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### LIFE RESKIBOOT MID-TERM SECTORIAL TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

### **Design for recycling**

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### Thermal Insulation Analysis of the Liner





0 seconds



300 seconds





On field tests of the skiboot





We defined a protocol to follow for on field tests using the Xsense IMU system and pressure sensor to evaluate the kinematics of the ski and to be then included in the tests at the walkmeter.



### Thermal Insulation Analysis of the Liner



#### **Results:**

There is no significant difference between the curves we measured on liners with different days of use, so the time of use has NO EFFECT on the insulation properties of the liner.

#### **Conclusion:**

If there will be a loss or increase of the insulating capacity in the recycled liner it will not be due to the past of the materiales.



**\$FLIR** 20.5

20 days of use







(-20%) on the flex properties of the boot.



Aged material mechanical characterization



We investigated whether the reason for the flex reduction. With the tensile test on the materials we can claim that, there are no differences on the Young Modulus, Tensile Strenght and Elongation at break connected with the use of the skiboot.



### Rivets replacement



Therefore the 20% reduction on the flex property of the skiboot is not given by a degradation of the materal but by other factors such as the loss of closure of the rivets and the hook system.

For this reason it was decided to replace the rivets with screws in order to be replaced in case of performance loss.





FEM Model Setup



Fem model of the existing skiboot was created and validated thanks to the experimental tests on the walkmeter.



DIC analysis and FEM Model validation



Thanks to the use of the DIC (Digital image correlation) it was possible to validate the results of the FEM analysis and have a starting point for the redesign with topological optimization of the boot.



Techno economic analysis of the process



To perform the recycling processes with third-part existing companies at least 30000 skiboots are needed (60000-70000 are desirable for good values of profit) while, to build up a dedicated recycling plant from zero, at least 100000-110000 skiboots have to be available (140000-180000 are desirable for good and fast returns).



Recycled material characterization



Sample	R-TPU 1	R-TPU 2	R-TPU 3	R-TPU 4	R-TPU 5	Average	Gap
Modulus (MPa)	311.13	320.22	322.76	342.04	314.43	322.17	+109%
T.S. Max (MPa)	18.41	16.99	15.77	18.42	18.7	17.65	-62%
Elongation at break (mm/mm)	2.46	2.02	1.29	2.24	2.36	2.07	-78%

From laboratory tests on TPU samples it is clear that the material remains perfectly suitable for the manufacturing of new ski boots.

### THANK YOU FOR THE ATTENTION!









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