

CHOMARAT

press kit



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Who are we?

The CHOMARAT Group

Founded in 1898, CHOMARAT is an independent family-owned industrial group. Faithful to the textile industry from where it originated, the Chomarar Group has developed extensive know-how based on strong human skills and a mastery of complex technologies.

The Group is organized into four business lines, each with broad expertise: Composites Reinforcements, Construction Reinforcements, Coatings & Films – Textiles, and High-end Textile Production. The Group currently has operations in France, Tunisia, the United States and China, for a total workforce of about 1000.

Born of the entrepreneurial spirit of the Chomarar family, the Group fosters a capacity to undertake, diversify, anticipate future developments and seize opportunities. Its history draws on the passion and skills of several generations of employees.

Looking to the future, the Chomarar Group is committed to responsible development in harmony with its roots, environment and values: long-term vision, boldness, respectful relationships and diversity.

These intrinsic and enduring commitments are reflected in its investments, its products and in the relationships established with each of its partners.

CHOMARAT in France

Chomarar Textiles Industries is located in the heart of the Ardèche region, the birthplace of the group. This subsidiary is the only facility to have three business lines: Composites Reinforcements, Reinforcements for Construction materials, Coated Textiles & Technical Films.

It also had Group R&D, Purchasing and Executive Management.

In France, Chomarar employs over 400 people spread over 3 locations, with French operations generating two-thirds of Group sales.

Group Profile

6 JEC
Innovation
Awards
over the past
5 years



4 business lines



- Composites Reinforcement
- Construction Reinforcement
- Coatings & Films – Textiles
- High-end Textile Production

A family group
5th generation



1 000
employees

9 industrial
sites

in 4 countries
France, USA, Tunisia, China



Business operations
in **25** countries

Coatings & Films – Textiles

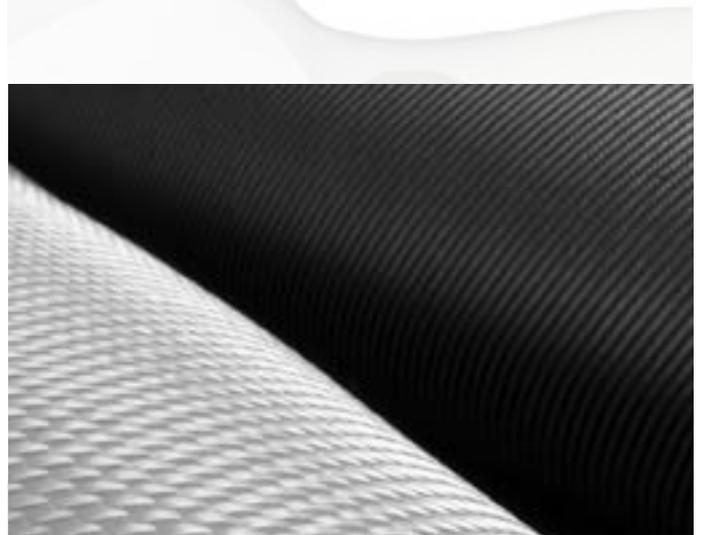
CHOMARAT masters the technologies of coating and extrusion. Specializing in coated textiles for the automotive, luxury luggage, protective clothing and industrial sectors, it is also an expert in technical films for hot stamping.



Our activities in France

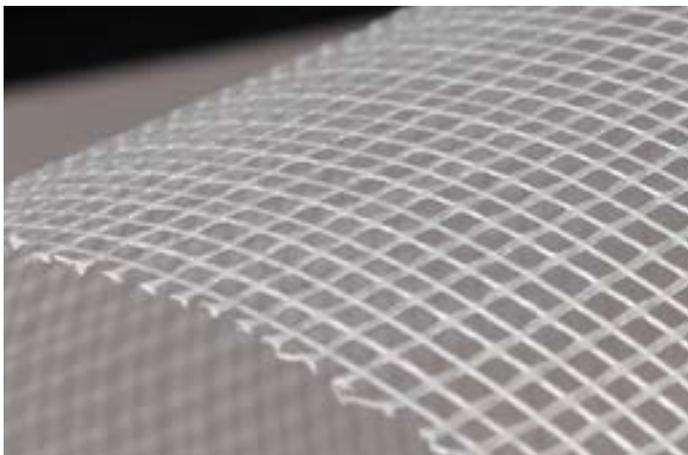
Composites Reinforcements

CHOMARAT offers a unique range of solutions: fabrics, multi-axial and complex materials such as glass, aramid and carbon. Its expertise and the quality of its high-performance reinforcements are recognized by manufacturers of composite parts in the transport, automotive, energy, marine, sports equipment and aeronautics sectors.



Construction Reinforcements

In the field of construction and civil engineering, Chomarar is an expert in scrim technology, combining textile and chemical know-how. CHOMARAT scrims reinforce waterproofing membranes for roofs, facades, roads, and allow the manufacture of plasterboard or cement. Epoxy carbon scrims reinforce prefabricated concrete.



Past and future innovations

1957

Start-up of glass-fibre weaving activities. Used as a substitute for jute fabrics, the glass fabric improves the performance of roofing reinforcements.

1958

Chomarat produces the soft top for the Citroën 2CV. The beginning of a long, intense collaboration with the Trèves Group and start-up of the Automotive business that contributed heavily to the Group's development.

1965

The development of a fabric coated on both sides starts off a partnership with Guy Cotten.

1977

Chomarat launches its first grids for construction.

Chomarat starts up its garment activity in Tunisia.



1898

Auguste CHOMARAT creates a natural-silk throwing mill.



1920

Marius takes over a silk mill in Mariac.



1927

Jean and Joseph start a weaving business in Le Cheylard.



1935

Start-up of dyeing and printing activities in Le Cheylard



1942

Auguste sets up the printing business in an old silk-throwing mill in Saint Martin.



1956

Early developments of expertise in coating technology.



1960

Chomarat opens its first composite laboratory and produces its first parts.

1963

Build-up of garment production activities.

1966

Chomarat starts up spinning/texturing activities.

1976

Chomarat enters the ski market when it proposes the technology it developed for the marine industry to the Rossignol Group.

1980

Construction of Building B at Mariac to establish the grid activities.

1985

Chomarat establishes its activities in construction reinforcements in the United States.

1996

Chomarat launches major construction work at the La Gare site and at the Chabannes site, the future Group headquarters.

2005

Chomarat launches Rovicore™ production in the United States.

2007

Chomarat sets up a composite reinforcements factory in Tunisia.

2014

The Group inaugurates its new American factory dedicated to high-performance composites.

2016

The Group invests in a new varnishing technology for its coatings and films activity.



1984

Opening of Polyglass in Ireland for Chomarat's construction activities.



1988

Expansion of the Mariac plant to accommodate the DF line, an innovative tool for Chomarat's construction activity.

The Chattawak banner brand emerges.

1998

The beginnings of composite film technology and the partnership with Chemica.



2000

All activities are brought together under the Chomarat Group entity and an R&D centre is created.



2010

Chomarat opens a composite reinforcements factory in China.

Chomarat opens a site dedicated to carbon in France. Launching the high-performance carbon activity



2015

Chomarat starts producing multiaxial reinforcements in Tunisia.

2017

Chomarat launches a three-year investment plan worth 35M euros to accelerate innovation and upgrade its French sites.



Investing for the future

Investments to accelerate innovation

In 2017, Chomarar announced a three-year, €5 million investment plan to accelerate innovation and modernize its French sites.

This investment led to the acquisition of new technologies and increased our production capacity for the French activities, notably thermoplastic films for the automotive, construction and glass and carbon reinforcements for composites.

This plan also contributed to the development of new materials that bring performance and weight reduction to the aerospace and automotive markets.

New opportunities

The 2020 Covid crisis accelerated some trends that represent opportunities for Chomarar: vehicle electrification, new energies, eco-design and recycling.

The “Convertir” project is part of this strategy.

Through innovation, networking and partnership, Chomarar intends to make sure these opportunities transform into sustainable successes.



CHOMARAT is also a partner of the *French Fab*, which embodies the rebuilding of French industry. An innovative industry, exporting and open to the evolutions brought by digital, new technologies and the green economy.

CHOMARAT received the support of the French Government, as part of the Economic Recovery Plan, for the launch of its “Convertir” project. Here, our goal is to position ourselves sustainably as a leading supplier of high-performance reinforcements for the automotive market.

An ambitious technological project

The project, already approved by the Techtera and CARA competitiveness clusters, consists of modernizing an existing multi-axis glass machine by transforming it into a production line dedicated to a range of unidirectional carbon reinforcements. To attain this objective, new equipment must be added and the machine environment adapted.

The project, which requires an investment of €2 million over three years, was the winner in a call for projects to modernize the automotive sector. As Raphaël Laurent, Administrative and Financial Director at Chomarats notes, *“Convertir is an ambitious project and is important for the future development of Chomarats. Having the support of the Economic Recovery Plan was a major factor in our decision to launch this project in 2021”.*

Chomarats is positioning itself to conquer emerging mobility markets.

This project is part of Chomarats's strategic plan, which began in 2011, and of the numerous innovation projects carried out since then. *“Convertir has a twofold objective: first, we want to boost the productivity of the current carbon line by 40% by using it for more complex reinforcements for growth markets such as automotive or photovoltaic. Second, we want to have a second line capable of supplying a range of functionalized and competitive unidirectional carbon materials to meet the development of new automotive applications”* explains Francisco De Oliveira, Head of the Advanced Composites business line.

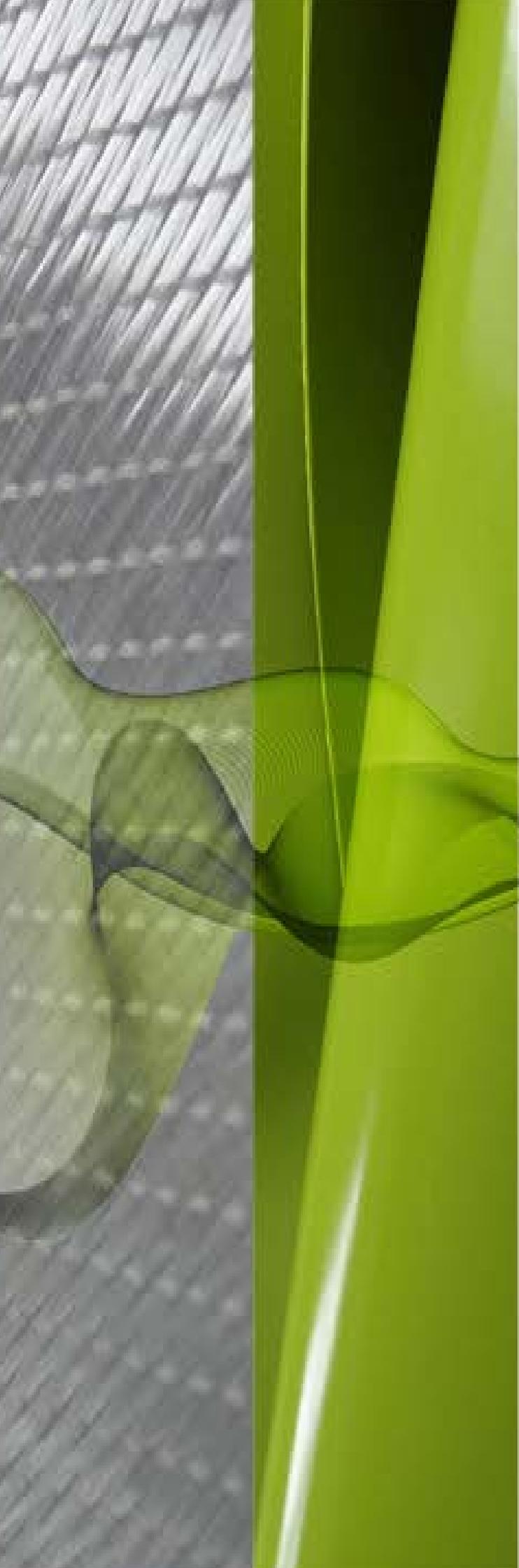
Chomarats's ambition is to position itself as a leading supplier of high-performance reinforcements for future needs in rethought mobility. (weight reduction, battery protection, hydrogen tanks, etc.).

The “Convertir” project



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