

DRIVING  
**INNOVATION**  
IN **POWERTRAIN**  
**APPLICATIONS**

WITH VICTREX™ PEEK POLYMER SOLUTIONS

# PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES TO IMPROVE VEHICLE PERFORMANCE

With increasing demands around CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, safety and electrification, automotive manufacturers are facing pressures to improve fuel efficiencies and vehicle performance without compromising reliability, costs or driving comfort.

Developing next-generation automotive powertrain technology, therefore, is a complex challenge. Design engineers need to translate global demands into cost-effective, innovative solutions and stay ahead of competitors.

For over three decades, Victrex has worked with leading automotive companies to deliver high-performance thermoplastic solutions that improve the reliability, efficiency and cost-effectiveness of powertrain components. VICTREX™ PEEK polymer based solutions are used in the toughest of environments, driving progress time and again. Combined with our in-depth material, processing and application know-how, we work with customers at each step of the value chain, from conception to production, to help solve current challenges and improve cost-effectiveness using thermoplastics. This enables you to drive your solutions to market faster, safer and with more confidence.

**Find out how we can help you maximize powertrain efficiency today and deliver innovative solutions for tomorrow.**



# OUR PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

With over 35 years of PEEK polymer knowledge, we partner with customers to design new solutions to improve performance, reduce manufacturing costs and speed up your time to market.



## ▲ VICTREX™ PEEK POLYMER

VICTREX PEEK is a viable metal replacement material that can enable optimum performance. Optimize the designs of your next-generation components to improve component performance with our vast portfolio of grades.



70% lighter vs. steel  
55% lighter vs. titanium 40% lighter vs. aluminum



Injection molding unfilled, carbon-fiber reinforced, and glass-filled grades



Proprietary grades available to achieve thinner wall sections, higher modulus, and minimal wear



## ▲ VICOTE™ COATINGS

Durable VICTREX PEEK coatings enhance the lifetime of metal substrates while being friendly to the environment. Enhance the performance of your components with Victrex liquid and powder dispersions.



Use a one-coat system for a smooth, uniform surface



Excellent resistance to wear, abrasion, high heat, creep, and chemicals



Halogen-free with no additives



## ▲ ZYEX™ FIBERS

ZYEX PEEK fiber is the thermoplastic fibre of choice for tough environments. Its resistance to high temperatures and a wide range of chemicals, together with its excellent abrasion resistance at high temperatures make PEEK fibers an excellent choice for e.g. rubber reinforcement, filtration applications and composites.

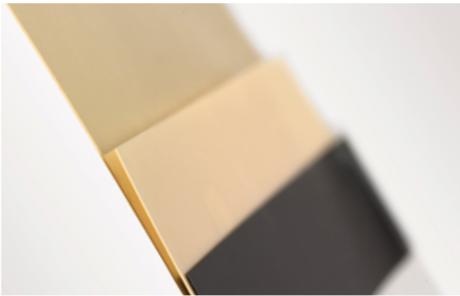


Monofilament, multifilament, staple and cut fibers



Available in diameters from 10 to 2000 microns

# POLYMERS, FORMS, PARTS.



## ▲ APTIV™ FILMS

Take advantage of the properties of VICTREX PEEK in a thin film format for demanding applications. By offering excellent mechanical, thermal and electrical properties, APTIV Film allows for cost-effective, reliable insulation solutions.

-  Superior mechanical and dielectric strength
-  Excellent thermal conductivity
-  Available in thicknesses from 5 to 750 microns



## ▲ VICTREX GEAR SOLUTIONS

Benefit from a 360° system approach spanning from material selection through gear design to mass production of precision-molded state-of-the-art gears that meet highest requirements and can deliver a range of benefits.

-  Accelerate time to market with integrated process
-  68% lighter vs. cast iron gears
-  Cost saving potential vs. metal scissor gears

# EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS

We work with automotive customers throughout the value chain to accelerate the development of innovative applications that deliver improved performance and cost-effectiveness in the most demanding environments. Experience the benefits for yourself.



**2%**

**ENHANCED FUEL  
EFFICIENCY**

## ▲ **REDUCED CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS**

Today, 75% of a car's fuel is lost to inefficiency, most of it due to frictional losses. Our VICTREX PEEK based solutions allow reduced energy losses and functional integration which contribute to the overall fuel efficiency and help reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



**4X**

**LONGER LIFETIME**

## ▲ **GREATER RELIABILITY**

Reliability is a key requirement for automotive components to avoid costly maintenance and/or recalls. Great performance starts with choosing the right material. Here's where VICTREX PEEK solutions can outperform other polymers or metals and make big contributions in even the smallest parts.



**5%**

**INCREASED TORQUE  
OUTPUT**

## ▲ **IMPROVED PERFORMANCE**

Knowing the needs of our customers enables us to develop material solutions that allow considerable performance benefits, e.g. in electrical insulation systems where APTIV Film slot liners enable higher torque output and respond to growing electrification demanding higher energy density of electric motors.



**50%**

REDUCTION IN NVH



**80%**

REDUCED COST



### ENHANCED COMFORT AND SAFETY

We help customers develop smarter product designs that enable enhanced safety. Today more than 200 million drivers rely on VICTREX PEEK based ABS/ESC brake components. VICTREX Gear Solutions help overcome the challenges in NVH reduction and provide a viable and cost-effective alternative to metals.



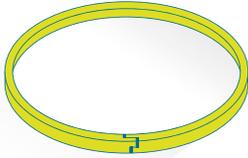
### COST SAVINGS POTENTIAL

Cost-effectiveness is a main driver in the industry. Partnering with Victrex not only allows you to design smarter components but also provides further cost savings potential through an economical, environmentally friendly manufacturing process and can accelerate your time to market.

**IMPROVING  
VEHICLE  
PERFORMANCE**

# SHAPING POWERTRAIN APPLICATIONS

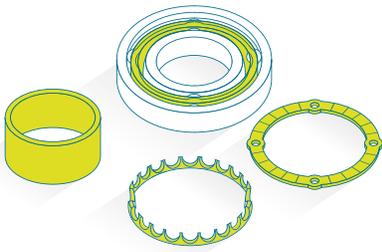
Victrex offers a range of high-performance polymer solutions which have successfully replaced metals and other polymers in a wide range of demanding powertrain applications. VICTREX™ PEEK, VICTREX™ Gear Solutions and APTIV™ Film solutions can meet or exceed performance criteria and enable component cost savings potential by eliminating secondary operations, such as machining, and consolidating a number of metal parts into one injection-molded component.



## ▲ CONTROLLED LEAKAGE PERFORMANCE WITHIN TIGHT TOLERANCES

Tight tolerances are a key requirement to ensure controlled leakage in reliable and high-performing seal rings. In this application space, VICTREX PEEK has been found to offer:

- low thermal expansion,
- excellent wear properties
- simple one-shot technology with no need for a time-consuming post-molding annealing process (e.g. typically 17 days for PAI)
- assembly cost saving potential – due to various PEEK grades for different diameter areas depending on specific requirements (e.g. load, dimension)

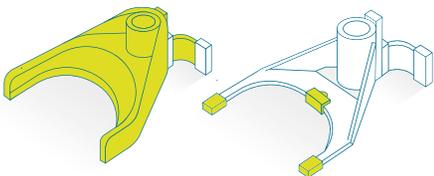


## ▲ TRIBOLOGICAL PERFORMANCE IN WEAR APPLICATIONS

Tribological performance is essential to efficiency and reliability in bearing applications, particularly in mixed lubrication conditions.

In thrust washers, bushings and bearing cages, VICTREX PEEK has a proven track record in delivering

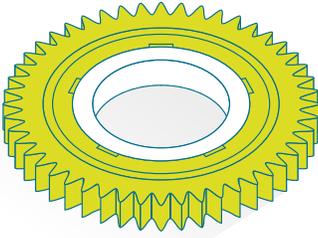
- stable coefficient of friction (CoF) as low as 0.05 in dry conditions
- excellent wear performance across a range of pressure and velocity scenarios
- high compressive strength over a wide temperature range to support component miniaturization respectively increased loads
- high reliability due to excellent emergency running properties - no sudden blocking of bearing)
- improved NVH in plain bearings without multi-frequency noise and vibration spectrum of rolling element bearings



## ▲ STRUCTURAL & MECHANICAL STRENGTH IN SHIFT FORK APPLICATIONS

In shift fork applications, VICTREX PEEK has been selected for

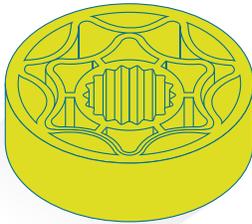
- its excellent combination of dynamic fatigue strength and wear resistance
- enabling functional integration by reducing complexity and supporting total system cost-effectiveness.
- supporting CO<sub>2</sub> targets – with an up to 70% weight reduction potential compared to metal solutions
- offering cost reduction potential by massively reducing conversion steps, low investment in tooling and machines, and accelerating time to market



### ▲ QUIET AND COST-EFFECTIVE GEAR SOLUTIONS

Compared to metal gears, Victrex Gear Solutions enable a range of benefits in powertrain environments:

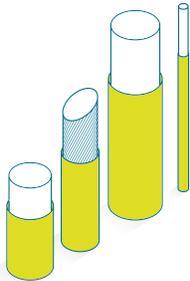
- 50% reduction in NVH for smoother operation and improved driving comfort
- improved responsiveness through up to 80% reduction of inertia
- lower energy consumption due to up to 70% weight savings
- reliable performance through low friction and wear, corrosion resistance and reduced need for lubrication
- reduced part cost by eliminating secondary machining, hardening or finishing operations, all with a 360° integrated approach including shape optimized gear design, prototyping, testing, tooling, inspection and manufacturing



### ▲ EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE PERFORMANCE IN PUMP APPLICATIONS

In a range of pump applications VICTREX PEEK polymer has been chosen for

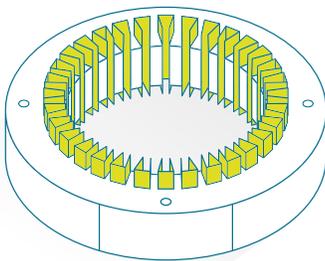
- reliable performance over lifetime due to wear resistance at required load and temperature levels
- improved leakage performance at elevated temperature due to thermal expansion characteristic, supporting up to 10 % higher pump efficiency vs. metal pump internals
- meeting CO<sub>2</sub> demands – by up to 75% weight saving potential vs. metal based pumps
- enabling optimized pump designs that allow for increased efficiency and lower component cost vs. metal solutions



### ▲ RELIABLE INSULATION IN THE MOST DEMANDING ENVIRONMENTS

VICTREX PEEK polymer has successfully been used in wire insulation applications where it has been found to offer

- improved retention of electrical properties in elevated temperature environments cooled by ATF or rich in moisture
- stable dielectric constant over a wide range of electric machine operating temperatures
- a reliable, lightweight combination of wear and chemical resistance, and electrical insulation



### ▲ EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE ELECTRICAL INSULATION

In high power density electric motors, when compared to traditional multi-layer Meta-Aramid/PET laminates, APTIV Film based slot liners\* enable

- motor downsizing resulting in a \$6 reduced cost per e-motor while maintaining the power density, or
- 5% increased continuous torque output and 2% increased copper density in a same size motor due to 40% thinner film format providing superior tear and puncture resistance whilst maintaining electrical insulation properties and improving thermal conductivity

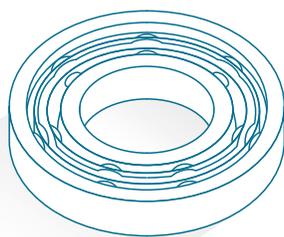
\*replacing a 250 µm laminate with a 125 µm APTIV Film

# OUR AUTOMOTIVE PHILOSOPHY

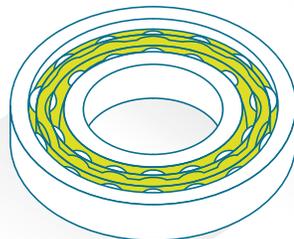
## Direct development with industry leading specifiers

With unmatched experience and knowledge in PEEK material, we always thrive on improving the status quo – working with our customers and finding new ways to solve complex design requirements that address the challenges of today and the megatrends affecting tomorrow. Working together from concept stage to product launch, we can go beyond small measures and truly create solutions that will give our customers real competitive advantage. That's future performance!

- ▲ Taking cost out through innovation
- ▲ Accelerating time to market
- ▲ Improving efficiency



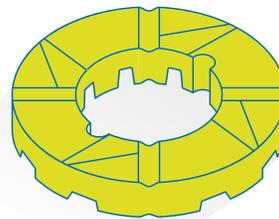
**METAL BEARING WITH PA CAGE**



**METAL BEARING WITH PEEK CAGE**

Replacing a PA bearing cage with PEEK allowed

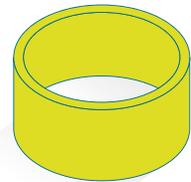
- a higher number of balls, thus
- higher loads in smaller spaces



**FULL PEEK BEARING**

Designing a full plastic bearing as a running change enabled

- reduced weight and
- lower part cost at same loads in the same space



**OPTIMIZED FULL PEEK BUSHING**

Partnering with Victrex at early concept stage supports optimized part design and allows maximum benefits, e.g.

- reduced system space
- lower part cost while maintaining the same load

We understand the characteristics and behaviors of PEEK right through the manufacturing process - help our customers achieve new ways of solving complex challenges – true innovation.

## MAXIMIZE YOUR BENEFITS!

Our dedicated team of experts would be thrilled to work with you on the development of your next powertrain application,

**contact us now: [automotive@victrex.com](mailto:automotive@victrex.com)**

# THE FOUNDATION OF VICTREX INNOVATION

## VICTREX™ PEEK polymer

PEEK is widely regarded as one of the highest performing polymers in the world. VICTREX PEEK polymers are ideally suited to extreme and demanding environments. Whilst alternative materials can meet specific needs, PEEK can support multiple requirements at once.



### High-Temperature Performance

Allowing continuous operation temperatures of 500°F (short term up to 572°F).



### Environmentally Friendly

Fully recyclable, halogen-free and RoHS and REACH compliant. The majority of our products comply with the GADSL Reference List dated February 2017



### Wear Properties

High abrasion and cut through resistance combined with a low coefficient of friction



### Chemical Resistance

Resistant to aggressive automotive fluids (ATF, AdBlue®, oils, etc.), excellent ageing resistance to additives used in automotive lubricants



### Easy Processing

1-shot injection molding process allows for optimized part design and eliminates the need for secondary processing steps and saves labor, space, machine invest



### Hydrolysis Resistance

Low moisture absorption, resistant to steam, with low permeability



### Electrical Properties

Maintained over a wide frequency and temperature range, improved dielectric strength vs. PI/PTFE



### Mechanical Strength

Excellent strength, dimensional stability and stiffness as well as long-term creep and fatigue properties



### Light Weight

Enabling reduced mass and MOI, lower energy consumption, improved CO<sub>2</sub> efficiency and system cost reduction

From our beginnings as the first company to commercialise PEEK, we have continually pioneered new materials and created new markets. We are proud to be responsible for many world-leading firsts that have shaped the polymers industry.



Confidence Through Reliable, Proven  
and Cost-Effective Material Solutions

10+

million gears in automotive  
applications made with  
VICTREX™ PEEK

35+  
years

of collaboration with  
market leaders along  
the value chain



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