Technical Information

CROSSARM

- Series 801-3401 Light Duty
- Series 801-3402 Standard Duty
- Series 801-3403 Heavy Duty
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ATROPOS COMPOSIT CROSSARMS

High Efficiency

The Atropos composite crossarm system provides a cost, performance, and handling efficiency unmatched by traditional materials.

Superb Strength

Owing to a polyurethane foam filling, a multi-layered UV protection, and field drilling options, the customer can be confident they will consistently get the superb strength and UV performance they demand.

Long Lifespan

With a long product lifespan and extreme durability, the customer can rest assured that their system is hardened against the elements for years to come. Over the course of the product's long life, an Atropos crossarm will quickly and reliably result in a positive ROI thanks to fewer replacements and outages.

Multi-Layered Design

- The streamlined manufacuturing processe esures the integration of all the different functional layers and produces reliable and cost-effective composite crossarm products.
- Third parties testing agencies are used to verify specifications and product performances.
- In-house quality programs are implemented to manufacture reliably compliant products.



Fire Resistance

As a solution for high-risk fire zones, we provide a fire-resistant option designed to protect and safeguard your assets, giving you peace of mind in the most demanding environments. The fire-resistant option can be applied to any of the crossarm series in any configuration with an upcharge. Please note all product lines without the fire-resistant add-on are non-halogenated; applying the fire-resistant chemical makes the product halogenated.



Product Overview

Atropos offers a wide range of crossarm products to accommodate for our customers needs.

- Identify the use case and configuration of the installation site. For example, all series are offered in the following standard configurations: tangent and deadend. Other configurations are available upon request.
- Refer to the data sheets of the configuration, then select the product series and length based on your load and deflection requirements.
- Apply the customer-specified drilling pattern to crossarms as applicable.
- Request additional lengths of the standard crossarm profiles.
- Apply the fire-resistant option to the installation site in a high-risk area for an upcharge. All product series are non-halogenated by default. If the customer wishes to apply the fire-resistant option, it will make the final product halogenated.

3400 Series

801-3401 Light Duty

Series 801-3401 is a light duty crossarm product desgined and manufacutred by Atropos Composites. For its load bearing properties compared to the other series, see the Product Specifications section. OD: 3.375" x 4.625"

801-3402 Standard Duty

Series 801-3402 is a standard duty crossarm product desgined and manufacutred by Atropos Composites. For its load bearing properties compared to the other series, see the Product Specifications section. OD: 3.375" x 4.625"

801-3403 Heavy Duty

Series 801-3403 is a heavy duty crossarm product desgined and manufacutred by Atropos Composites. For its load bearing properties compared to the other series, see the Product Specifications section. OD: 3.375" x 4.625"

4600 Series

801-4602 Standard Duty

Series 801-4602 is a standard duty crossarm product desgined and manufacutred by Atropos Composites. For its load bearing properties compared to the other series, see the Product Specifications section. OD: 4" x 6"

801-4603 Heavy Duty

Series 801-4603 is a heavy duty crossarm product desgined and manufacutred by Atropos Composites. For its load bearing properties compared to the other series, see the Product Specifications section. OD: 4" x 6"





TESTING METHODS

Atropos crossarms are verified periodically and randomly by independent 3rd-party agencies who follow standard test procedures and produce unbiased reports. These tests results support the technical specifications of different product lines. To find out more about the testing procedures and results, please see the following:

- DI49 Dielectric Strength
- O D3916 Tensile Properties, Rods
- O D3801 Flammability
- GI54 UV Resistance, Weathering

Atropos composite crossarms are tested for electrical conductivity in accordance with the ASTM D649 testing standard by a third-party testing agency. The test results indicate the maximum electric field the material can withstand before breaking down or becoming conductive. A material with a rating of 300 V/mil or above is typically considered to have a "high" dielectric strength.

Specimen	Thickness	Brea	(down	Dielectric Strength			
[#]	[in]	Time [s]	Voltage [kV]	[V/mil]	[kV/mm]		
I	0.07	34	24.5	340.3	3.4		
2	0.07	34	23.3	337.7	3.3		
3	0.07	43	29.6	416.9	l 6.4		
4	0.07	45	28.7	410	16.1		
5	0.07	42	29.3	450.8	7.7		
Average:	0.07	39.3	27.08	391.13	15.4		



D3916 Tensile Properties, Rods

Atropos composite crossarms are tested for physical loading properties using both sample and full-scale testing. In the sample scale, the material has been tested for tensile and compressive qualities in accordance with the ASTM D695 (compression) and ASTM 3039 (tension) testing standards by a third-party testing agency. All testing results are within typical, expected ranges which is confirmed by full-scale load testing.

Compression Testing

Specimen	Width	Thickness	Area	Force	Compression Deflection	Compression Strength	Testing Speed
#	[in]	[in]	[in]	[lbf]	[in]	[psi]	[in/min]
I	0.5	0.503	0.251	4681.5	0.0409	18,632.84	0.05
2	0.497	0.503	0.25	4241.6	0.0407	17,384.43	0.05
3	0.496	0.503	0.249	4126.8	0.0323	16,557.61	0.05
4	0.498	0.512	0.255	4677.3	0.0392	18,362.44	0.05
5	0.5	0.5	0.25	4373.8	0.0389	17,512.75	0.05
Average:	0.498	0.504	0.251	4440.2	0.0384	17,690.01	0.05

Tension Testing

Specimen	Width	Thickness	Overall Length	Gage Length	Area
#	[in]	[in]	[in]	[in]	[sq in]
I	0.995	0.069	10.0	1.0	0.0687
2	1.005	0.064	10.0	1.0	0.0643
3	0.996	0.065	10.0	1.0	0.0647
4	1.001	0.069	10.0	1.0	0.0691
5	1.003	0.074	10.0	1.0	0.0742
Average:	1	0.0682	10.0	1.0	0.0682

Specimen	Break Force	Break Deflection	Ultimate Tensile Strength	Percent Elongation at Break	Modulus
#	[lbs]	[lbs]	[psi]	[%]	[psi]
I	3,714.50	0.0094	54,104.11	0.9	6,770,073.30
2	3,659.40	0.0086	56,893.49	0.9	6,543,125.50
3	3,545.20	0.0091	54,760.97	0.9	6,841,547.90
4	3,184.00	0.0076	46,098.63	0.8	6,155,873.10
5	3,619.50	0.0072	48,765.45	0.7	7,154,357.80
Average:	3,5 44 .50	0.0084	52,12 4 .50	0.8374	6,692,995.50



The Flammability and Optical Smoke Density tests are performed on products with fire-resistant option added on. We have developed a two-part system of synergistic flammability additives which provide the highest level of flammability mitigation.

Flammability

Atropos composite crossarms achieve the highest rating of V-0 according to the UL94 flammability testing standard. The samples are tested for flammability in accordance with the UL94 (ASTM D3801 equivalent) testing standard by a third-party testing agency. During the test, the flame self-extinguished, burning material did not drip from the sample, no afterglow was observed, and the fire did not spread beyond the original burn site.

Criteria Conditions	94V-0	94V-I	94V-2
Afterflame time for each individual specimen t1 or t2	≤ I0s	≤ 30s	≤ 30s
Total afterflame time for any condition (t1 plus t2 for the 5 specimens)	≤ 50s	≤ 250s	≤ 250s
Afterflame plus afterglow time for each individual specimen after the	≤ 30s	≤ 60s	≤ 60s
second flame application (t2 + t3)			
Afterflame of afterglow of any specimen up to the holding clamp	No	No	No
Cotton indicator ignited by flaming particles or drops	No	No	Yes

Preconditioned at 23°C and 50 % relative humidity for 48 hours

Specimen	t _l	t ₂	t ₁ + t ₂	t ₃	t ₂ + t ₃	Burn to Clamp	Cotton Ignition
[#]	[sec]	[sec]	[sec]	[sec]	[sec]	[yes/no]	[yes/no]
I	0	8	8	0	8	no	no
2	0	4	4	0	4	no	no
3	0	2	2	0	2	no	no
4	0	6	6	0	6	no	no
5	0	4	4	0	4	no	no
Total:	0	24	24	0	24		
Average:	0	4.8	4.8	0	4.8		

Preconditioned at 23°C and 50 % relative humidity for 48 hours										
Specimen	t _l	t ₂	t ₁ + t ₂	t ₃	t ₂ + t ₃	Burn to Clamp	Cotton Ignition			
[#]	[sec]	[sec]	[sec]	[sec]	[sec]	[yes/no]	[yes/no]			
I	0	8	8	0	8	no	no			
2	0	4	4	0	4	no	no			
3	0	2	2	0	2	no	no			
4	0	6	6	0	6	no	no			
5	0	4	4	0	4	no	no			
Total:	0	24	24	0	24					
Average:	0	4.8	4.8	0	4.8					



Optical Smoke Density

Atropos composite crossarms are tested for smoke density in accordance with the ASTM E662 testing standard by a third-party agency.

Specimen	Thickness	Weight	Tmin	Dm	Т	Dc	Dm	Ds	Ds	Color of Smoke
[#]	[in]	[g]	[%]	[20.0 min]	[%]	[clear]	[corr]	[1.5 min.]	[4.0 min.]	
I	0.258	69.61	67.74	22.33	96.87	1.83	20.5	0	0	Grey
2	0.2435	66.68	77.18	l 4.85	96.71	1.92	12.93	0	0	Grey
3	0.2455	66.81	77.13	I 4.88	98.21	0.99	13.89	0	0.99	Grey
Specimen	Thickness	Weight	Tmin	Dm	Т	Dc	Dm	Ds	Ds	
[#]	[in]	[g]	[%]	[20.0 min]	[%]	[clear]	[corr]	[1.5 min.]	[4.0 min.]	Color of Shloke
4	0.2575	66.52	5.69	164.34	54.I	35.21	129.13	0.33	35.26	Grey
5	0.2475	66.41	0.84	273.77	58.62	30.62	243.15	0.91	62.48	Grey
6	0.2525	67	3.12	198.7	55.57	33.68	165.03	0.97	40.61	Grey



Atropos composite products are made with long term performance in mind. One of the key, primary sources of part wear and damage during typical use is UV degradation. Our two-part UV protection system is designed to protect your parts from fiber bloom and general UV damage for decades. Furthermore, our parts have been thoroughly tested above and beyond all relevant existing testing standards.

How our two-part system effectively fights UV degradation:

I. UV Veil

The first layer in our UV protection system is a synthetic UV-protective veil. This veil is designed to serve as a sacrificial resin-rich layer on the surface of the part between the outside world and the structural core of the material. This concentrates the UV-inhibitors on the surface of the part to intercept the damaging UV rays.

2. Resin additives

Our parts integrate general, broad-spectrum UV additives into the resin system itself. This means that our UV inhibitors are distributed throughout the part. As well, working synergistically with the UV Veil (above), a layer of high UV-inhibitor concentration is left on the surface of the part. As the resin in this layer is degraded, the structure of the composite remains protected while the veil prevents any potential for fiber blooming.

Why not a painted or coated solution?

With our two-part system, we can guarantee complete UV coverage while avoiding unreliable coating and paint systems. Painted parts, and all exterior coatings, are susceptible to compromised protection and introduce excessive points of failure into the manufacturing process. These exterior coatings can be incorrectly or inconsistently applied, can be wiped or smeared in the manufacturing process, and can be scratched or abraded during delivery and deployment. At Atropos, we choose solutions with the consistency, longevity, and durability to stand up to your needs.

How we test our parts:

At Atropos we use an accelerated weather tester, "QUV", from Q-Labs, an internationally recognized testing agency. Our UV system has been tested for 10,000 hours following the ASTM G154 & D4329 testing standards. Over this testing period of accelerated weather testing, our samples have experienced slight color fade but no fiber bloom.

Atropos composite parts are expected to last over 60 years of typical service. The parts will experience some fade in color, and slight change to surface texture, but will experience no fiber blooming and the mechanical performance core of the material will remain protected.





PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Atropos has a product line for a wide range of usecase and budgets. If you need further information, contact our support team for the Engineer's Guide to Atropos Crossarms. Configurations we offer are as follows:

Tangent

O Deadend



- Atropos tangent crossarm configuration is available in all five series, satisfying a wide range of performance requirements and budgets. These technical specifications aim to help customers select products that meet their standards. For more details, please request the Engineer's Guide.
- Atropos's crossarms adhere to the standard pole mounting spacing and provide suitable mounting hardware kits for the series. For detailed dimensions or custom hole patterns, please contact us.
- Standard offerings include lengths 6ft, 8ft, 10ft, and 12ft. For special applications, more custom lengths are available upon request.

Tangent Crossarms		Length (ft)	Beam Size W x H (in)	Weight (lbs)	Ultimate Load Per Side (lbs)	Deflection at Ultimate Load (in)	Deflection per 1000 lbs (in)	Deflection at 60% Ultimate Load (in)
	2401	6	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	17.37	2,677	1.01	0.377	0.605
	Jight Duty	8	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	23.16	2,112	I .60	0.757	1.009
		10	3 ⁵ / ₈ x 4 ⁵ / ₈	28.94	I,623	2.34	1.441	I.423
2400	3402	6	3 ⁵ ⁄8 x 4 ⁵ ⁄8	22.01	4,547	l .36	0.300	0.819
Sorias	Standard	8	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	29.34	3,609	2.19	0.606	1.371
Series	Duty	10	3 ⁵ ⁄8 x 4 ⁵ ⁄8	36.68	2,928	3.30	1.127	1.981
	3403	8	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	41.08	6,949	2.83	0.408	I.862
		10	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	51.34	5,536	4.63	0.836	2.833
	Heavy Duty	12	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	61.61	5,435	7.44	1.368	4.465
	4602	8	4 x 6	36.21	3,625	2.15	0.593	l.389
	Standard	10	4 x 6	45.27	2,765	2.61	0.944	1.624
4600	Duty	12	4 x 6	54.32	2,184	3.60	1.650	2.191
Series	4602	8	4 x 6	50.91	6,713	2.22	0.330	1.360
	4603	10	4 x 6	63.64	5,846	3.76	0.644	2.300
		12	4 x 6	76.36	5,435	6.10	1.122	3.702





- Atropos deadend crossarm configuration is available in all five series, satisfying a wide range of performance requirements and budgets. These technical specifications aim to help customers select products that meet their standards. For more details, please request the Engineer's Guide.
- Atropos's crossarms adhere to the standard pole mounting spacing and provide suitable mounting hardware kits for the series. For detailed dimensions or custom hole patterns, please contact us.
- Standard offerings include lengths 6ft, 8ft, 10ft, and 12ft. For special applications, more custom lengths are available upon request.

Deadend Crossarms		Length (ft)	Beam Size W x H (in)	Weight (lbs)	Ultimate Load Per Side (lbs)	Deflection at Ultimate Load (in)	Deflection per 1000 lbs (in)	Deflection at 60% Ultimate Load (in)
	2401	6	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	17.37	5,060	1.49	0.295	0.894
	Jight Duty	8	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	23.16	3,983	2.41	0.606	I.506
		10	3 ⁵ / ₈ x 4 ⁵ / ₈	28.94	2,842	3.29	1.157	2.001
2400	3402	6	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	22.01	7,144	I.65	0.232	0.997
Series	Standard	8	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	29.34	6,288	3.14	0.499	1.997
Series	Duty	10	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	36.68	5,559	5.05	0.909	3.031
	2402	8	3 ⁵ / ₈ x 4 ⁵ / ₈	41.08	10,932	2.78	0.254	1.757
		10	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	51.34	9,480	5.22	0.550	3.190
		12	3 ⁵ /8 x 4 ⁵ /8	61.61	7,614	8.14	1.070	4.928
	4602	8	4 x 6	36.21	7,732	2.21	0.285	1.317
	Standard	10	4 x 6	45.27	7,441	3.25	0.436	1.966
4600	Duty	12	4 x 6	54.32	6,098	4.71	0.773	2.860
Series	4602	8	4 x 6	50.91	11,541	1.99	0.173	1.243
	4603	10	4 x 6	63.64	11,170	3.51	0.314	2.162
		12	4 x 6	76.36	10,763	5.66	0.526	3.439





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