



## CUSTOMER REFERENCE

### Manufacturing of prototype models for shoe production NECURON® 675

<b>Customer:</b>	Customer in Brazil
<b>Products used:</b>	NECURON® 675
<b>Industry:</b>	Shoe industry
<b>Application:</b>	Manufacturing of master models for shoe production

#### 1. ISSUE

For the production of shoe soles, a prototype is manufactured at first which is described as a pilot. This pilot is used for visual assessments in the design team.

After a positive evaluation and approval by the design team, a die for the „original sole“ is produced.

In most cases, this pilot is made of a solid material that is neither in functionality nor in appearance similar to the real sole material.

A flexible material similar to a rubber sole is ideal for this.

Advantages of a flexible pilot material:

- Visual evaluation as it is similar to the normal rubber sole
- The pilot sole made of flexible material can be attached to the pilot body more easily than rigid material.
- The processing of the flexible pilot sole requires less material, since the sole angles can be produced due to the better flexibility.

#### 2. SOLUTION / RESULT

NECURON® 675 was developed to meet these requirements.

In terms of flexibility, NECURON® 675 is very similar to rubber and contains all the advantages of a polyurethane board.

In this way, the design team has the opportunity to evaluate a pilot in a much more functional way, which is much closer to the original sole.

NECURON® 675 has significant advantages for surfaces with radii.

#### NECURON® 675 KEY FEATURES

- flexible at ambient temperature
- excellent surface finishing
- good mechanical resistance
- great dimensional stability
- low tool wear during the machining process
- medium density
- very competitive due to the lower cost compared to the rigid materials



APPLICATION IMAGES

