

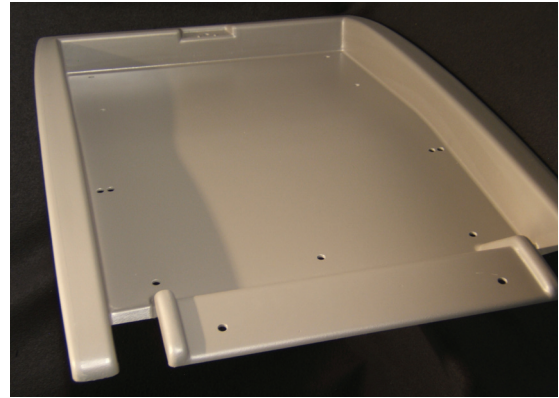
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Advanced Thermoplastic Sheet for Rail Interiors Meets Safety Code Compliance Requirements

Sheffield Plastics has announced the availability of their Bayblend MTR extruded thermoplastic sheet. It is ideal for thermoformed rail interior parts including structural seating components, wall cladding, window reveals, and ceiling panels. Bayblend MTR sheet complies with Federal Railroad Administration 49 CFR Part 238 Appendix B for flammability and smoke generation as well as the criteria set forth in the Bombardier Transportation Standard SMP 800-C for toxic gas generation.



Bayblend MTR has a lower specific gravity, coupled with higher stiffness, strength, and toughness compared to typical non-metallic materials used for mass transportation interior components. This allows for design of thinner and lighter parts, not requiring secondary reinforcement or stiffeners after fabrication. Bayblend MTR is available in multiple textures and colors and is resistant to typical cleaning chemicals. It can be laminated with protective and decorative films and can be painted to provide a high gloss finish on both internal and external rail car parts.

Sheffield Plastics Inc., a Bayer MaterialScience Company, is a global leader in high performance plastics. Sheffield continues its leadership in polycarbonate technology with new processes, product innovations and superior optics. For more information, contact Sheffield Plastics Inc. at 1-800-254-1707; fax 1-800-457-3553; write 119 Salisbury Road, Sheffield, MA 01257; or visit www.sheffieldplastics.com.

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