

Changing the Way We Drive Demand for Biobased Products in Automotive



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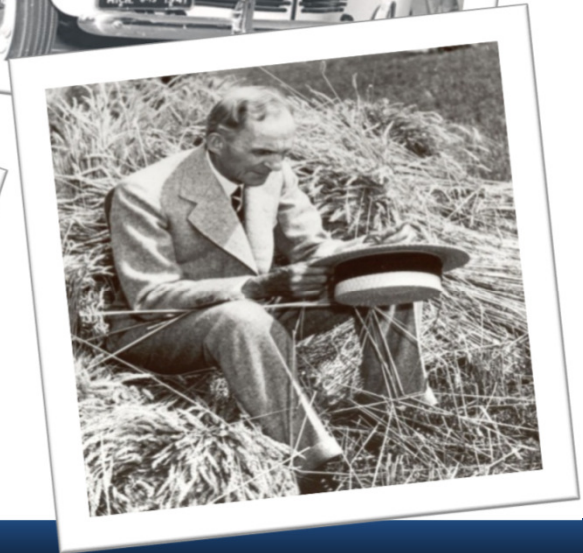
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Ford Sustainability Report – 2018/2019



Our Aspirational Goals

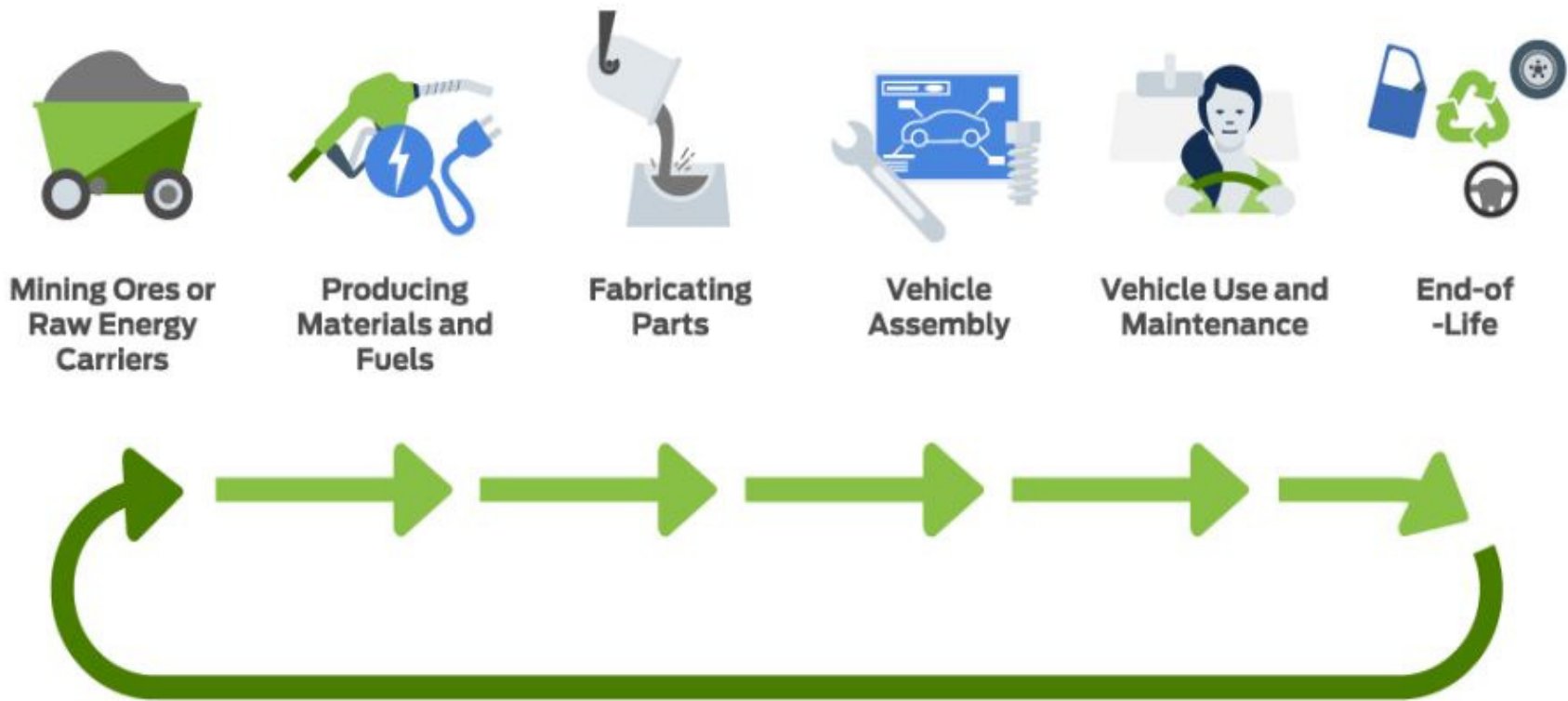
-  We support CO₂ reductions consistent with the Paris Climate Accord
-  We aspire to achieve zero air emissions from our facilities
-  We will use 100 percent renewable energy for all manufacturing plants globally by 2035
-  We will achieve true zero waste to landfill across our operations
-  We will eliminate single-use plastics from our operations by 2030
-  We will make zero water withdrawals for manufacturing processes
-  We aspire to use freshwater for human consumption only
-  We aspire to only use recycled and renewable plastics in our vehicles globally

Key Points Related to Biobased Technologies;

- 1) Fuel economy – Sustainable Technologies and Alternative Fuels Plan
 - Ecoboost, advanced fuel injection, reduced vehicle weight
 - Biofuels – Next generation made from plant cellulose (stems, leaves)
 - Electric vehicles
- 2) LCA – Analytical tools used to understand the environmental impact of our vehicles
- 3) Sustainable materials – Focus on recycled and renewable sourcing



Life Cycle Assessment



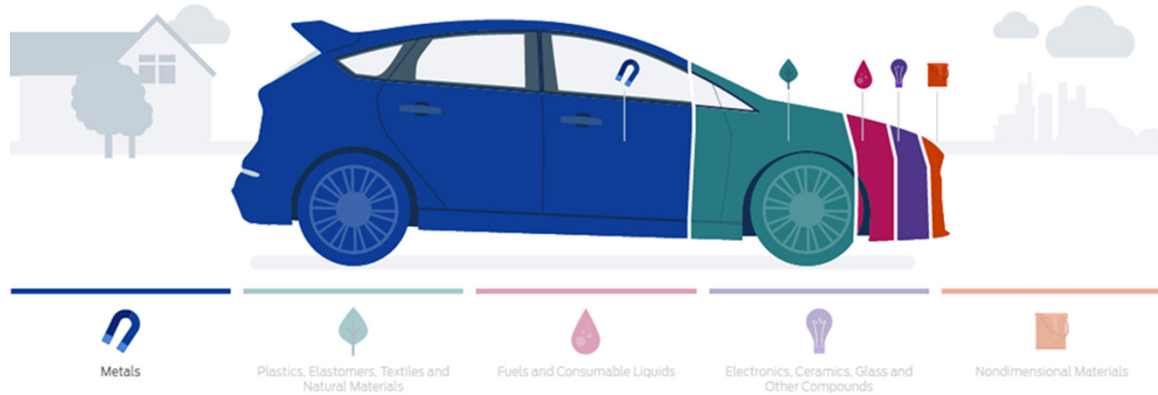
Ford Sustainable Materials Strategy

What's in a Vehicle?

Up to
40,000
parts

1,000
different materials

10,000
chemical substances



Renewable Material Use⁹⁹?

- Castor bean oil: nylon fuel lines and soft-touch foams in instrument panels
- Soy-based polyurethane foam: seat backs, cushions and head restraints
- Rice hulls: reinforced plastic in electrical harnesses
- Coconut husk fibers: reinforced plastic trunk liners
- Cellulose-reinforced plastic: replaced fiberglass in armrests and consoles
- Wheat straw: reinforced plastic in storage bins
- Kenaf (a species of hibiscus): molded plastic door parts

Recycled Material Use⁹⁹?

- Rubber from post-consumer tires: underbody covers and exterior mirror gaskets
- Aluminum recycled at some Ford factories: truck bodies
- Recycled plastic bottles: carpeting and wheel liners
- Scrap cotton from T-shirt and denim jean production: interior padding and sound insulation
- Post-industrial/post-consumer PET from recycled bottles: seat fabrics
- Post-consumer nylon carpeting: cylinder head covers



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CAN WE MOVE SOCIETY CLOSER TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY?

With a vehicle typically containing hundreds of different metals, plastics, fabrics and composites, manufacturers are increasingly looking to use renewable and recycled materials that have a reduced life-cycle impact, as long as they provide equivalent or superior performance.



OUR GOAL

We aspire to only use **recycled and renewable plastics** in our vehicles globally



Typical Recipes of Foams, Plastics, and Rubber

Foams: ~40lbs/vehicle

- Isocyanate
- *Polyol*
- *Fillers*

Plastics: ~ 400lbs/vehicle

- Polymer
- *Fillers*

Rubber: ~20lbs/vehicle

- Polymer
- *Fillers*
- *Oil*

Biobased Modifications

- *Polyol*
 - *Soy*
 - *Algae*
 - *CO₂*
- *Fillers*
 - *Cellulose*

Biobased Modifications

- *Fillers*
 - *Wheat Straw*
 - *Rice Hulls*
 - *Wood Fiber*
 - *Crustaceans*
 - *Biochar*
 - *Agave*

Biobased Modifications

- *Fillers*
 - *Eggshells*
 - *Cellulose*
- *Oil*
 - *Soy*



Opportunities – Use of Bio-based Materials

Light weighting

8-20% reduction in part weight



Health & Wellness

VOC & Odor
Interior Air Quality
Natural Looking Environment



Green

Reduced dependence on petroleum products



Guiding Factors;

- Customer desires a seamless, calming environment – how we get there is not as important to them.
- Targets are low cost and sustainable.



In Production and Targeted for Production



Soy foam – All NA seat backs, seat cushions and headrests (soy polyol)

Soy in rubber – Slap pad on F-150 (soy oil)



Cellulose – Armrest reinforcement on the MKZ

Cellulose/glass fiber hybrid - Console reinforcement on the Continental



Wheat straw - Bin on the Flex



Rice hulls – Electrical bracket on the F-150

31,251 beans/vehicle
510 M soybeans!
20+ Million vehicles
251 M lbs CO2 reduction

Images
*aicr.org
*Bioplastics News
*haystraws.com
*ricehull.com



Soybean Oil in Natural Rubber

Slap pad purpose

Minimize metal to metal contact of the leaf springs.

Key part attributes

NVH performance and durability

Four natural rubber slap pads per vehicle.



First application of soybean oil in an automotive natural rubber part



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Hybrid Composites – Console Substrate



Δ Weight:	-24%
Δ Cost:	-13%
Δ Uniqueness:	Industry first- sustainable hybrid composites



Rice Hulls Filled Composites



Δ Weight:	-14%
Δ Cost:	-Neutral
Δ Uniqueness:	Green industry first and circular economy



“Green” Under Hood Covers

SOURCE



RAW MATERIAL



END USE



Δ Weight:	-4%
Δ Cost:	Neutral
Δ Uniqueness:	Industry first for under-the-hood.



Coffee Chaff - Headlamp Housings



Δ Weight:	-17%
Δ Cost:	-5%
Δ Uniqueness:	Green industry first, circular



Agave Fiber Filled Composites



Δ Weight:	-14%
Δ Cost:	-Neutral
Δ Uniqueness:	Green industry first, circular economy



ON THE HORIZON

Ford Continues to Lead with Soy Foam Air Filter

- Highest bio content (30% soy-based polyol) foam formulation in the automotive industry
- Industry first bio-foam for under the hood applications requiring high heat and durability
- Producing over 3 million air filters per year for F-150, F-250, Transit and Mustang
- Continued Ford leadership in sustainable materials development
- Partners : Cargill and Mann+Hummel



Ford and Mann & Hummel teams after successful molding trial



2050 Aspirational Goal: Sustainable Materials



Castor-based under-hood plastic ducts & pipes



Image Source:
<https://www.gardenia.net/plant/Ricinus-Communis-Carmencita-Castor-Oil-Plant>

Algae-based and/or Carbon Dioxide-based seats



Image Source:
<http://algix.com/about/history/>

Tree cellulose-based floor console substrate



Image Source:
https://www.researchgate.net/figure/267762389_Fig-1-Photographs-of-a-ficus-tree-b-raw-fiber-c-extracted-cellulose-microfibrils-from



Dandelion-based seals and gaskets

Image Source:
<https://www.naturessunshine.com.au/blogs/health-articles/147796423-dandelion-root>

Bamboo-based instrument panel substrate



Image Source:
<https://www.indiamart.com/salasar-alloy-steel/other-products.html>

Guyale-based tires



Image Source:
<http://lifeofplant.blogspot.com/2011/02/plants-with-potential.html>

Coffee chaff-based headlamp housings



Image Source:
<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/640285271993883148/>



Recycled-currency for coin tray



Image Source:
<http://contemporarybasketry.blogspot.com/2014/02/paperrecycled.html>



Imagine replacing 100% of the plastic components used in our vehicles with more Earth-friendly options!

Stakeholders



Raw Material Suppliers



Semi-Finished
Material Suppliers



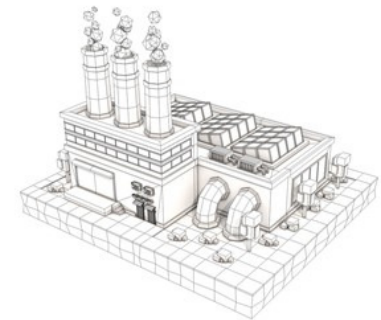
Tier 1 Suppliers



Government Agencies



Universities



OEMs

Partnerships and the sharing of experiences is key!



Partnership Example 1

- Bioplastic Feedstock Alliance, Plant-based PET Consortium



Additional Partners – Biobased Materials



And so many more....

Key Takeaways

- 1) Create demand & enthusiasm – everyone wants to utilize sustainable materials if the business case is positive!
- 2) Don't give up if it fails the first time but recognize the limitations of the material.
- 3) Partnerships at all levels of development.
 - With the supply base, non-competitive industries, government agencies, and universities.
 - Common goals – singing the same tune!
- 4) Committed individuals at all levels to drive the technology.
- 5) Sharing of knowledge to drive incorporation.
 - Improves sourcing/availability.
 - Provides initiative to plant crops.



Thank you for your attention!

