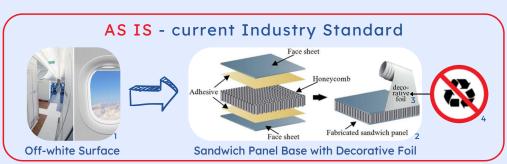


# SUSTAINABLE SURFACES



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### **Problem Statement**





## **Grading System**

The materials and assembly methods are evaluated across several criteria within a 0-5 grading scale. The grades are afterwards weighed with the importance of the criterion (1-3) to receive a final grade on the scale of 0-5.

#### **Materials**

- Fire resistance (instant ignition to natural resistance)
- Durability & Scratch Resistance (strength & hardness) Importance
- Recyclability (ease of recycling)
- Color options (none to full palette)
- Density (lower, better)

#### **Assembly Methods**

- Detachability (easy to not detachable)
- Surface Quality (consistency, ease of application)
- Reparability (easy & cheap to not repairable)



### **Material Database**



### Top 5 High Performance Materials



(Polybutylene Terephalate)



(Polycarbonate)



(Polyphenylene Ether (PPE) + PS)



(Polyphenylene



Reinforced Composites

Classification

### **Assembly Methods Database**



**Assembly Method** Research



**Assembly Method Grading** 

**Top 5 Assembly Methods:** 

Methods

- 1 Geckskin (Biomimetic)
- 2 Detachable Upholstery • 3 - Fastening elements with light-curing adhesive
- 4 Thermoformed Surface Finish
- 5 Veneer and mounting process

### **Surface Technologies**



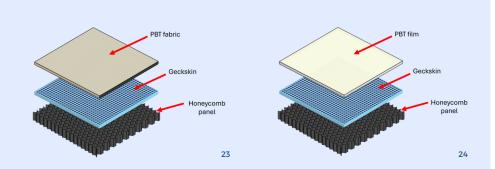
**Materials Database** 

**Assembly Database** 

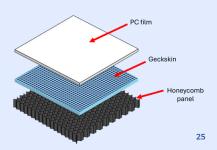
**Surface Technologies** 

- Through the information specified in both databases, it is possible to automatically generate surface technologies by combining each material to their compatible assembly methods.
- A "score" is calculated for each Surface Technology, through the weighted average of the grades from their respective material & assembly method.
- The calculated "score" is then used as reference for sorting & comparing the Surface Technologies, allowing for easy and precise assessment of the best options.

# Final Surface Technologies



With an identical final grade of 4.7/5, the top three technologies each use a thermoplastic polymer as surface material and Geckskin as assembly method.



### **Optimization Potential & Review**

#### Materials & Assembly Methods Catalogue

- utilize new & different research sources: future partners could include material technology labs at universities etc.
- limited amount of time: research was cut off to proceed with further milestones

#### **Grading System**

- elimination of subjective gradings: estimations needed to be made for some criteria due to missing detailed information
- important additional information to assess technologies is missing: e.g. strength of connection for assembly methods, availability & cost for materials

### **Surface Technologies**

- check automated mapping: detailed check & expert review of all technologies for technical feasibility
- prototyping: start rapid prototyping to shorten the list even further