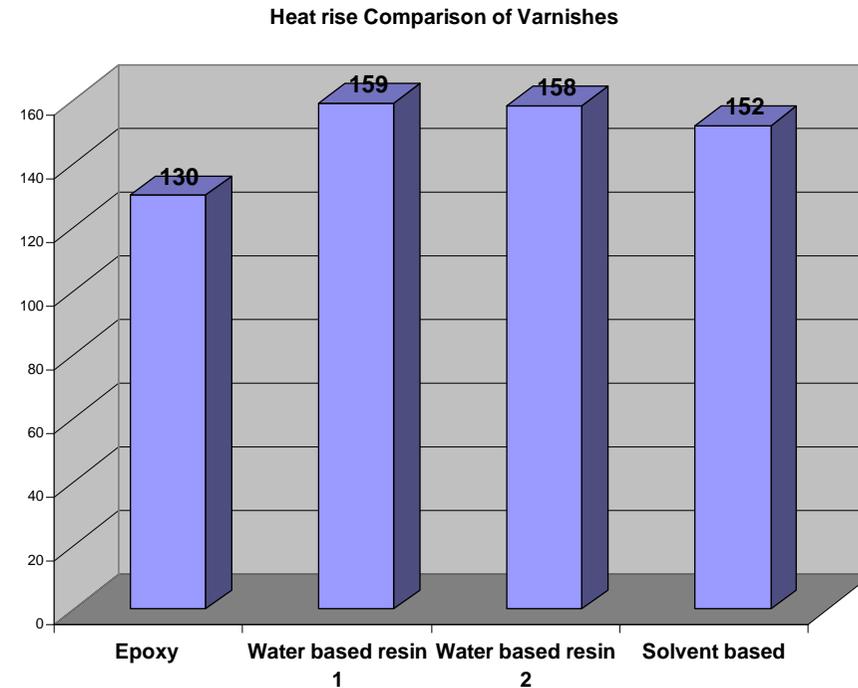
- Filled resins to improve thermal conductivity
- High Temperature co-polymer systems
- High Temperature Epoxy Resins



# Future Developments

## Temperature rating driven

- The transformer processed in the solvent-less epoxy exhibited heat rise of 20C less than the other systems.
- The reason for this is that the solvated polyester and the water based varnishes didn't meet the temperature requirement of 150C for the transformer is that when these are cure they also out-gas. These emissions cause a honeycomb effect, trapping air which is a poor thermal conductor and traps heat

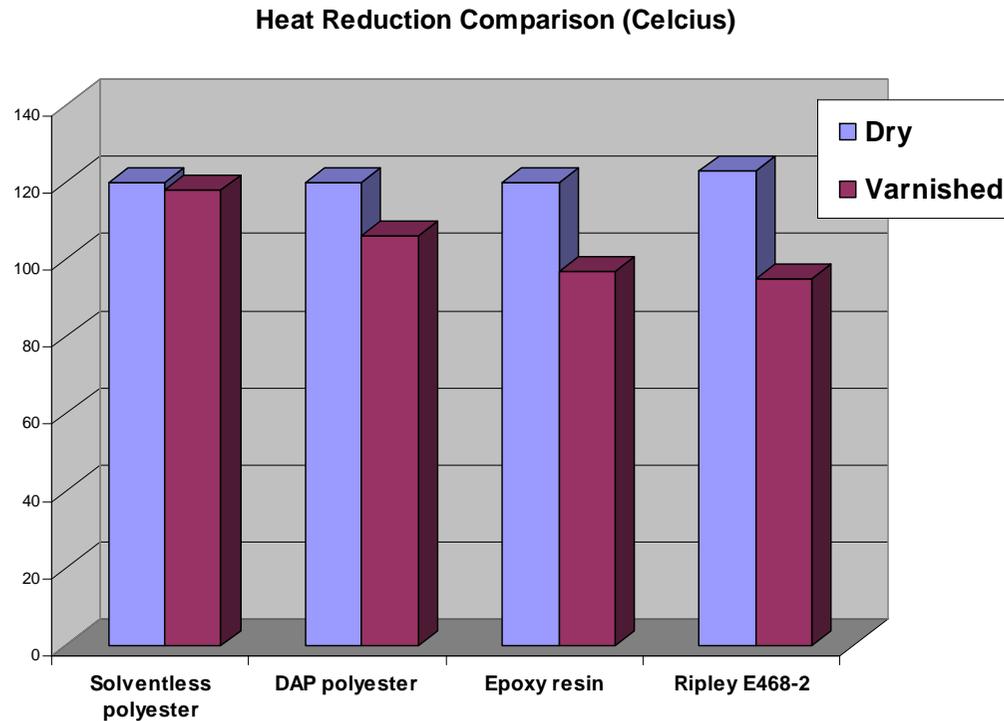


**Note that the acceptable upper limit for heat rise in this case was 150C.**

# Future Developments

## Temperature rating driven

The figure (below) shows how the correct choice of impregnant even amongst different 100% solids varnishes of like and dissimilar chemistries, can have varied results pertaining to heat rise.



# Future Developments

## Temperature rating driven

- **The correct choice of resin has a direct effect on the heat rise of the transformer. Whilst this is a physical function of the varnish, the results directly impact the decision of the varnish choice by reflecting into the final cost of the transformer.**
- **How does heat rise and heat reduction calculate into the costing factor of the varnish?**

**Providing that the heat rise is within specified limits, the engineer will be able to achieve a significant cost reduction of the transformer by eliminating some of the core steel and magnetic wire. The major cost of the transformer is in the insulation, steel and copper. If you can eliminate even a small percentage the cost savings are real.**

## So? Investigate!!!

As can be seen different applications require different properties from the system used.

Investigate what exact properties are important and define in order of importance.

ALSO: The resin will be used with other insulation materials –

Good compatibility between these is essential!!!!

Check

Compatibility in the wet state

Compatibility of by-products after cure due to thermal degradation

## What else must be considered?

### 1. COSHH – Control of Substances Hazardous to Health

These place obligations on employers to use more safe chemicals

### 2.EPA – Environmental Protection Act

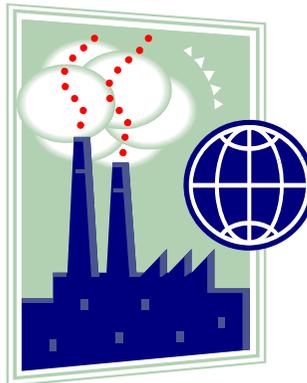
Limits to the release of hazardous substances into the environment

### 3. COST!!!

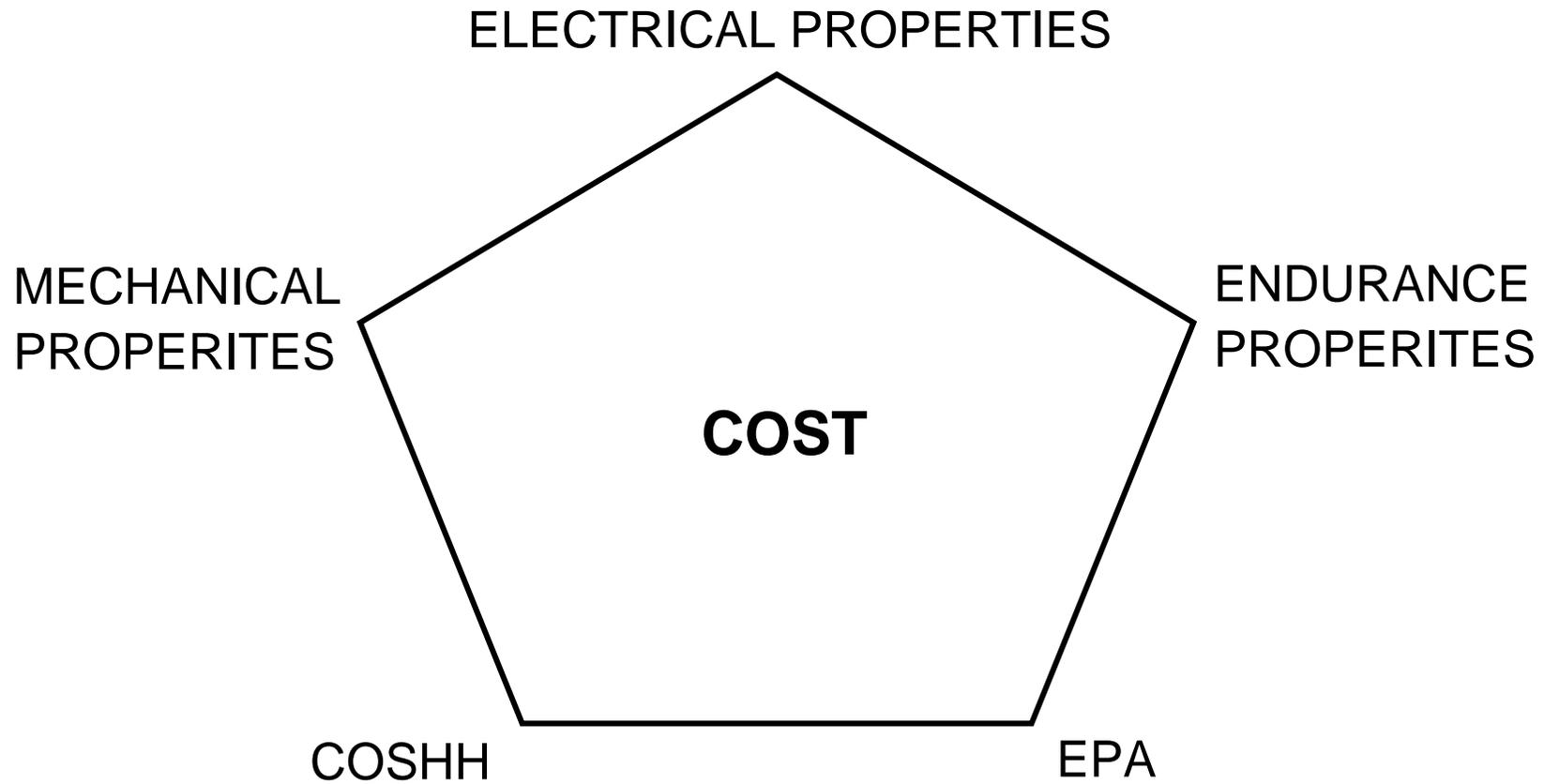
This covers the cost of the resin and also the cost of the equipment



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# CONSTRAINTS ON A SYSTEM



## Conclusion – Choice of resin?

Challenges of performance criteria, cost, and environmental issues fact the engineers decision.

- What are the performance characteristics of the resin?
- What does the varnish cost?
- What are the costs with disposal of varnish?
- Will I need to change in the future due to environmental legislation?
- Will this varnish suit my process without impacting the air quality?



Thank you for  
your attention.