

# Ensinger-Hyde Introduces Hydel<sup>®</sup> ESD Thermoplastic Stock Shapes with Fibril<sup>™</sup> Nanotube Technology



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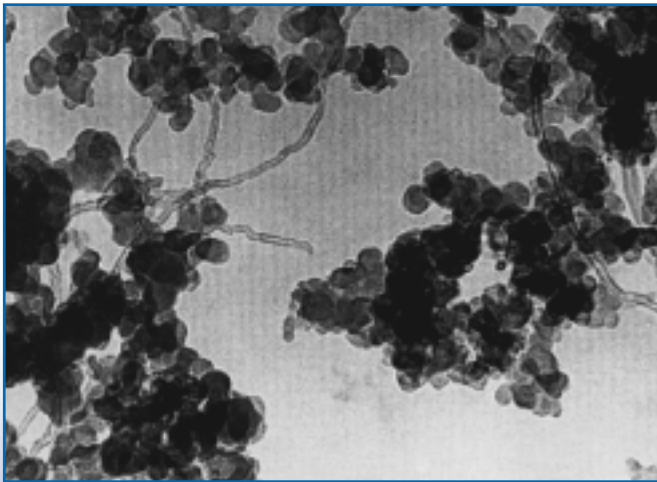
Ensinger-Hyde's Hydel<sup>®</sup> thermoplastic stock shape materials will allow users in the electronic and electrical industries to produce fabricated parts with the highest level of ESD control available. These new materials, **Hydel<sup>®</sup> PC-7** (polycarbonate) and **Hydel<sup>®</sup> PEI-7** (polyether-imide, Ultem<sup>®</sup>) are thermoplastic resins filled with a new microscopic form of carbon called "**Fibril<sup>™</sup>**" nanotubes". 1/1000th the size of conventional carbon fibers, these new graphitic **Fibril<sup>™</sup>** nanotubes are hollow and curved graphite microfibers that

are 0.01 micron in diameter. Because of their contour and microscopic size—even smaller in diameter than carbon black particles—**Fibril<sup>™</sup>** nanotube filled **Hydel<sup>®</sup> PC-7** and **Hydel<sup>®</sup> PEI-7** provide ESD users with outstanding properties for ESD control, mechanical strength, and cleanliness.

## Hydel<sup>®</sup> PC-7 and Hydel<sup>®</sup> PEI-7 Features:

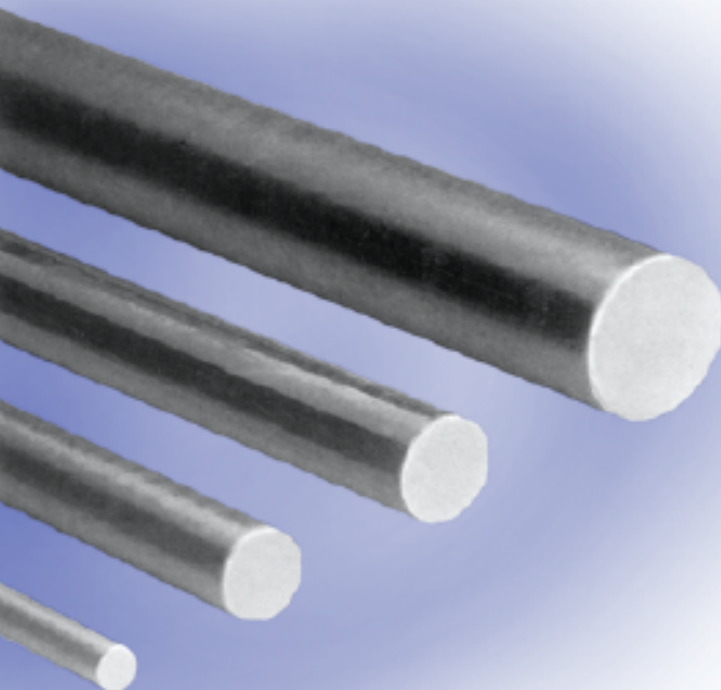
**M**inimal Carbon Content: While providing the optimum surface resistivity range of  $10^7$  ohms/sq., the carbon content in **Hydel<sup>®</sup> PC-7** and **Hydel<sup>®</sup> PEI-7** is 75% less than that of competitive materials that are filled with conventional carbon fibers or carbon powder. This substantially lower loading level translates into minimal sloughing and crayoning problems for particulate-conscious end users. **Hydel<sup>®</sup> PC-7** and **Hydel<sup>®</sup> PEI-7** are currently being used in clean room environments by many electronic industry end users.

**Z**ero Residual Charge: The extremely high conductivity of graphitic **Fibril<sup>™</sup>** nanotubes provides **Hydel<sup>®</sup> PC-7** and **Hydel<sup>®</sup> PEI-7** users with the assurance that all charges will effectively decay to zero residual charge.

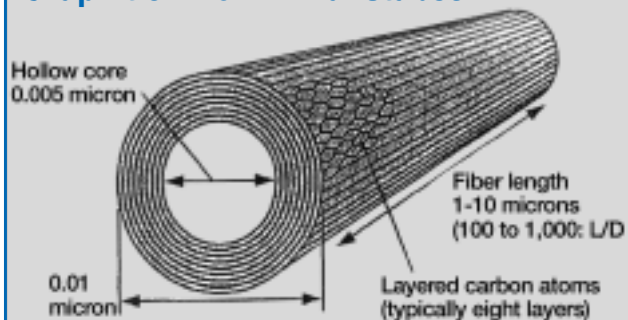


Graphitic **Fibril<sup>™</sup>** Nanotubes shown with carbon powder particles. Magnified 62,500 times.

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## Graphitic Fibril™ Nanotubes



### Uniform Filler Dispersion – No Hot/Cold Spotting:

**Fibril™** nanotubes have an extremely low bulk density. This allows them to disperse very evenly throughout the base resin and minimize areas of dramatically higher or lower electrical resistivity.

**Superior Toughness:** Because they are curved and smaller than any other carbon filler, **Fibril™** nanotubes do not degrade the impact properties of the base resin in which they are compounded. Where conventional carbon

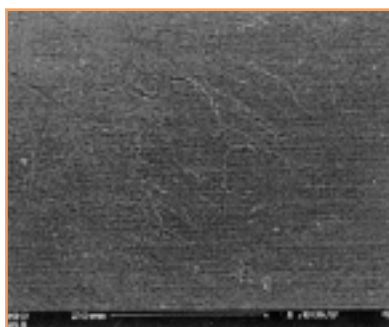
fibers and carbon powder significantly degrade toughness, **Fibril™** nanotube filled compounds maintain over 90% of the notched Izod impact strength of the unfilled base resin.

**Low Warpage:** **Hydel® PC-7** and **Hydel® PEI-7** exhibit the lowest warpage of any powder or fiber-filled stock shape material. Due to the microscopic size and curvature of **Fibril™** nanotubes, they do not orient during processing like conventional fibers. Parts machined from **Hydel® PC-7** and **Hydel® PEI-7** stock shapes maintain their flatness and critical dimensions even without the use of secondary annealing processes.

### Superior Machined Surface Finish:

Conventional carbon fibers often bunch up during processing and form voids that are exposed during machining. Microscopic **Fibril™** nanotubes remain dispersed during thermoplastic processing and yield the optimum machined surfaces. **Hydel® PC-7** and **Hydel® PEI-7** can be machined to surface finishes of less than 4 micro inches RMS.

Component surfaces magnified 2000 times



**Fibril™** Nanotubes filled resin (on left) shows consistent dispersion and excellent surface quality.



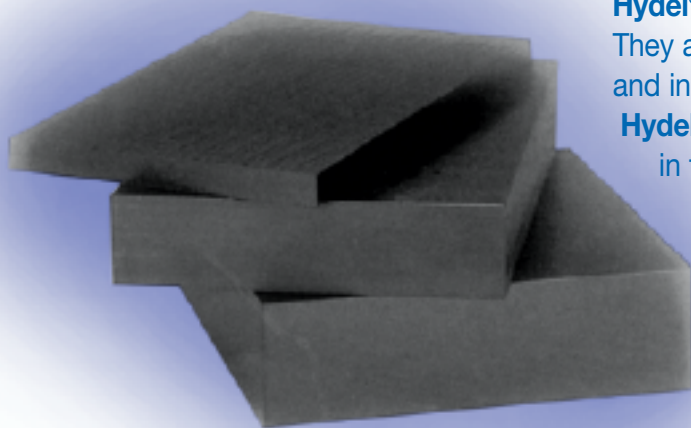
Conventional carbon fiber filler (on right) shows rough surface and individual fiber pull out.

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**Hydel® PC-7** and **Hydel® PEI-7** are both black in color. They are available in rods from 1/4" to 4" diameter and in heavy gauge plate from 1/4" to 3" thick.

**Hydel® PC-7** and **Hydel® PEI-7** are also available in tubular bar and profiles.

Ensinger-Hyde is currently developing other thermoplastic materials with graphitic **Fibril™** nanotube additives. Please feel free to contact either Ensinger-Hyde or your local Ensinger-Hyde distributor with inquires that you may have about these alternate materials.



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