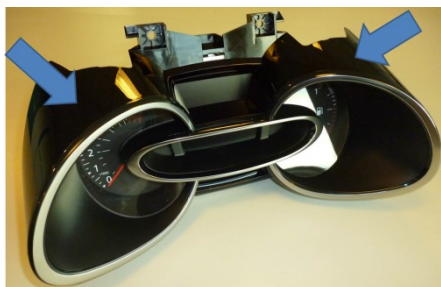


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A First in Europe: Mitsubishi Chemical's DURABIO™ Bio-based Engineering Plastic Adopted for Outer Mask for Speedometer-Tachometer Combo of Renault's New Clio

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DURABIO™ adopted by outer mask for speedometer-tachometer combo



New generation Clio

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Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation (MCC; Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Hiroaki Ishizuka) today announced that French automaker Renault has adopted MCC's DURABIO™ bio-based engineering plastic for the outer mask for speedometer-tachometer combo of the new generation Clio (called the Lutecia in Japan), which was introduced on June 6, 2016. This marks the first use of DURABIO™ by a European automaker.

DURABIO™, developed by MCC, is a bio-based engineering plastic made from plant-derived isosorbide. It features excellent performance as it offers higher resistance to impact, heat, and weather than conventional engineering plastics. Additional benefits include ease of coloring – DURABIO™ can be simply mixed with pigment to create glossy, high reflective surfaces – as well its hardness, enhancing durability and scratch resistance. These advantages eliminate the need for a coating process.

Renault selected DURABIO™ after a careful evaluation that showed the material is equal or superior to conventional materials (for decorative parts painted high-gloss black) in terms of aesthetics, technical performance, and cost effectiveness. MCC will build on this opportunity to expand sales of DURABIO™ in Europe.

MCC continues research and development on high-performance products and production of environment-friendly, high value-added products.

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