

No Need for Adhesives! A New Solution to Change Structural Design

New Joining Solution for Composite Materials : ADL Anchor formation and Dissimilar material joining method with Laser



Background



Weight reduction to improve fuel and electric costs is required

High tensile steel
Cold Spot Joining (CSJ)
Synchro-feed Evolution

Plastic + metal Laser joining system "ADL"

Aluminum + Steel
Laser-Arc Hybrid Joining

Plastic + Metal joining - Issues in Conventional Method



| Conventional method | Cost | Cycle time | Handling |
|-----------------------|------|------------|-----------|
| Silane coupling agent | High | Long | Difficult |
| Adhesive | High | Long | OK |
| Mechanical fastening | High | OK | OK |





Adaptability to production line has some issues



Laser joining system "ADL" solves this problem!

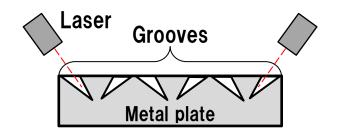
ADL (Anchor formation and Dissimilar material joining method with Laser)



Realization of direct joining of plastics and metals with anchor effect

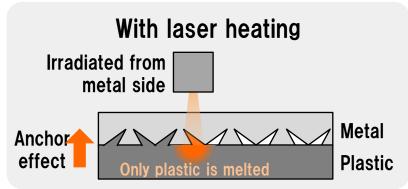
Method: forming grooves by laser[∗]

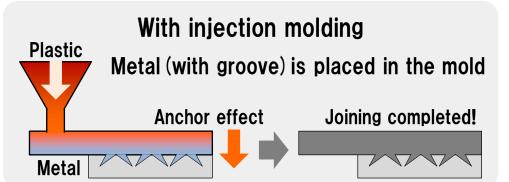
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Anchor effect: The plastic is penetrated into grooves and strong joint is achieved







Evaluation results



Tensile Strength Test: Strength to rupture at plastic plate confirmed!

(Joint with laser heating)

PP: Polypropylene GF: Glass fiber

PPS: Polyphenylene sulfide



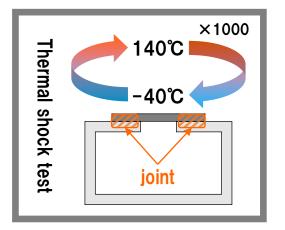


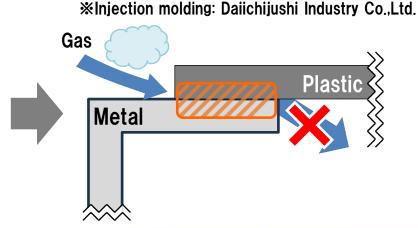
Thermal Shock Test: Strength to rupture at plastic plate and high airtightness confirmed!

(Injection molding*)



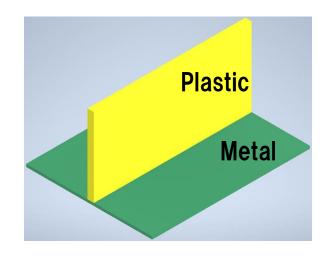
Thermal shock test specimen



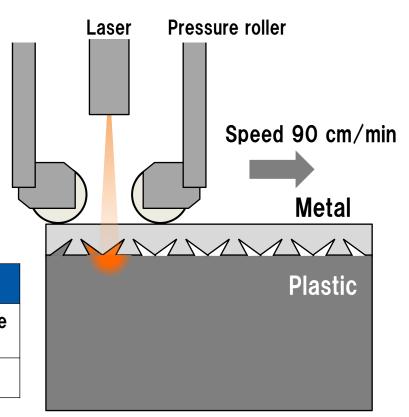


Performance





| | Plastic | Metal | |
|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Material type | Polypropylene | Galvanized steel plate GA 45/45 | |
| Thickness | t8 mm | t1.6 mm | |





Plastics and metals joining system "ADL" contributes to weight reduction of car bodies.

