Effects of Ultraviolet-C Irradiation on Aircraft Cabin Interiors

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Research Team

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Background

Effects of Ultraviolet-C Irradiation on Aircraft Cabin Interiors

Motivation & Key Issues

- Covid-19 pandemic outbreak.
- Increased aircraft disinfection procedures enforced by regulatory bodies.

Objective & Scope

- Evaluate and understand the long-term effects of use of disinfectants on aircraft interiors.
- Project scope extends to liquid and ultraviolet-c disinfection on aircraft cabin and seating materials.

Approach

- Identify the commonly used disinfectants for aircraft interior cleaning.
- Subject the materials to accelerated disinfection experiments.
- Evaluate the effects on mechanical properties, flammability, weight and color.



Project Overview





Project Scope

Effects of Ultraviolet-C Irradiation on Aircraft Cabin Interiors

Aircraft Cabin & Seating Interiors

Plastics –

- Kydex 6565
- Boltaron 9815N
- Boltaron 9815E Ultem 9075
- Lexan XHR
- Ultem 9085

Honeycomb –

Nomex core with fiberglass/phenolic resin

Composite –

Fiberglass (G-10/FR4)

Accelerated UV-C Disinfection

Wavelength Configurations

- 222 nm
- 253.4 nm &
- 280 nm



Ultraviolet-C Wavelength Test Matrix

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Ultraviolet Irradiation – Overview

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Continuous UV-C irradiation -

- Monochromatic lamps 254 nm, 222 nm
 - Low pressure, medium pressure mercury lamps.
 - Excimer lamps.
- Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) 280 nm



UV Critical Parameters

UV Dose = UV Intensity x Exposure Time

- UV Dose (mJ/cm²): amount of irradiation absorbed per unit area.
- UV Intensity (mW/cm²): power passing through a unit area perpendicular to the direction of propogation.
- Exposure Time (s): duration of the UV dose .

[1] Ben, Ma et al, UV Inactivation of SARS-CoV-2 across the UVC Spectrum: KrCl* Excimer, Mercury-Vapor, and Light-Emitting-Diode (LED) Sources, Applied and Environmental Biology, Oct 2021.



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Wavelength Configuration: 222 nm

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UV-C Source: Ushio Care222 B1 Illuminator



Single Treatment Dose: 3 mJ/cm² [2]

Average Intensity (mW/cm²)	Cumulative Time (Years)	Cumulative Dosage (mJ/cm ²)	Exposure Duration (minutes)
	One	1095	23.5
0.78	Four	4380	94
	Eight	8760	188

[2] Kitagawa, Hiroki et al, Effectiveness of 222-nm ultraviolet light on disinfecting SARS-CoV-2 surface contamination, American Journal of Infection Control, 2020.



Wavelength Configuration: 253.4 nm

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UV-C Source: Rayonet Photoreactor







UV-C Source: LightTech



Average Intensity (mW/cm²)	Cumulative Time (Years)	Cumulative Dosage (mJ/cm²)	Exposure Duration (minutes)
	One	14600	18.4
13.2	Four	58400	73.6
	Eight	116800	147.2

Average Intensity (mW/cm ²)	Cumulative Time (Years)	Cumulative Dosage (mJ/cm ²)	Exposure Duration (minutes)
	One	14600	46
5.28	Four	58400	184
	Eight	116800	368

[3] International Ultraviolet Association, Advice for the selection and operation of equipment for the UV disinfection of air and surfaces.

Single Treatment Dose: 40 mJ/cm² [3]

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Wavelength Configuration: 280 nm

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UV-C Source: Aquisense 24G UVinaire



[4] Inagaki, Hiroko et al, Rapid inactivation of SARS-CoV-2 with deep-UV LED irradiation, Emerging Microbes & Infections, 2020.



Single Treatment Dose: 37.5 mJ/cm² [4]

Average Intensity (mW/cm²)	Cumulative Time (Years)	Cumulative Dosage (mJ/cm ²)	Exposure Duration (minutes)
	One	13687.5	22.5
10.14	Four	54750	90
	Eight	109500	180



Mechanical Test Setup



Experiment: Tension

Mechanical Test Setup

- Mechanical Test Method: Uniaxial tensile experiments
- Test Standard: ASTM D638
- Test Equipment: MTS electrodynamic test frame
- Instrumentation: DIC for elongation measurements



Test Coupon With Stickers For DIC

Tensile Test Setup



	Tensile Test Matrix												
		Wavelength Configuration											
Plactic Type	222	nm		253.4 nm		280	nm						
Plastic Type			Cumula	tive Time	(Years)	-							
	Four	Eight	One	Four	Eight	Four	Eight						
Kydex 6565	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3						
Boltaron 9815E	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3						
Lexan XHR	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3						
Boltaron 9815N	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3						
Ultem 9075	x 3	x 3	-	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3						
Ultem 9085	x 3	x 3	-	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3						



Experiment: Flexure

Mechanical Test Setup

- Mechanical Test Method: Flexure
- Test Standard: ASTM D7249
- Test Equipment: MTS electrodynamic test frame

		Flexu	ire Tes	t Matri	ix				
			Wavelength Configuration	ו					
Specimen Type	222 nm				253.4 nm	ו	280 nm		
		Cumulative Time (Years)							_
	One	Four	Eight	One	Four	Eight	One	Four	Eight
Honeycomb [Nomex core with fiberglass/phenolic resin]	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3

Flexure Test Setup



Test Coupon Nominal Dimensions

Overall length [L], in	24.0
Overall width [W], in	3.0
Panel thickness [T], in	0.4



Experiment: Short Beam Shear

Mechanical Test Setup

- Mechanical Test Method: Short beam shear
- Test Standard: ASTM D2344
- Test Equipment: MTS electrodynamic test frame

		Shor	t Beam	n Sheai	Test N	/latrix			
			,	Wavelen	gth Conf	iguratior	ו		
Specimen	222 nm 253.4 nm						280 nm		
Туре				Cumula	tive Time	e (Years)			
	One	Four	Eight	One	Four	Eight	One	Four	Eight
Fiberglass G- 10/FR4	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3	x 3

Test Coupon Nominal	Overall length [L], in	1.50	
Dimensions	Overall width [W], in	0.50	
	Panel thickness [T], in	0.25	

Short Beam Shear Test Setup







Results & Discussion



Kydex 6565: Color Evaluation

Results & Discussion

Pristine



222nm; 4,380 mJ/cm²



222 nm; 8,760 mJ/cm²







253.4 nm; 58,400 mJ/cm²



253.4 nm; 116,800 mJ/cm²



280 nm; 54,750 mJ/cm²



280 nm; 109,500 mJ/cm²





Kydex 6565: Mechanical Properties





Kydex 6565: Test Data Comparison





Boltaron 9815E: Color Evaluation

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Boltaron 9815E: Mechanical Properties





Boltaron 9815E: Test Data Comparison





Lexan XHR: Color Evaluation

Results & Discussion

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253.4 nm; 14,600 mJ/cm²

253.4 nm; 58,400 mJ/cm²



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Lexan XHR: Mechanical Properties





Lexan XHR: Test Data Comparison





Boltaron 9815N: Color Evaluation

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Boltaron 9815N: Mechanical Properties





Boltaron 9815N: Test Data Comparison





Ultem 9075: Color Evaluation

Results & Discussion

Pristine



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253.4 nm; 58,400 mJ/cm²

253.4 nm; 116,800 mJ/cm²



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280 nm; 109,500 mJ/cm²





Ultem 9075: Mechanical Properties





Ultem 9075: Test Data Comparison



Ultem 9085: Color Evaluation

Results & Discussion

Pristine



222nm; 4,380 mJ/cm²



222 nm; 8,760 mJ/cm²





253.4 nm; 58,400 mJ/cm²

253.4 nm; 116,800 mJ/cm²



280 nm; 54,750 mJ/cm²



280 nm; 109,500 mJ/cm²





Ultem 9085: Mechanical Properties





Ultem 9085: Test Data Comparison





Honeycomb Type A: Color Evaluation



Honeycomb Type A: Mechanical Properties





Honeycomb Type A: Test Data Comparison





Fiberglass Laminate: Color Evaluation





Fiberglass Laminate: Mechanical Properties



Fiberglass Laminate: Test Data Comparison





Summary & Conclusions



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Properties Evaluated

- Mechanical properties.
- Change in color.

Conclusions – Change in Color

Wavelength Configuration	Dosage (mJ/cm ²)	Kydex 6565	Boltaron 9815E	Lexan XHR	Boltaron 9815N	Ultem 9075	Ultem 9085		
222	4,380								
222 nm	8,760							Qı	alitative Assessment
	14,600					N/A	N/A		No Color Change
253.4 nm	58,400								Changes in Color
	116,800								changes in color
222	54,750								
280 nm	109,500								

Conclusions – Change in Color (Cont.)

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Change in	Color Compared	to Pristine Specim	ens
Wavelength Configuration	Dosage (mJ/cm ²)	Honeycomb [Nomex core with Fiberglass/Phenolic]	Fiberglass G-10/FR4 (FG1)
	1,095		
222 nm	4,380		
	8,760		
	14,600		
253.4 nm	58,400		
	116,800		
	13,687.5		
280 nm	54,750		
	109,500		

Qualitative Assessment

No Color Change

Changes in Color



Conclusions – Yield Stress (Plastics)

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Percentage Difference Compared to Pristine Specimens – Yield Stress (Avg.)										
Wavelength Configuration	Dosage (mJ/cm ²)	Kydex 6565	Boltaron 9815E	Lexan XHR	Boltaron 9815N	Ultem 9075	Ultem 9085			
Avg. Pristine (psi)	N/A	7548.1	5521.3	10328.4	6636.3	11776.0	10496.1			
	4,380	-4.12	2.16	-4.24	-8.39	4.59	3.69			
222 nm	8,760	-10.39	1.88	1.25	-9.61	3.87	3.62			
	14,600	-2.61	2.45	2.10	-3.97	N/A	N/A			
253.4 nm	58,400	-5.53	4.06	0.80	3.46	4.65	3.29			
	116,800	-5.04	5.54	1.52	-2.15	4.27	6.01			
202	54,750	-3.90	2.63	1.72	-1.71	4.12	4.39			
280 nm	109,500	-4.51	3.26	-1.09	-1.90	4.05	4.37			



between 5-10%

> 10%



Conclusions – Tensile Strength (Plastics)

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Percentage Difference Compared to Pristine Specimens – Tensile Strength (Avg.)										
Wavelength Configuration	Dosage (mJ/cm ²)	Kydex 6565	Boltaron 9815E	Lexan XHR	Boltaron 9815N	Ultem 9075	Ultem 9085			
Avg. Pristine (psi)	N/A	6680.5	5180.4	10147.8	5263.5	9722.5	8748.4	Perc	Percentage Difference Compared to Pristine Specimens	
222 nm	4,380	-16.49	-9.25	-10.47	-9.66	9.27	4.59	Com		
	8,760	-16.55	-6.24	0.04	-12.33	12.22	9.79		< 5%	
253.4 nm	14,600	-4.36	-3.14	-3.72	-2.49	N/A	N/A		hetween 5-'	
	58,400	-13.28	-6.79	0.70	-2.07	-1.65	5.42		> 10%	
	116,800	-19.20	-6.67	-2.18	-7.16	11.11	8.74		/ 10/0	
280 nm	54,750	-9.12	0.26	-5.21	-6.42	7.78	4.26			
	109,500	-9.40	-0.37	-7.09	-6.18	12.89	8.62			



between 5-10%

Conclusions – Honeycomb & Composite

Percentage Difference Compared to Pristine Specimens							
Wavelength Configuration	Dosage (mJ/cm ²)	Honeycomb – Maximum Load	Fiberglass – Short Beam Strength				
Avg. Pristine (psi)	N/A	152.4	9250.1				
	1,095	-2.45	-0.91				
222 nm	4,380	Honeycomb – Maximum Load 152.4 -2.45 -2.75 -0.22 -9.66 -1.28 -0.24 5.52 -3.47 -0.74	-0.16				
	8,760	-0.22	-0.75				
	14,600	-9.66	-0.56				
253.4 nm	Dosage (mJ/cm²)Honeycomb – Maximum LoadN/A152.41,095-2.454,380-2.754,380-2.758,760-0.2214,600-9.6658,400-1.28116,800-0.2413,687.55.5254,750-3.47109,500-0.74	-1.28	-0.80				
	116,800	-1.28 -0.24	-0.23				
	13,687.5	5.52	-2.21				
280 nm	54,750	-3.47	-0.91				
	109,500	-9.66 -1.28 -0.24 5.52 -3.47 -0.74	-0.26				







Possible Explanations & Notes to Consider

- Critical parameters within the three wavelength configurations
 - Irradiance.
 - Distance between the light source and the specimens.
 - Exposure duration.
 - Heat from the UV-C lamps.
- UV-C induced material degradation photon excitation energy.
- International Ultraviolet Association (IUVA) Task Force: detailed research studies with a similar statement of work.



Ongoing & Future Work

- Other materials currently being evaluated from aircraft cabin and flight deck are:
 - Lexan 9600
 - Poly II Acrylic.
- Report under review and to be published by FAA.



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