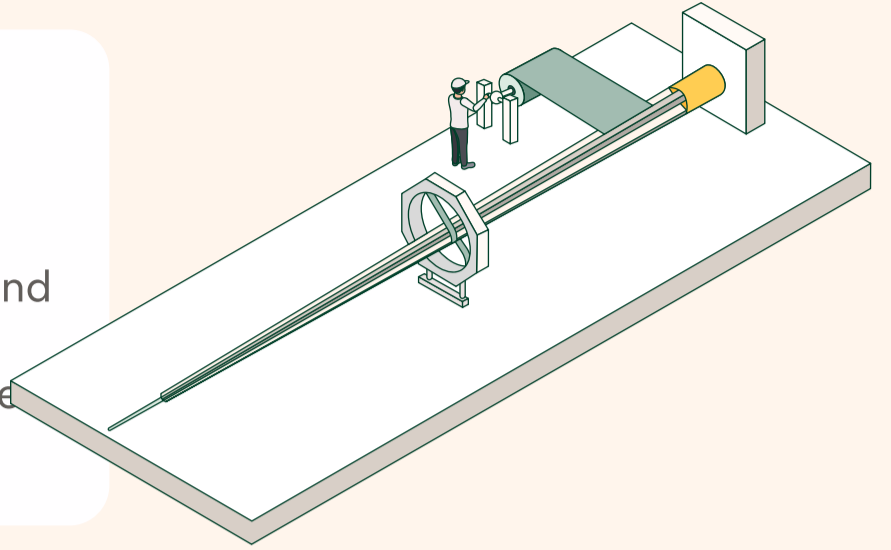


Do you know how the blades of a wind turbine are made?

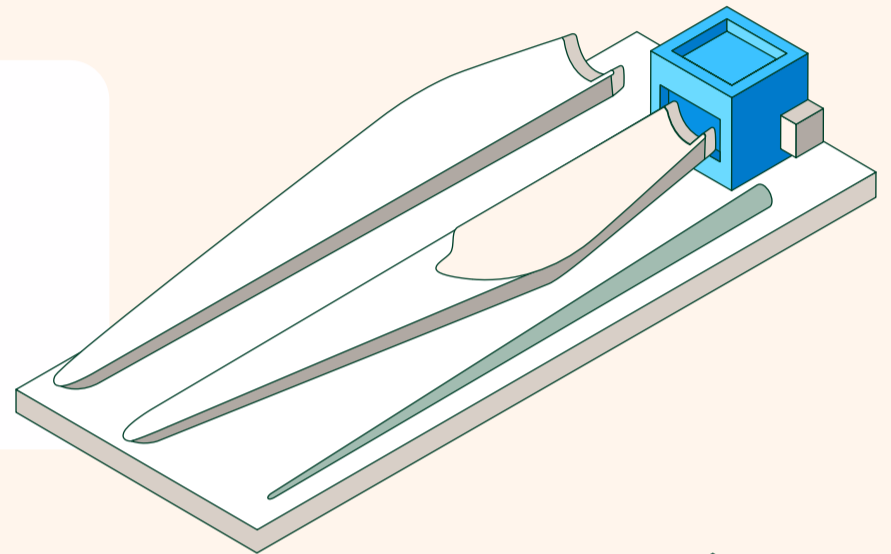
1 Manufacturing of the beam

This is the inner part of the blade and is composed of materials formed of fibreglass and carbon pre-coated with epoxy resin - a thermostable polymer that hardens when mixed with a catalyst agent.



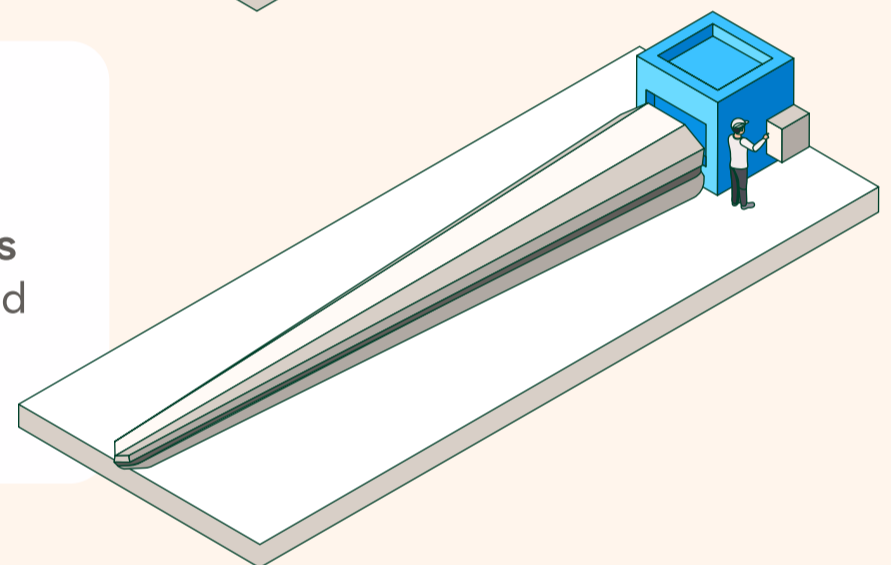
2 Manufacturing of the shells

They cover the girders and are made of fibreglass. In addition, they are covered by a layer of paint, which provides protection.



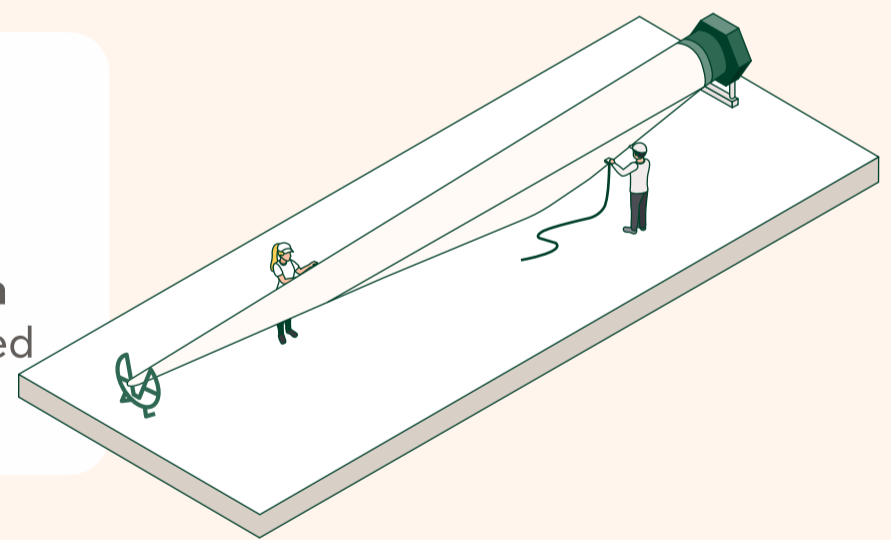
3 Assembly and curing

After obtaining the two shells, the next step is to bond the girder between the two shells and have them pass through an oven to form a single firm and strong structure.



4 Finishing

Once the leading and trailing edges of the blade are finished, the structure undergoes a new inspection prior to the blade being moved to its destination wind farm.



5 Transportation and installation

The blades of a wind turbine are very heavy, massive structures. The blades of the **Saint Brieu**c offshore wind farm, for example, have a length of 82 meters. They require specialised forms of transport that are capable of loading these structures and carrying them to their destination. At the destination, an experienced team of people assembles the blades and the rotor on the nacelle.

