

Pengaruh Adisi Carbon Nanotube Dan Susunan Serat Terhadap Kekuatan Mekanis Komposit Epoksi Dengan Metode Vacuum Infusion Untuk Pemanfaatan Socket Prosthesis = Effect of Carbon Nanotube Addition and Fiber Arrangement on Mechanical Strength of Epoxy Composites Using Vacuum Infusion Method for Utilization of Prosthesis Sockets

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Abstrak

Prostheses are medical devices that have the goal of restoring the function of a lost body part normally. In Indonesia, the material for prosthetic sockets that is often used is synthetic fiber reinforced composites which have several problems in their utilization such as being expensive and not environmentally friendly. The use of hemp fiber can be an alternative reinforcement for composite socket prostheses because it contains cellulose fiber with good mechanical strength and is renewable so that it can be used as a composite building material. The addition of carbon nanotubes (CNT) to composites is known through many studies to improve mechanical properties. This study aims to obtain the effect of the buckling strength of the hemp-CNT fiber composite for the utilization of socket prostheses. The amount of CNT in the composite was varied by 0% and 0.5%. The form of fiber used is the form of chopped strand, chopped strand mat, woven rovings. To avoid the occurrence of voids that can affect the mechanical strength of the material, the manufacture of composites is carried out using a vacuum infusion process so that minimal air is trapped. For fiber, an alkaline treatment is carried out on the fiber to remove impurities covering the cellulose from the

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surface, which is then treated with a silane coupling agent to increase fiber bonding with the matrix. The results obtained from this study, Tensile Strength is influenced by the composition of the fibers where woven rovings have the highest tensile strength of 3.9 MPa, followed by Chopped Strand of 2.94 MPa, and Ramie Mat 1.96 MPa, while for composites without fiber obtained a tensile strength of 10.79 MPa. For the bending strength, the increase occurred with the addition of the complexity of the fiber arrangement, where Woven Rovings and fiber mat relative to the simple strand chopped fiber arrangement of 13% and 35%.