

METHOD FOR FORMING A VEHICLE REINFORCING MEMBER

ABSTRACT

5 Disclosed herein is a method for forming a vehicle reinforcing member. The method includes conforming a planar body of fibre reinforced material (CFRM), such as a sheet or unidirectional tape, to a shape of a shape defining member. In effect, the shape defining member is a core that defines an internal volume of a closed cross-section portion of the vehicle reinforcing member. The CFRM material comprises continuous fibres in a synthetic matrix. The method
10 further includes bonding a first edge portion of the CFRM body to a second edge portion of the CFRM body thereby to form the closed cross-section portion of the vehicle reinforcing member. An apparatus for implementing the method, and components formed using the method (e.g. vehicle reinforcing members, vehicle seats and so forth) are also described.

[FIG. 1]