

Weight of Top Body

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• Based on data collected and calculations done by Valeria

$$\text{Area: } 5.69 \text{ yd}^2$$

$$\text{Carbon Fiber weight: } 0.39 \text{ lb/ft}^2$$

- Resin adds $\frac{.4}{.6}\%$ to weight (due to fiber/resin ratio)

$$\text{Coremat weight: } 0.397 \text{ lb/ft}^2$$

$$\text{Coremat contribution: } 0.397 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2} \left(9 \frac{\text{ft}^2}{\text{yd}^2} \right) (5.69 \text{ yd}^2) = 19.82 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{Fiber contribution: } 0.39 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2} (9) (5.69 \text{ yd}^2) = 1.99719 \text{ lb}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Fiber + Resin: } 1.99719 \left(1 + \frac{.4}{.6} \right) (3 \text{ plies}) = 9.986 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{Windshield SA: } 4.3991 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$\text{Plexiglass weight} \approx 0.5 \text{ lb/ft}^2$$

$$\text{Windshield contribution: } 0.5 \frac{\text{lb}}{\text{ft}^2} (4.3991 \text{ ft}^2) = 2.110 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{Total Top Body Weight: } 19.82 + 9.986 + 2.110 \Rightarrow 32.00 \text{ lb}$$

Thus, assume $\frac{32}{2} = 16 \text{ lb}$ is supported by each hinge

$$16 \text{ lb} \approx 75 \text{ N (rounded up from 71.1 N)}$$