application profile

air bag separation bolt



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Product Used: R543

Benefits: Static Load Bearing Capabilities • Consistent Strength • Superior Mold Flow • Adhesion to Metal

Application Description

Pictured are the air bag separation bolts used in a major, North American sport utility vehicle (SUV). After molding and initiation, the bolts are supplied to a major global safety systems manufacturer.

The Challenge

In normal use, the part has no function other than to support the air bag system. During a crash event is when its importance comes into play. The consistent strength of the Vydyne R543 is critical, as the bolt must fail in shear for the air bag to deploy properly.

The Vydyne Difference

Ascend's Vydyne R543 is ideal for this application due to its load-bearing capabilities and consistent strength. Also, the superior mold flow allows the parts to be molded without internal stress that could affect the part's performance. Finally, good adhesion to metal allows the canister base to form an integral bond in molding.

The Ascend Automotive team utilizes mold flow analysis, finite element analysis and years of safety system experience to create optimal parts for Ford,[®] General Motors,[®] Chrysler[®] and Hyundai.[®]

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| Property | Method | Units | DAM |
| Specific Gravity | ISO 1183 | none | 1.5 |
| Tensile Strength | ISO 527 | MPa | 225 |
| Flexural Modulus | ISO 178 | MPa | 12,500 |
| Notched Izod | ISO 180 | kJ/m ² | 16.5 |
| DTUL @ 1.8 MPa | ISO 75 | °C | 250 |