

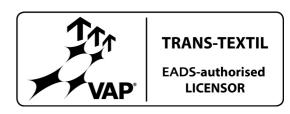
EADS and Trans-Textil adopt joint approach for VAP® process

The quality, efficiency and success of lightweight construction work depend on experience as well as knowledge of the latest developments in the field, such as the VAP® vacuum-assisted approach. The processes and membrane systems involved have international patent protection taken out by EADS and Trans-Textil for all applications areas. Acquiring a licence for the implementation of VAP® helps users secure protection of their resulting technological know-as well as further R&D work on the VAP® process.

Trans-Textil GmbH produces membrane systems and other textile solutions for use in VAP® membrane-assisted low pressure infusion. As an EADS-authorised licensor for the non-aerospace sector and a preferred EADS partner in the aerospace sector, it provides advice and support on all questions concerned with VAP® process licenses. User licenses for the aerospace industry are issued by EADS.

Service and support for VAP® users

VAP® licensees benefit from extensive services, beginning with in-situ consulting through advice at every implementation stage to ongoing support. The VAP® support team advises licensees on how best to introduce the VAP® approach, trains all users from the management level to the factory floor and acts as a liaison with Trans-Textil for development and adaption of its membrane systems to customer requirements.



The VAP® service includes provision of marketing material to help licensees communicate the newly-gained advantages that VAP® involves to their own customers.

Trans-Textil GmbH

Trans-Textil GmbH, Germany, is one of Europe's technology leaders in the production of high-quality, functional textile solutions. Its expertise in this field has contributed significantly to development of the VAP® process, and it has been authorised by EADS to grant licences for VAP® use.

Thirty years of experience in textiles and development work plus production expertise and state-of-the art facilities allow Trans-Textil to adapt the VAP® membrane system — the central component of the VAP® process — to specific practical applications, thus resulting in a wide-ranging portfolio of solutions. The company is certified to EN ISO 9001 and EN ISO 14001, and is known for its consistently high quality standards, sustainable approach and innovative ideas.

EADS

EADS Deutschland GmbH is the developer and patent owner of the VAP® process. A global leader in aerospace, defence and related services, it generated revenues of €42.8 billion in 2009 with a workforce of some 119,000 employees. The group includes Airbus, the number one manufacturer of commercial airliners as well as military tanker and transport aircraft; Eurocopter, the world's largest helicopter supplier; EADS Astrium, the European leader in the space sector thanks to such programmes such as Ariane and Galileo, and the EADS Defence & Security Division, a provider of comprehensive system solutions which in the name of the group is the largest partner in the Eurofighter consortium while also being a major shareholder in MBDA, a missile manufacturer.