

BAMBOO+

BAMBOO+[®] Composite Bamboo Fiber Material Selected as **Lexus Forged Bamboo** — ***Adopted as Decorative Panel in the New IS*** —

TOKAI RIKA CO., LTD. (Head Office: Oguchi-cho, Niwa-gun, Aichi, Japan, President: Hiroyoshi Ninoyu) would like to announce that its BAMBOO+[®] composite bamboo fiber material was adopted by Lexus as a material called "Forged bamboo". This material is used in a decorative panel in the new Lexus IS that was launched on January 8, 2026. This represents the first use of BAMBOO+[®] as a vehicle part.

We have been developing BAMBOO+[®], as an environmentally friendly high bamboo fiber blend material. The material can be molded using regular injection molding machines, and we have drawn on the technical know-how cultivated through the development of automotive parts to achieve the high quality and durability expected of interior components for vehicles. The unique, distinctive shading that emerges from the bamboo fibers in this decorative panel for the new Lexus IS accentuates the vehicle's dynamic presence and sporty interior design.



Lexus IS decorative panel



Distinctive, interwoven pattern of BAMBOO+[®]

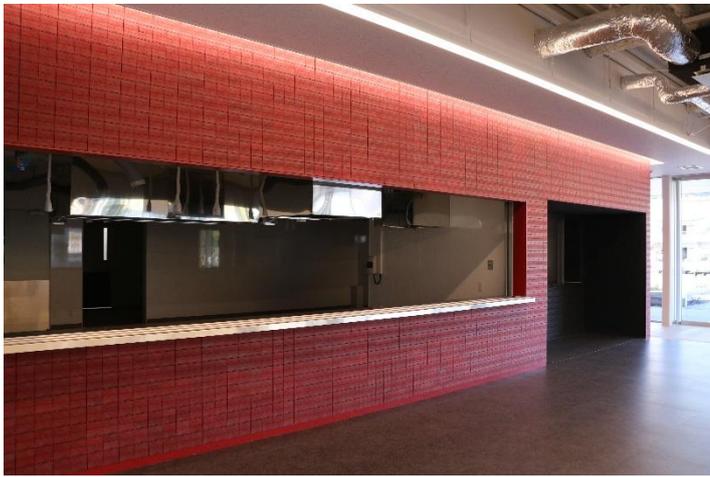
BAMBOO+[®] is not limited to automotive parts. We are already working on applying it in a broad range of fields, including furniture and construction materials. We will strive to create new value through the development of materials as we move toward the realization of a sustainable society.

■ About BAMBOO+[®]

This BAMBOO+[®] composite material, which consists of up to 55% bamboo fibers, was inspired by the desire to address the issues posed by neglected bamboo thickets in Japan as well as to create employment in local regions, by making effective use of a readily available raw material. The breadth of expressiveness and smooth texture created by the bamboo fibers enhance the product's aesthetic appeal.

TOKAI RIKA started the development of BAMBOO+[®] in 2021 as a joint project with our business partner MIROKU TECHNO WOOD CO., LTD. as well as Kochi Prefecture (via the Kochi Prefectural Industrial Technology Center and the Kochi Prefectural Paper Industry Technology Center). Aside from BAMBOO+[®], TOKAI RIKA and MIROKU TECHNO WOOD Co., Ltd. are also partners in the production of bamboo steering wheels.

Moreover, our newly acquired factory in Kochi has begun the full-scale production of BAMBOO+[®] as of November 2025. As part of exploring new possibilities for future product development, we are evaluating the prototype wall panels and chairs made with BAMBOO+[®] that we have installed in the cafeteria of the employee dormitory adjacent to our Otowa Plant.



Wall panels and chairs built with BAMBOO+®

Related press release:

Acquisition of New Factory in Kochi Prefecture –Full-scale production of BAMBOO+® composite bamboo fiber material to commence in FY 2025–

<https://www.tokai-rika.co.jp/release/file/20240528153937.pdf>

Official BAMBOO+® website:

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