

# OPTIMIZING PART THICKNESS: 2018 ŠKODA OCTAVIA FRONT BUMPER

SOLUTION STORY: EXTERIORS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Molded with SABIC® 8650 PP compound
- Thickness-optimized solution (2.5 mm)
- Up to 10% mass reduction, 7% weight savings
- High melt flow
- Excellent impact-stiffness balance
- Low shrinkage
- Cost-out
- 2017 SPE TPO Conference Innovation Award, Exterior category



## SHORT STORY

Working with Magna Exteriors to support this program, SABIC provided a polypropylene compound material solution to achieve a 2.5 mm thin-wall molded fascia. The material with high melt flow, high stiffness/impact allowed for less material to be used resulting in a 10 percent reduction in mass for a 7 percent weight savings and substantial direct cost savings.

Magna Exteriors uses a torsional welding process, which features a high-speed twisting motion that creates enough friction-based heat to join a plastic bracket to the thermoplastic fascia.

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