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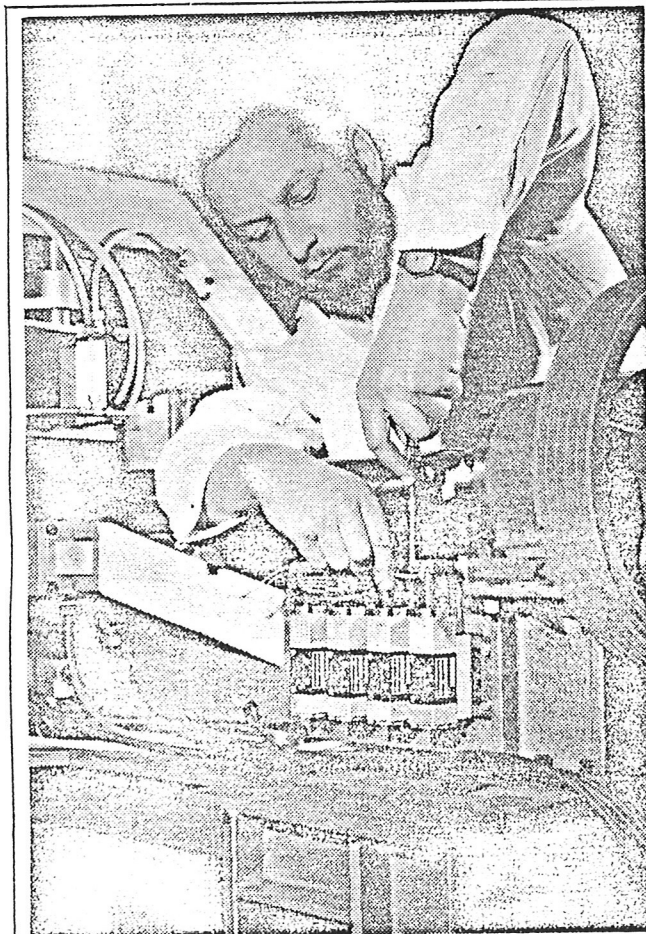
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Pp-asbestos: car body contender?

A PROCESS which could be a major contributor to the development of injection moulded car bodies was announced by the Ministry of Technology last week.

Claimed to solve the crucial problem of rendering asbestos fibres suitable for reinforcement of thermoplastics, the process opens the door to moulding compounds with properties at least as good as glass-filled grades, at a potentially lower price.

Interest

The asbestos process — which is also applicable to glass, carbon, mixed fibres and 'whiskers' — comes in a period of increasing interest in asbestos reinforced thermoplastics.

Asbestos-filled pp grades have been in use for some time in the USA, and have recently

proved popular for automobile components, and G. L. Wicker, of Turner Bros Asbestos, predicted a big future for the mineral fibre in thermoplastics at a recent Plastics Institute conference.

PRW understands that one of the UK producers is planning to introduce filled pp grades later this year.

But a major problem so far has been to obtain an even distribution of the fibre in the thermoplastic, and to improve the fibre/plastic bond to permit greater loading.

This is what Mintech now claims it has solved — the first, by an 'opening' process, while work is still continuing on the second.

Russians at rp conference

THREE speakers from Russia will be joining plastics experts from Britain, Germany, Italy, Puerto Rico, Israel, France, Holland and the USA to give papers or reports at the sixth 'International reinforced plastics conference' organised by the British Plastics Federation, at the Royal Garden Hotel, London, from November 13-15.

A number of new technical developments will be reviewed.

It is expected that delegates will be particularly interested in three papers on alternative reinforcements, including the newly-developed British method of using carbon fibres as high modulus reinforcements.

Grp across Atlantic

EXCITEMENT is mounting amongst yachtsmen on both sides of the Atlantic as the 30 remaining competitors in the 'Observer singlehanded transatlantic race' enter the final stage.

Keen interest is being shown in their progress by Scott Bader. Four of the boats taking part use the firm's polyester resin in their hull construction — Sir Thomas Lipton, Golden Cockerel, Startled Faun and Gancia Girl.