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Twintex and 2win's new Twincat

The new 4.6m (15ft) Twincat from '2win' was shown for the first at the 45th Salon Nautique International de Paris in December 2005. Twincat is said to be the first sports catamaran for the leisure market that is constructed from Twintex — a 'thermoplastic-glassfibre hybrid' developed by Saint-Gobain Vetrotex.

Twintex is a combination of thermoplastic and glassfibre reinforcement that allows very lightweight structures with strong impact resistance. With Twintex, Saint-Gobain Vetrotex claims to have solved the problems of impregnating continuous glassfibres with thermoplastic resins at low cost.

The new Twincat catamaran is the result of a technical partnership between French designers Fritsch & Associates, French company 2win, Plastic Processing Alternatives of Ireland and Saint-Gobain Vetrotex of France.



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