

# Multi-Material Lightweight Vehicles

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# **Overview**







## **Barriers**

Timeline Start Date: 2012-Feb Mach I – As defined in the 2013 Merit End Date: 2015-Sep Review, a mass reduction of 364kg was achieved. Further mass reduction was constrained by 2012 FMVSS regulations, **Budget** donor vehicle architecture, and project scope and funding. \$20,288,755 Total Project Funding • DOE: \$10,000,000 Mach II – The availability of mature material Vehma/Ford \$10,288,755 information required for impact and fatigue CAE analysis is limited for the composite materials researched for application Budget Period 1 & 2 Funding \$15,897,536 development. While many components Expenditure of Funds to date have been designed at a 50% mass reduction, the full vehicle curb weight target DOE \$ 5,961,593 of 50% "full vehicle" mass reduction is Vehma \$ 3,372,609 proving elusive. While keeping the size and Ford \$ 2,773,175 cargo space, much of the customer comfort, convenience and quietness attributes must be compromised to achieve the target mass **Partners** reduction. Vehma International

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# **Project Objectives / Relevance**



#### **Project Objectives**

1. Design and build Mach-I prototype vehicles, maintaining donor vehicle architectural space in an effort to mass reduction potential relative to a 2002 baseline vehicle. Mach I design shall a) utilized "commercially available" or "demonstrated" materials and manufacturing processes, b) include an OEM Partner to validate and test the vehicle, c) demonstrate integration of the light weight material vehicle system into an existing OEM body shop, avoiding niche assembly/coating processes. The Mach-I concept will be prototyped using an existing production donor vehicle with new MMLV components integrated to create full vehicles and subassemblies for testing. The prototype vehicles will be tested by the OEM to validate the design, material, and process used to manufacture the light weight Mach-I vehicle design is viable for OEM production. (FMVSS, NVH, Durability, and Corrosion)

#### Mach-I Result: 23.5% Vehicle-level Mass Reduction was reported at 2013 AMR

2. Design a Mach-II concept vehicle, without architectural constraints, that will obtain a mass reduction of 50%, as compared to the 2002 Taurus baseline vehicle. Mach-II design will incorporate materials and manufacturing process that "show potential" but are not yet proven commercially viable for high volume production. Examples include magnesium wrought body components for both class A surfaces and inner panels and carbon fiber materials in structural and sheet components. The use of these materials pose a large challenge in joining and corrosion. The Mach-II design concept will identify the joint and material combinations that will need further research to mitigate corrosion and joint challenges.

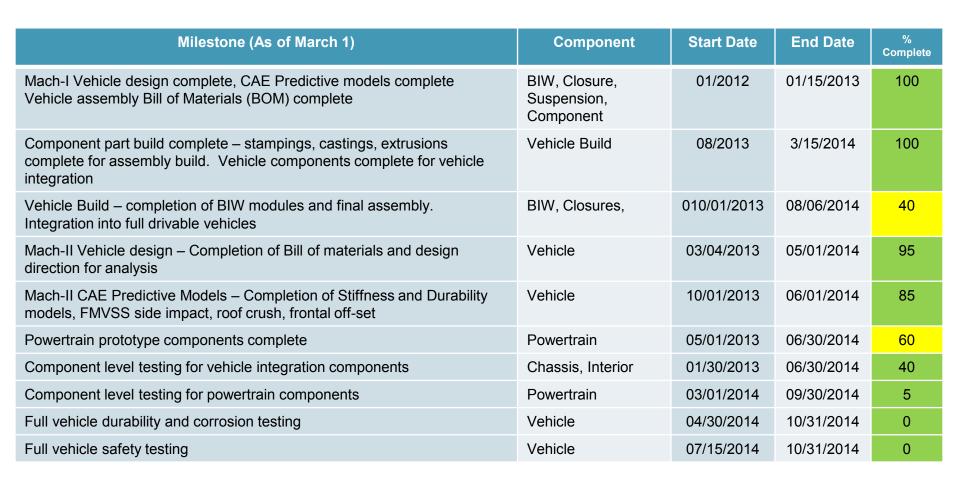
#### Mach-II Result: 2014 AMR Report

The Mach-I vehicle architecture is defined by the donor vehicle to facilitate full-vehicle integration required for vehicle testing and validation by the OEM. The Mach-I design includes a manufacturing component, which include modular assembly methods which illustrate the feasibility to build the Mach-I vehicle in an existing body shop.\* The Mach-II design will be a "new design architecture" without architecture and integration constraint imposed by the donor vehicle and existing body shop BOP.

#### Relevance

- Reducing weight is an key enabler to reducing fuel consumption.
- Lightweight vehicle architecture design
  - <u>Multi-material</u> body in white (BIW) and closure architectures do not exist in today's market for high volume competitive cost multi-material components\*.
  - High volume/low cost joining of dissimilar materials (Self Piercing Rivet, SPR) for BIW & Closures does not exist in today's market\*.
  - High volume/low costs polycarbonate and chemically toughened glass does not exist in today's market\*.

\* Technology Gap



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# **MMLV** Program



## **Vehicle Lightweighting Project**

- Baseline Vehicle:
  - 2013 Fusion
- Mach I Vehicle,
  - Existing commercially available materials & production processes
  - Establish a benchmark, without cost considerations
- Mach II Vehicle:
  - Advanced materials & processes
  - Identify technology gaps

## Timeline

## <u>Activity</u>

- ✓ Mach I Design & CAE
- Mach I Prototype Build
- Mach I Validation Test
- ✓ Mach II Design & CAE

## <u>Status</u>

completed in-process post prototype build in-process

## **Completion**

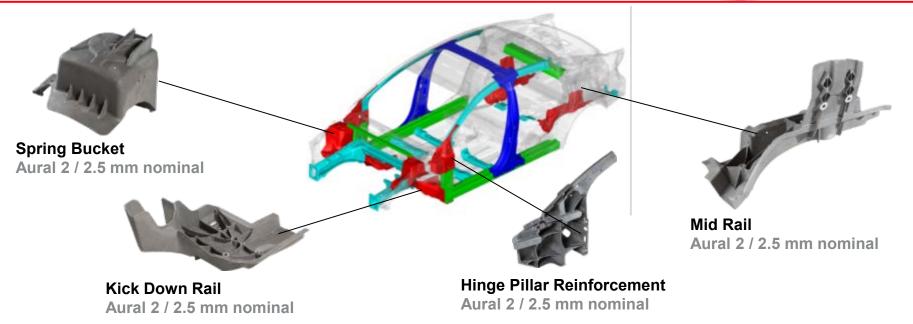
Q1 2013 Q3 2014 Q1 2015 Q2 2014

# **Technical Accomplishments** Mach-I Prototype Parts









## High Pressure Aluminum Die Castings

- Strategically designed to maximize stiffness and part count reduction.
- 7 body castings manufactured as low pressure sand cast with specialized heat treat to simulate production high pressure vacuum die casting process due to cost/timing limitations.
- Body castings will be anodized as pre-treatment for structural adhesive bonding and increased corrosion resistance.
- Front LH rail kick-down manufactured with production intent High Pressure Vacuum Die Cast process. Front LH Rail Kick-down is integral for Front Impact ODB validation and thus the program decision was production intent process for testing.

# Technical Accomplishments Mach-I Prototype Joining



Self Piercing Rivets (SPR) was the main technology used for jointing on the MMLV BIW and closures. \* Physical testing to validate joint integrity was conducted for all BIW & Closure joints. SPR joint testing will verified SPR size, die, and gun pressures needed for the specific joint. All of the joint testing is performed with adhesive in the joint to simulation the build process. This joining process is for multi-material joint and aluminum to aluminum joints where gun clearance exists in the design.

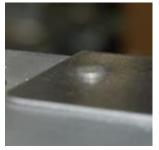
## SAMPLE OF SPR JOINT VALIDATION



#### **FLOW SCREW**



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Where SPR's could not be used in the BIW and closure joints due to single side access, insufficient gun clearance, or base material issues, flow screws, Riv-Tac, and Huck rivets were used along with structural adhesive.

All joints where corrosion may form have an adhesive layer between materials to prevent galvanic corrosion and to increase stiffness/durability of the joint. Two adhesive will be used for this program; Dow Betamate<sup>™</sup> 73305, a one part heat activated adhesive for any modules that will go thru an E-coat process and Dow Betamate<sup>™</sup> 73326, a two part air cured activated adhesive that will be used for the final framer and modules that do not get e-coated.

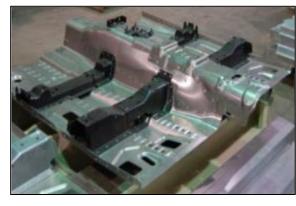
# Technical Accomplishments Mach-I BIW Modules



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### FRONT FLOOR



**REAR FLOOR** 



FRONT MODULE



#### **BODY SIDE INNER**



Modules include

- E-coated and non-e-coated assemblies
- Aluminum extrusions, aluminum & steel stampings
- Aluminum low pressure sand and high pressure die castings
- Joints
  - SPR
  - Steel Spot Welds
  - Huck Rivets
  - Flow Screws
  - Mig Welding
  - Rivtac
- Air cured and heat cured adhesive at most joints
- Steel to steel weld-thru adhesive at B-Pillar and front rails

# Technical Accomplishments Mach-I BIW Assembly



### **BIW ASSEMBLY**





- Non-E-coated assembly with e-coated steel
- Joints underbody complete with body side outer assemblies
- Aluminum stampings & Steel Stampings
- Joint in Assembly
  - SPR
  - Steel spot weld
  - Huck Rivets
  - Flow Screws
- Air cured adhesive at all joints



# Technical Accomplishments



## FRONT CRADLE



- 6063-T6 Aluminum Extrusions
- Low Pressure Aluminum Castings
- Mid welded assembly
- Post Machined attachments

### FRONT BUMPER

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- 6063-T6 Aluminum Crush Cans
- 6082-T6 Bumper Beam
- Aluminum Brackets
- Mid welded assembly

## **REAR DOOR**



- 6063-T6 Aluminum Extrusions
- Aluminum Stampings
- Steel Reinforcements
- Magnesium Casting
- Hot Stamping
- Joint in Assembly
  - SPR
  - · Steel spot weld
  - Huck Rivets
  - Bolt

## **FRONT DOOR**



# Technical Accomplishments Mach-I Prototype BIW



## **First Completed Buck**





Vehicle builds will have the following MMLV structural content:

- BIW
- LH Front and Rear Doors
- Front Aluminum Cradle
- Front Aluminum Bumper

*Vehicle builds will have the following carryover structural content:* 

- Hood (Aluminum)
- Deck Lid
- RH Front and Rear Doors
- Rear cradle and suspension links
- Front & Rear Lower control arms (Aluminum)
- Rear Bumper

# **Technical Accomplishments Mach-I Prototype Powertrain Parts**



ENGINE – Weight reduction of 20% to 48% on components

- Cast aluminum engine block for 1.0 liter I3 engine with Powder Metal forged billet crackable bulkhead inserts.
  - saves 48%, 11.8 kg
- Carbon fiber structural oil pan. - saves 30%, 1.2 kg
- Carbon fiber front cover with mount. - saves 30%, 1.0 kg
- Carbon Fiber + Aluminum cam carrier. - saves 20%, 1.3 kg
- Forged aluminum connecting rods. - saves 40%, 0.7 kg

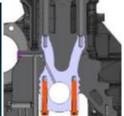
Forged Aluminum connecting rods

Carrier 1.6K



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in AL block



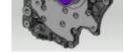
Magnesium valve body



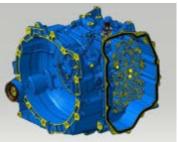


Aluminum + Steel Clutch Hub





Aluminum pump cover



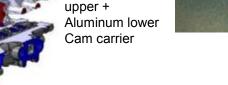
Magnesium case and bell housing

#### **TRANSMISSION – Weight reduction of 30% to 60%** on components for reduced torgue automatic

- Cast magnesium (AZ91D) case and bell housing - saves 30%, 5.0 kg
- Aluminum pump cover - saves 55%, 1.8 kg
- Cast magnesium valve body - saves 35%, 1.0 kg
- Steel + Aluminum clutch hub (friction spin weld)
  - saves 60%, 0.4 kg

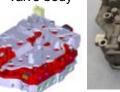


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Carbon Fiber

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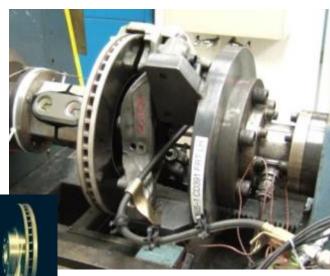


# **Technical Accomplishments** Mach-I Prototype Suspension Parts



#### SUSPENSION COMPONENTS – Weight reduction of ~30% on these components

- Tall, Narrow Tires 30% save
  155/70R19 new materials and constructions
- Wheels 19 inch x5 inch 30% save
  cast aluminum or carbon fiber
- Delete Spare Tire/Wheel
- Aluminum Brake Rotors 35% save
  Cast A356 AI, Thermal Spray Coated
- Coil Springs 35% ~ 55% save
  - hollow micro alloy steel with intensive shot peening, titanium, composite
- Stabilizer Bars 35% ~ 55% save
  - high hardness steel, with internal and external shot peening



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Aluminum brake rotor with thermally sprayed wear resistant coating



Carbon fiber wheels



Tall, Narrow Tires





Evaluate composite, hollow steel and titanium coil springs

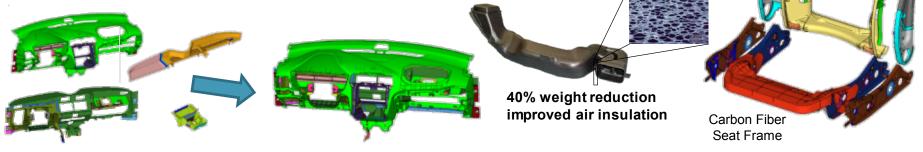
# Technical Accomplishments Mach-I Prototype Parts





#### INTERIOR COMPONENTS

- Carbon Fiber Seat designs save ~28 kg, 40% (driver -8 kg, passenger -8 kg, rear -12 kg)
- Carbon Fiber (or magnesium) Instrument Panel beam and ducts save ~8 kg, 35%
- MuCell and chemically foamed interior plastic trim saves 15% ~40%

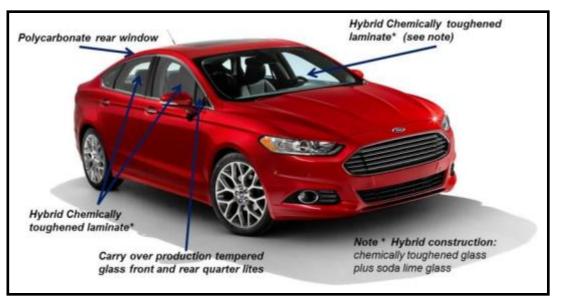


#### **GLAZINGS** -

- Mix of Lightweight Glazings saves 14 kg (35%)
- Laminated chemically toughened\* windshield,
- Side door movable glazings,
- Polycarbonate Glazing Backlite (Rear Window)



Side Door Glass - Door Slam Durability Test





# MMLV Mach-I Prototype Builds:

- 1. Buck: Body-in-White + Closures + Bumpers + Glazings + Front Subframe
- 2. Durability-A: DRIVABLE, full MMLV content with Fusion powertrain
- **3. Corrosion-Traditional:** DRIVABLE, full MMLV content with modified surface treatments and paint process with Fusion powertrain
- **4. Corrosion-MMLV Alternative:** DRIVABLE, full MMLV content with MMLV surface treatments and paint process with Fusion powertrain
- **5. Safety-A:** NON-Drivable, most MMLV content, without carbon fiber instrument panel, no fluids (fuel, coolant, oil, HVAC, etc.) with Fusion powertrain
- 6. Safety-B: NON-Drivable, most MMLV content, without carbon fiber instrument panel, no fluids (fuel, coolant, oil, etc.) with Fusion powertrain
- 7. NVH + Drives: DRIVABLE, full MMLV content with downsized and boosted powertrain (1.0-liter I3 EcoBoost, gasoline turbocharged direct injection, engine plus six-speed manual transmission)



# **MMLV Mach-I** Prototype Builds and Test

MML	V Testing Tin											
		Mar '14	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec '14	Jan '15
Parts	<b>Component Testing</b>	0000	0000	X======	=====x			=====X	=======	=======	=====x	
Buck #1	NVH + Durability	0	0 X====				=====X					
Veh #2	Durability		00	X=====				=====X				
Veh #3	Corrosion - A MMLV			00	X==		+======			=====X		
Veh #4	Corrosion - B Traditio	nal		0	OO X=		+======	=======	=======	=====X		
Veh #5	Safety - A				00	X=====		=====x				
Veh #6	Safety - B					00	X=====		 ======X			
Veh #7	NVH + Drives		[				OO Eng	ine Swap	X======			=====X
note:	OO Delivery	X====X	Testing									



## **Composite Material Information**

- Composite material CAE cards for stiffness, durability, and fatigue analysis still not mature for accurate CAE predictions.
- Composite material CAE cards for safety cash analysis still not mature for accurate CAE predictions.
- Composite material and manufacturing infrastructure immature for automotive volumes.
- Critical joint analysis mechanical fasteners and structural adhesives strategy still not mature for accurate CAE predictions. Joint technology still a gap for composite to steel/aluminum materials.

## Carbon fiber and composites were deemed not feasible for "class A" panels

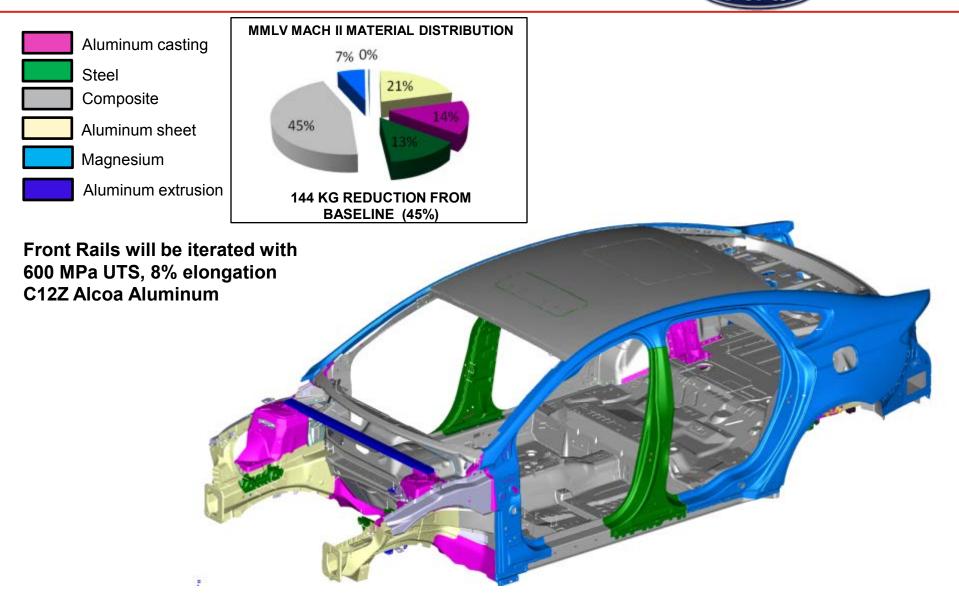
- Requirements for appearance by all OEM's would drive high cycle times to the composite process. Reviewing with many suppliers, it was determined that, even looking at a 2025 timeline, process cycle times would not meet the production volumes of 200,000 units/year with current OEM class be A requirements.
- Class A panels will be designed with aluminum or magnesium sheet products for the BIW and Closure applications.

## Recyclability and vehicle repair with carbon fiber

- Recycling of carbon fiber is an area that will need further investigation
- Repair of body components will be an area that will need further investigation

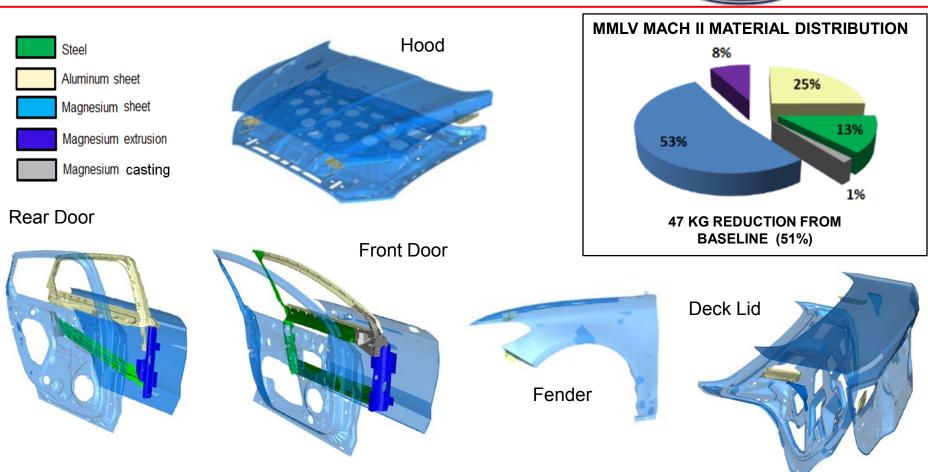
# Mach II Design BIW Status (3-14-14)





## Mach II Design Closures



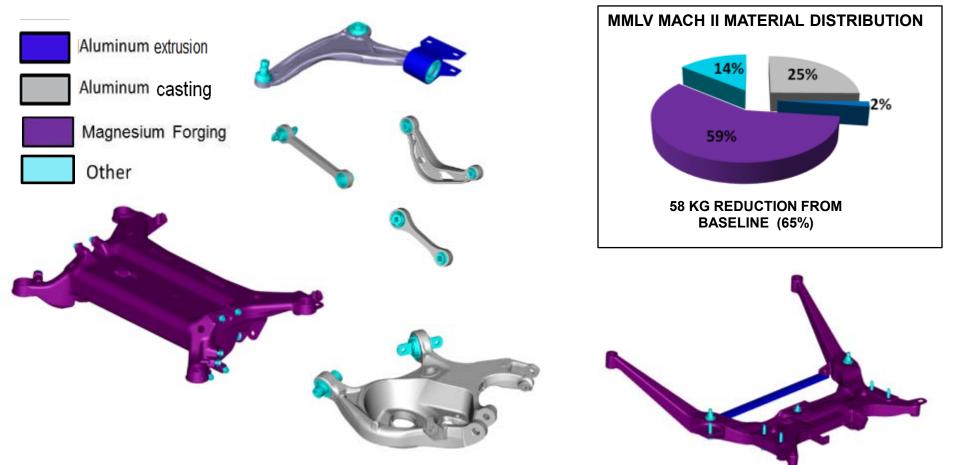


- CAE analysis resulted in increased thickness on door frame header reinforcements due to reduced module magnesium material.
- Panel joints assumed as half-hem with weld or laser warm hemming
- Investigating joint technology for magnesium to steel/aluminum joint

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# Mach II Design Chassis



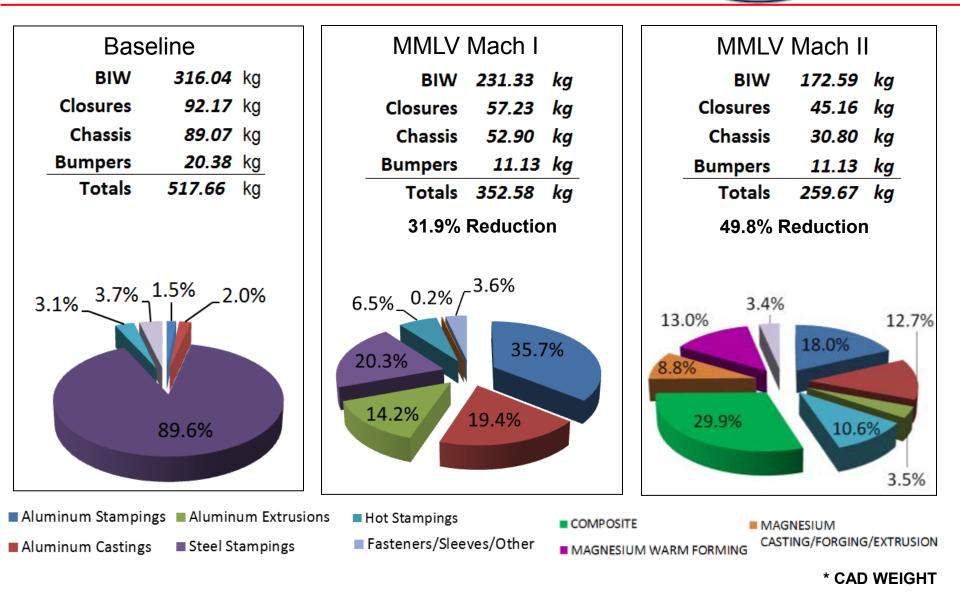


- Bushing assembly sizes were reduced assuming reduction in loads due to lower vehicle weight
- Front cradle is being investigated also as a composite structure

## MMLV Structures Weight Comparison BIW, Closure, Chassis, Bumper







# Mach II – FORD Component Design



#### **SUSPENSION COMPONENTS – Mix of suspension components**

- Tall, Narrow Tires
- CF Wheels
- Delete Spare Tire/Wheel
- Reduced knuckles, calipers
- Aluminum Brake Rotors
- Composite Coil Springs
- Hollow CF Stabilizer Bars



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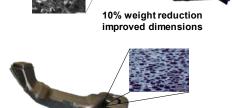
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#### INTERIOR COMPONENTS - Mix of Interior components saves 36 kg (35%)

- Reduce Content, i.e., manual driver seat, fixed passenger set, reduce sound absorbing materials, no rear seat pass-through to trunk
- · Carbon Fiber Seats with reduced foam (comfort reduction)
- Carbon Fiber Instrument Panel beam and ducts
- Eliminate Air Conditioning (comfort reduction)
- Chemically foamed interior plastic trim saves 50%

#### GLAZINGS - Mix of Lightweight Glazings saves 15 kg (37%)







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40% weight reduction improved air insulation

Engine: 1 liter, 3 cylinder DI Naturally Aspirated

**Transmission** 6 speed manual w/magnesium case

POWERTRAIN159kg = 47% reductionBaseline Mass340 kgMach-II Mass181 kg



# Mach II – Weight STATUS as of 4 March 2014







MMLV		Multi Material Lightweight Vehicle										
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Body Exterior and Closures (kg) Body-in-White Closures-in-White Bumpers Glazings - Fixed and Movable Remainder - trim, mechanisms, paint, seals, etc.		n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.	594	326 98 37 37 96	456	250 69 25 25 87	489	251 88 31 25 94	237	355	183 56 24 21 70	
Body Interior and Climate Control (kg)	180		206		161		191		137	116		
Seating		n.a.		70		42		61			34	
Instrument Panel		n.a.		22		14		15			11	
Climate Control		n.a.		27		25		27			11	
Remainder - trim, restraints, console, etc		n.a.		88		80		88			60	
Chassis (kg)	352		350		252		269		144	212		_
Frt & Rr Suspension		n.a.		96		81		85			66	
Subframes		n.a.		57		30		44			19	
Wheels & Tires Brakes		n.a.		103 61		64 49		58 50			57 43	
Remainder - steering, jack, etc.		n.a. n.a.		33		49 29		32			43 27	
			340	00	267	20	299	02	190	181		
Powertrain (kg) Engine (dressed)	350	n.a.	340	101	267	71	299	101	190	181	64	
Transmission and Driveline		n.a.		101		92		54			38	
Remainder - fuel, cooling, mounts, etc.		n.a.		133		104		143			79	
Electrical (kg)	67		69		59		66		53	47		
Wiring		n.a.		28		25		28			23	
Battery		n.a.		14		8		10		1	8	
Remainder - alternator, starter, speakers, etc.		n.a.		27		26		27			17	
Total Vehicle (kg)		523	15	59	1	195	13	813	761	9	)11	
Weight s Weight s						23.3% 21.5%	-	5.7% 3.8%	51.2% 50.0%			

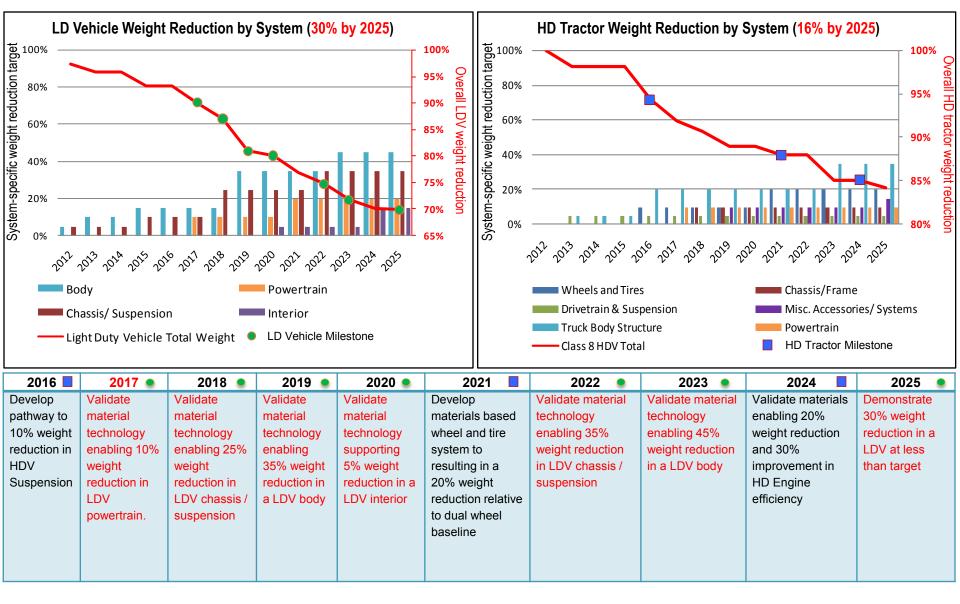
## Mach II Design still 150 kg too heavy, will consider further non-safety attribute degradation, and removing more customer features

# Goals for Materials Lightweighting Portfolio (technologically feasible)









# **MMLV Mach-I vs DOE Roadmap**





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Mach-I design includes materials and tech which are commercially available.

Vehicle		DOE						
Subsystem	2002 Taurus	2013 Fusion	MMLV Mach I DESIGN	MMLV Mach I (%) Curb	MMLV Mach I (%) save w.r.t. Fusion	Tech Validation Date	Roadmap	
Body Exterior and Closures (kg)	574	594	456	38.1%	23.3%		2019 Goal 35% 2023 Goal 45%	
Body-in-White	n.a.	326	250	20.9%	23.5%			
Closures-in-White	n.a.	98	69	5.8%	29.7%	Q4 2014		
Bumpers	n.a.	37	25	2.1%	30.9%			
Glazings - Fixed and Movable	n.a.	37	25	2.1%	32.5%			
Remainder - trim, mech, paint, seals, etc.	n.a.	96	87	7.3%	9.5%			
Powertrain (kg)	350	340	267	22.4%	21.5%		2017 Goal 10%	
Engine (dressed)	n.a.	101	71	6.0%	29.7%	Q1 2015		
Transmission and Driveline	n.a.	106	92	7.7%	13.8%	Q1 2015		
Remainder - fuel, cooling, mounts, etc.	n.a.	133	104	8.7%	21.3%			
Chassis (kg)	352	350	252	21.1%	27.8%		2018 Goal 25% 2022 Goal 35%	
Frt & Rr Suspension	n.a.	96	81	6.8%	15.6%			
Subframes	n.a.	57	30	2.5%	47.6%	Q4 2014		
Wheels & Tires	n.a.	103	64	5.4%	37.8%		2012 Goal 20%	
Brakes	n.a.	61	49	4.1%	19.8%			
Remainder - steering, jack, etc.	n.a.	33	29	2.4%	12.1%			
Body Interior and Climate (kg)	180	206	161	13.5%	21.8%		2020 Goal 5%	
Seating	n.a.	70	42	3.5%	40.1%			
Instrument Panel	n.a.	22	14	1.1%	37.0%	Q4 2014	_	
Climate Control	n.a.	27	25	2.1%	5.1%		_	
Remainder - trim, restraints, console, etc	n.a.	88	80	6.7%	8.7%			
Electrical (kg)	67	69	59	5.0%	14.4%	1 1		
Wiring	n.a.	28	25	2.1%	11.3%	Q1 2015		
Battery	n.a.	14	8	0.7%	41.4%	Q1 2015		
Remainder - alt, starter, speakers, etc.	n.a.	27	26	2.2%	4.0%			
Total Vehicle (kg)	1523	1559	1195	100%	23.3%		2025 Goal 30%	

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# **MMLV Mach-II vs DOE Roadmap**





Mach-II design includes materials and technologies which are "early stage".

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Vehicle Subsystem	2002 Taurus	2013 Fusion	MMLV Mach I DESIGN	MMLV Mach II DESIGN as of Mar'14	MMLV Mach II (%) Curb	MMLV Mach II (%) save w.r.t. Fusion	Tech Validation Date	DOE Roadmap	
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Frt & Rr Suspension	n.a.	96	81	still					
Subframes	n.a.	57	30	<u> </u>			tbd		
Wheels & Tires	n.a.	103	64					2012 Goal 20%	
Brakes	n.a.	61	49						
Remainder - steering, jack, etc.	n.a.	33	29	design					
Body Interior and Climate (kg)	180	206	161	116 =	13%	44%		2020 Goal 5%	
Seating	n.a.	70	42	116    Wach					
Instrument Panel	n.a.	22	14	ac			tbd		
Climate Control	n.a.	27	25	∑					
Remainder - trim, restraints, console, etc	n.a.	88	80						
Electrical (kg)	67	69	59	47	5%	32%			
Wiring	n.a.	28	25				tbd		
Battery	n.a.	14	8				ເມັນ		
Remainder - alt, starter, speakers, etc.	n.a.	27	26						
Total Vehicle (kg)	1523	1559	1195	911	100%	41.6%		2025 Goal 30%	

# **Work In Process**



Structures Design & Fabrication Mach-I – Vehma (FY14)

• Complete full vehicle Integration of BIW & Components (Q214)

Component & Vehicle Testing Mach-I -Ford (FY14 & FY15)

- Conduct component level testing for prototype parts (1Q-4Q14) including:
  - Door slam and other durability testing,
  - Engine and transmission dynamometer testing,
  - Front subframe durability and vibration testing,
- Conduct full vehicle durability, impact, NVH and corrosion testing to validate MMLV design for production intent (3Q14 – 1Q15). Key vehicle testing includes:
  - Frontal NCAP and frontal offset deformable barrier (IIHS ODB 40%) impact tests,
  - Full vehicle Rough Road Durability testing,
  - Full vehicle accelerated corrosion testing,
  - Normal mode vibrations, wind noise and engine noise testing.

Mach-II Vehicle Design and Analysis (FY14)

• Complete Mach-II vehicle design to achieve a 50% weight reduction. Mach-II design will include reduced and eliminated comfort and convenience content such as air conditioning.

Oakridge weight assessment and lifecycle assessment Mach I and Mach II (FY15)

- ✓ Mach I weight
- Mach I life cycle
- Mach II Weight and life cycle