

Press Release

Recaro Original Equipment Manufacturing

Opel goes for new polymer seat technology in the Corsa OPC

The hybrid seat for the new Corsa OPC uses the new polymer seat technology from Recaro – a technology that is not only affordable, but also boundless in its applications.

Motor sport feeling without sacrificing comfort was the premises upon which the vehicle seat for the new top-of-the-range Opel Corsa was developed. Recaro, brand seat manufacturer, has decided on a new production technology that is set to make shell seats available to a wider general public. Until recently, carbon or glass fibre seat shells made by elaborate manual work were used only for expensive vehicle models in small batch numbers.

The use of polymer materials in the casting process has now brought about a cost-effective solution.

This process is extremely versatile: it has practically endless potentials in terms of design and functionality, enabling the car makers to develop bespoke seat solutions suitable for a particular target group. Besides a sporty seat design and pronounced lateral support, the Corsa OPC seat also features an airbag.

The optional leather variant also comes with seat heating.

This new technology is consolidating Recaro's position as an original equipment manufacturer primarily for premium and sports cars. This southern Germany-based family business exclusively fits seats into luxury cars such as the Aston Martin Vantage, the Lamborghini Gallardo and the Ferrari 599 GTB: Recaro is also often the first choice when car makers offer high-end models or high-value limited editions. Now, with the Opel Corsa, Recaro now equips the entire Opel OPC range.

Recaro: Strictly High Performance!

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Fig.: Corsa OPC – Seat of RECARO



About the company:

Recaro is an independent company in the internationally active Keiper Recaro Group which operates at a total of 34 locations world-wide. About 8,000 people are employed in the three divisions Keiper, Recaro und Recaro Aircraft Seating in the manufacture of high quality products in the field of mobile seating for vehicles and aircraft. The group achieved sales of about one billion Euro in 2005.

Recaro is a well established company; founded in 1906 by the master saddler Wilhelm Reutter – initially as a body factory -, Recaro can look back over a 100-year company history. Reuter produced bodies for vehicles such as the Porsche 356, VW Beetle, BMW 328, Horch and many other well-known brands. The Recaro brand evolved from combining the name REutter with CAR body. The first Recaro sports seat was presented in 1965. After the merger with the Keiper company in 1969, Recaro operated as an independent member of the Keiper Recaro family and is constantly redefining mobile seating with revolutionary innovations.