

Dusi Racing Kayak

Derakane Epoxy Vinyl Ester Resins - Case History



Location / Year

Manufactured in 2016 for use at the highly coveted 2016 Dusi Canoe Marathon in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

Fabricator

Kayak Centre CC, Durban South Africa.

Fabrication

Derakane 411-200 epoxy vinyl ester resin for the laminate of the kayak's deck. Derakane 411-350 epoxy vinyl ester resin for the laminate of the kayak's hull and components. Both with MEKP/Cobalt cure system.

Kayak deck manufactured using vacuum infusion system with layers of carbon and aramid fiber with a soft core. Kayak hull manufactured using multiple layers of aramid with fiberglass reinforcing.

Technical Data

Dimensions (cm/in) – 650/255 x 43/17 x 32/13 Kayak finished weight - 18.1kg / 40lbs

Service Conditions

For use on rivers with extremely technical and rocky rapids and areas requiring long portaging.

Salt/Fresh water, ambient temperature.

Comment/ Design

The kayak is designed to meet strict specifications set by the race organizing committee and the International Canoe Federation. Designed to ensure the craft can achieve high speeds with minimal effort required. Built to give the paddler the fastest, lightest and most impact resistant craft to ensure they have the best possible chance for success. All three kayaks completed the event claiming 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions. None of them sustained damage that required repairs.

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