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New Textile Appearance Laminates Look Like Fabric, Wear Like Armor

Cologne, November 29, 2005: The appearance of fabric, the durability and stain resistance of a laminate. Schneller Inc. introduces *Indura GTglas Fabric Simulating Designs*... providing optimum wear and impact resistance for high traffic or damage prone areas such as wainscot panels, luggage rack cove ceilings, corridors and bulkheads. These flexible laminates combine textile like textures with solid colors or custom prints providing the depth and dimension of real fabrics. The big difference? Low maintenance, easy to clean surfaces for years to come.

“The secret to the easy to clean surface,” claims Matt Miklos, Schneller’s General Manager of Transportation Products, “is a clear fluoropolymer surface layer inherent to all Indura decorative laminates.” This protective shield is said to provide an anti-graffiti barrier as well as UV protection. Concealed inside this engineered laminate is a woven glass reinforcing layer which resists tearing, provides impact protection for the substrate panel, and masks minor panel imperfections. All this protection while remaining flexible to cover two dimensional surfaces.

The material can be applied “in-car” without time consuming panel removal. The solvent-free factory applied pressure sensitive adhesive is compatible with most surfaces and designed for initial repositioning yet optimized long term peel strength.

“GTglas is a real winner for the transit authorities,” claims Miklos, “Older cars can be refurbished without the time and cost associated with removing panels and having them shipped to a sub-contractor for painting... and even the harshest of stains can be easily wiped clean with a mild detergent.”

Schneller also provides Indura GTfilm, 3D forming laminates and Indura GTform, in-mold decorative for 3D composite parts, for the balance of the rail car interior décor.

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