CES Selector 2017

User Manual & Getting Started Guide



The software described in this document is furnished under a License Agreement and may be used or copied only in accordance with the terms of the License.

www.grantadesign.com

© Granta Design 2016 All rights reserved

This documentation for CES Selector and the software described in it are copyrighted ©1999-2016 Granta Design Limited, with all rights reserved. Under the copyright laws, neither the documentation nor the software may be copied, photocopied, reproduced, translated, or reduced to any electronic medium or machine readable form, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Granta Design Limited, except as described in the installation instructions.

Cambridge Engineering Selector, CES Constructor, CES EduPack, CES INDEPTH, CES LAB, CES Selector, CES WEB, Eco Audit, Eco Materials Adviser, Engineering Solver, Granta Design, Granta Material Intelligence, Granta Material Inspiration, GRANTA MI, Material Intelligence—The Game, Materials Gateway, MaterialUniverse, MI:, ProcessUniverse, Synthesizer Tool, the GRANTA, GRANTA MI, GRANTA Material Intelligence, and GRANTA Material Inspiration logos, the Granta CES EduPack and Granta CES Selector logos are trademarks of Granta Design Ltd.

Adobe[®], Adobe[®] PDF, and Acrobat[®] are either registered trademarks or trademarks of Adobe Systems Incorporated in the United States and/or other countries.

Google[®] is a registered trademark and Chrome[™] is a trademark of Google Inc.

Microsoft[®], Excel[®], PowerPoint[®], Internet Explorer[®], SQL Server[®], Windows[®], and Windows Server[®] are registered trademarks of Microsoft Corporation or its subsidiaries in the United States or other countries.

Mozilla® and Firefox® are registered trademarks of the Mozilla Foundation.

Granta Design Ltd. makes reasonable efforts to explicitly acknowledge all trademarks cited in our literature or on our website. If you would like us to add or alter an acknowledgement, please <u>contact us</u>.

We welcome feedback on this documentation. Please let us know if anything is unclear, if you spot an error, or have an idea for new content, by emailing <u>docs@grantadesign.com</u>.

Document version: CES-S17.01 Published: September 2016

© Granta Design 2016

Table of Contents

1	Intro	oduction5
	1.1	About this manual5
	1.2	Tutorials and reference information6
2	Inst	allation7
	2.1	System Requirements
	2.2	License options7
	2.3	Configuration7
	2.4	Installing CES Selector 2017
3	Date	abases for Rational Materials Selection9
4	Gett	ing Started with CES Selector11
	4.1	Main tools in CES Selector11
	4.2	Browsing and Searching
	4.3	Comparing Records 18
	4.4	Creating property charts
	4.5	Filtering and Screening23
	4.6	Find Similar
	4.7	Putting it all together
	4.8	Process Selection
	4.9	Saving, Copying, and Report Writing35
5	Gett	ing the most out of CES Selector
	5.1	Custom Selection
	5.2	Performance Indices 44
	5.3	Functional Data
	5.4	Find Similar with Additional Criteria
	5.5	Eco Audit
	5.6	Synthesizer Tool 57
6	Тоо	bars and general information62
	6.1	Standard toolbar
	6.2	Chart Stage toolbar
	6.3	CES Selector file types

	6.4	Options for Preferred Currency and Units	63
7	Pern	nission to reprint, references, and contact details	64

1 Introduction

CES Selector is a powerful tool that aids critical design and business decisions for engineering enterprises and materials producers. Based on rational material selection methodologies, CES Selector enables rigorous and quantitative analysis of:

- Optimal material and process selection for component design—maximizing performance while minimizing factors such as volume, mass, cost, and carbon footprint?
- Positioning of materials—how do your materials compare against your competitors' materials?
- Material development— identify new property combinations that will give you a competitive advantage in the market.

The unique selection methodology, software tools, and databases of CES Selector enable candidate materials and processes to be rapidly identified using a systematic, auditable approach to product design.

The main aim of this manual is to give a brief insight into the capabilities of the selection tools as well as practical experience through step-by-step exercises. However, in order to benefit from the full power of CES Selector, you should also refer to the book *Material Selection in Mechanical Design*, by Prof. Mike Ashby, which provides an in-depth explanation of the rational selection methodology.

CES Selector consists of the following components:

- Selection software tools, including Browse, Search, Selection, Comparison, and the Engineering Solver.
- Optional add-on tools: CAD/CAE Exporters, Eco Audit Tool, the Synthesizer Tool, and CES Constructor.
- MaterialUniverse and ProcessUniverse data modules, containing complete and comparable data covering all standard material grades and manufacturing processes. Includes links to external data sources and 'Design Notes' that enable users to drill down to the origins of properties.
- A range of specialist databases that provide information on a wide range of individual grades and material conditions (e.g. temper, form, statistical basis, filler levels).
- *Material Selection in Mechanical Design* textbook that provides and in-depth explanation of the rational material selection methodology used within CES Selector.

For information on what's new in this release, see the <u>CES Selector 'What's new'</u> page on the Granta Design website.

1.1 About this manual

- Section 1, *Introduction*, provides information about this manual and where to find help.
- Section 2, *Installation*, describes the system requirements and the installation options.
- Section 3, *Databases*, describes databases for rational material selection.
- Section 4, <u>Getting Started with CES Selector</u>, provides a brief overview of the main features and capabilities of CES Selector in tutorial format.

- Section 5, <u>Getting the most out of CES Selector</u>, provides an introduction to some additional tools and features of CES Selector.
- Section 6, <u>Toolbars and General information</u>, describes the main CES Selector toolbars, and provides information on file types and unit options.

1.2 Tutorials and reference information

Information on getting started with CES Selector can be found in <u>Section 4</u> and <u>Section 5</u> of this manual.

A comprehensive set of tutorials covering use of the software as well as reference information about all aspects of the software can be found in the in-software Help system.

The CES Help contains a wealth of information about the system, including details of the selection methodology, tables of material indices, solutions to standard engineering problems, and material and process selection case studies with loadable project files.

The latest product documentation, including Release Notes, FAQs, and hints and tips from Granta newsletters, is available on the <u>CES Selector Resources page</u>. Sign in using your My Granta username and password.

2 Installation

This part of the User Manual provides instructions for installing CES Selector 2017.

2.1 System Requirements

To install CES Selector 2017 you will need:

- A compatible Microsoft[®] Windows[®] operating system;
 - Windows 7 32-bit or 64-bit,
 - Windows 8 or Windows 8.1 32-bit or 64-bit,
 - Windows 10 32-bit or 64-bit.
- 2 GB of RAM (more is recommended for using large databases).
- 4 GB of available hard disk space.
- Microsoft .NET Framework version 4.5.1, ReportViewer 2010 SP1, and VC 120 redistributable; if these are not already installed on your PC, they will be installed during the CES Selector installation process.
- Administrator rights.
- My Granta account log in information.
- Internet access.

2.2 License options

CES Selector is licensed per user. The number of users specified on the license agreement represents the number of different employees who can use the software.

For each user, the software can be installed on more than one machine, for example on both work and home computers. However, it should not be installed on a machine that provides access to users not covered by the license agreement.

Note: The license is not a floating or concurrent license. As a result, it can only be used by the number of people specified on the license agreement.

2.3 Configuration

CES Selector needs to be installed on individual PCs.

All of the databases supplied with CES Selector are installed by the installation procedure described below. Additional CES Selector databases can be purchased and installed in the same way.

If you need further assistance, please contact the Granta Support Team (<u>support@grantadesign.com</u>).

2.4 Installing CES Selector 2017

If you have installed a previous version or evaluation copy of CES Selector, we recommend that you uninstall it before installing this version. To do so, use **Programs and Features** in the Windows Control Panel.

To install CES Selector 2017, download and run the CES Selector 2017 installer using your My Granta account:

- 1. Sign in to your My Granta account to access the <u>Download Software</u> page.
- 2. Expand the table to view CES Selector 2017, and click the download link.
- 3. Save the installer (ces_setup.XXX.exe).
- 4. Open the folder where the installer has been downloaded, and double-click to run it.
- 5. Enter your My Granta account information into the installer dialog.
- 6. Click Install.

3 Databases for Rational Materials Selection

The *MaterialUniverse* and *ProcessUniverse* data modules are used with CES Selector to create high quality databases that you won't find elsewhere. They are designed for like-to-like comparisons across the whole spectrum of material and processing possibilities. Typical material databases do not allow this – the most common reasons being: 'holes in the data' and different properties reported for different materials, making it difficult to compare different classes of materials.

The *Universe* data modules solve these problems by conforming to strict database design principles. These principles are reviewed below, with reference to the *MaterialUniverse* data module.

Complete spectrum represented

MaterialUniverse contains a representation of virtually every commercial engineering material in every class. This means that you can be sure that you have considered all possible materials for any particular application.

Each material represented only once

Multiple instances of the same material from different producers are consolidated into one representative record. This reduces the complexity of your search for the best material.

Property ranges

Properties of real materials are seldom exact – there are inevitable variations from batch to batch and manufacturer to manufacturer. These variations are captured in the *Universe* data modules by a range, which may be small for a property such as density, but relatively large for price or toughness.

Complete property set

In a *Universe* data module, there is a value for every property on the datasheet. If the value is not known experimentally, it has been estimated by using intelligent estimating techniques based on well-established correlations between material properties, using their fundamental physics.

Quality checks

Granta has examined hundreds of datasets over the years from various sources, and most contain errors, sometime by as much as 1000%! To minimize errors in the *Universe* data modules, strict data checking procedures are used. These include checks that properties for specific material classes fall within acceptable ranges, and powerful science-based checks on the correlations between properties.

Normalization

All properties are presented in the same unit system, which you change in the CES Selector settings. Properties that are reported in different ways for different materials classes are equivalenced to enable comparison.

Hierarchy

The carefully-constructed record hierarchy allows simple and rapid navigation to all records in the data module.

4 Getting Started with CES Selector

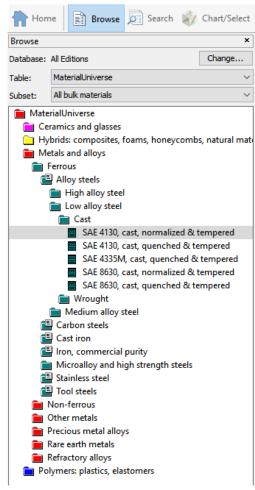
The exercises in this section give an overview of CES Selector and will teach you how to use the core functionality.

In the next section (<u>Getting the most out of CES Selector</u>), you will find exercises that go into further detail, exploring some of the software's more specialized features. There is also a comprehensive help file within the software that gives more detailed guidance, as well as case studies.

4.1 Main tools in CES Selector

There are three main tools in CES Selector: Browse, Search, and Chart/Select.

BROWSE - Explore the database



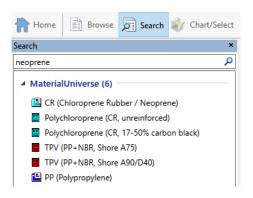
The Browse tree allows you to explore the database, drilling down into the database record hierarchy.

Records in the database are presented in a hierarchical tree structure, table by table. At the top level of the tree are the main 'families' of materials. At the bottom level are specific materials — for example *High density concrete*, 6063-T6 Aluminum.

In the MaterialUniverse table (shown left), material records are organized into four broad 'families': ceramics and glasses, hybrid materials, metals and alloys, and polymers. Each family is made up of 'classes' (Ferrous, Precious metal alloys, for example) which may contain 'subclasses' (Alloy steels, Low alloy steel, Cast) consisting of many 'members' (*SAE 4130*, for instance).

The categories and hierarchy presented in the Browse tree are database-specific: for example, in the ProcessUniverse table, records contain process data rather than material data, and are organized by process type: Joining, Shaping, Surface treatment.

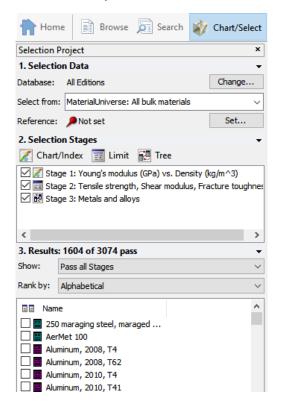
SEARCH – Find information fast



You can find materials or processing methods using a simple keyword search. Double-click a record in the Search results list to open its datasheet; the search term will be highlighted wherever it appears.

You can also perform more advanced queries here, for example, using AND, OR and NOT, or searching for phrases ("steel alloy").

SELECT – Systematic materials selection



The central hub of CES Selector is a powerful selection engine that identifies records that meet an array of design criteria and enables trade-offs between competing objectives.

A simple 'wizard style' user interface guides you through a systematic rational selection process, making it quick to apply the methods pioneered by Granta founder Professor Mike Ashby.

Graphical tools enable you to make and present decisions. Explore materials space, focus on likely candidates, study trade-offs between cost, engineering performance, and eco behavior.

Structured, repeatable methods ensure you make the right materials choice for your application, e.g., to optimize performance per unit of function, and to minimize cost.

The following exercises cover the use and functionality of these tools.

4.2 Browsing and Searching

Exercise 1 — Opening a Database

On starting CES Selector, the **Databases** window will appear, showing all installed databases (if more than one database is installed). The following exercises use the MaterialUniverse and ProcessUniverse tables which are found within all Granta material databases.

When you select a database name in the **Databases** window, the Edition Homepage then appears. Hover over a data module to see the data tables it contains. For example:



Click the **More information on data and usage** link to see a detailed description of a data module.

Select different tables and read about the available data and applications

Click on a table in the Database Homepage to select it and see information about it. You can also change the selected table from the graphic on the More information page.

Change to the PROCESSUNIVERSE table

Click on **MaterialUniverse>Processes** and notice that the Browse tree updates.

Close the HOMEPAGE

Click on the cross at the top of the Home tab. This page can be reopened at any time by clicking **Home** on the main toolbar.

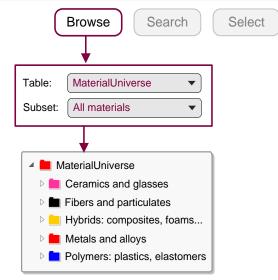
Change to the MATERIALUNIVERSE table

With the Homepage closed, navigate to different tables using the Table list in the Browse window.

	Browse Search	Select
	•	
Table:	MaterialUniverse	
Subset:	All materials	

Exercise 2 — Browse Materials

Select the Table *MaterialUniverse* and the Subset *All materials*.



Browse for a record for STAINLESS STEEL

Browse for a record for CONCRETE

Open the GENERIC record for POLYPROPYLENE

Generic records are records at the folder level and give general information on the material, rather than data on a specific variant. They have their own icon:

Open a POLYPROPYLENE record

Double-click on the record name in the tree to view the datasheet.

Click ① next to the property name to view design notes, which provide background information on properties, test notes, and selection guidelines.

Right-click on the datasheet to see a menu with further actions e.g., to locate the record in the Browse tree, copy the datasheet, print the datasheet, or export the data to an FE package format.

Find PROCESSES that can shape POLYPROPYLENE using the ProcessUniverse Link at the bottom of the datasheet.

Part of a datasheet for a Polypropylene material:

	P) ! !	
Polymers: plastics, elastomers > Plastics > Thermoplastics >	<mark>е</mark> <u>РР (</u>	(Polypropylene) > Barium sulfate filled >
General information Designation ① Polypropylene (65-70% barium sulfate)		
Tradenames () NILENE; DENILEN		
Typical uses ① Furniture; buckets; bowls; general mechanical parts; bottl drums; pipes; battery cases; bottles; bottle caps; bumper sports surfaces.		
Composition overview Compositional summary ① (CH2-CH(CH3))n + 65-70% BaSO4 filler		
Material family	i	Plastic (thermoplastic, semi-crystalline)
Base material	i	PP (Polypropylene)
% filler (by weight)	i	65 - 70 %
Filler/reinforcement	i	Mineral
Filler/reinforcement form	i	Particulate
Polymer code	i	PP-MD70
Composition detail (polymers and natural ma	terial	ls)
Polymer	i	30 - 35 %
	(i) (i)	30 - 35 % 65 - 70 %
Polymer	· ·	

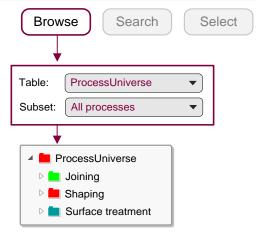
The design note for Young's modulus:

Young's modulus				
Stiffness in tension (also called Tensile Modulus, Elastic Modulus, Modulus of Elasticity).				
Test notes				
'oung's modulus (E) is the slope	of the initial	linear-elastic part of the stress-strain curve in tension		
Material selection notes				
Jse to select materials with suffic	cient stiffnes	s (high value) or sufficient compliance (low value).		
Modulus in tension, flexure, and or approximate work.		are similar for most matched so can be interchange		
or approximate work. ypical values:				
or approximate work. ypical values: Flexible plastics and elastomers	< 1 GPa			
or approximate work. ypical values:				
or approximate work. ypical values: Flexible plastics and elastomers Unfilled plastics	< 1 GPa 1–4 GPa			
or approximate work. ypical values: Flexible plastics and elastomers Unfilled plastics Reinforced plastics	< 1 GPa 1–4 GPa 5–25 GPa			
or approximate work. ypical values: Flexible plastics and elastomers Unfilled plastics Reinforced plastics Ferrous metals	< 1 GPa 1–4 GPa 5–25 GPa 70–250 GPa			

For more information on the property and to drill down to the underlying science, follow the hyperlink to the science note.

Exercise 3 — Browse Processes

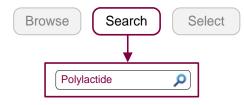
Select the Table *ProcessUniverse* and the Subset *All processes*.



- Browse for a record for FRICTION WELDING (METALS)
- Browse for a record for TRANSFER MOLDING
- Browse for a record for ION IMPLANTATION
- Find materials that can be DIE CAST, using the LINK to MaterialUniverse at the bottom of a record for DIE CASTING

Exercise 4 — Searching

Find the material POLYLACTIDE



Find the materials for CUTTING TOOLS

Find the process VACUUM ASSISTED RTM

The folder name is also included in the search. If the term appears in a folder name, all records under that folder will be returned; for example, a search for **ceramic** would return all records in the folder named **Ceramic**.

Enter the search term ALUM*

Returns records starting with Alum, such as Alumina, Aluminum, and Alumino.

More advanced searches

The following search operators are available:

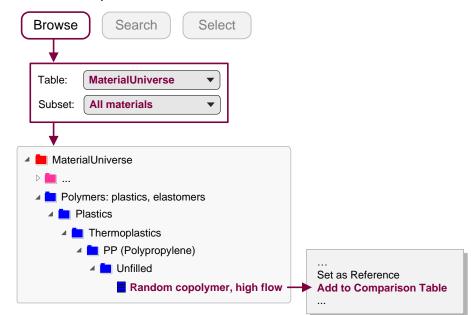
AND	Finds records containing both the search terms, so steel AND alloy returns only records containing both the words steel and alloy
OR	Finds records containing either search term, so steel OR alloy returns all records that contain steel, alloy , or both
NOT	Finds records containing the first search term, but not the second, so steel NOT alloy returns only records with the word steel but without the word alloy
Phrase Search	Finds the exact search term, so "steel alloy" will return only records containing the exact phrase steel alloy
Parentheses	Used to group search terms, so iron AND (ore OR cast) will return the records containing iron and containing either ore , cast , or both

Note: AND operators are automatically added when a search has two or more terms and no other operators have been entered.

4.3 Comparing Records

The performance of different materials can be compared by creating a Comparison Table.

Exercise 5 — Compare records



Add an unfilled PP (Polypropylene) and an unfilled high-density PE (Polyethylene) record to a COMPARISON TABLE.

Find an example of each in the Browse tree, then right-click and select **Add to Comparison Table**.

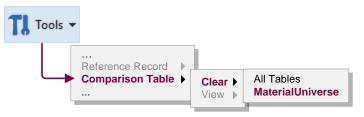
Set *PE-HD* as the reference record

Hover over the record name in the comparison table and click Set as Reference ${m P}$.

BAll Data Project Data ↔ Ranges x Averages #. Values % Change Highlight % Change > 10 Apply

🔎 PE-HD (high	PP (random copolymer,
molecular weight)	high flow)
Plastic (thermoplastic, semi-crystalline)	Plastic (thermoplastic, semi-crystalline)
-HD (Polyethylene, high density)	PP (Polypropylene)
PE-HD	PP
ls)	
100	100
1.61 - 1.65	1.7 - 1.77 👚
1520 - 1580	1520 - 1610
947 - 955	895 - 909 🤑
0.015 0.051	0.824 - 1.02
0.915 - 0.961	0.024 - 1.02
	Plastic (thermoplastic, semi-crystalline) E-HD (Polyethylene, high density) PE-HD Is) 100 1.61 - 1.65 1520 - 1580 947 - 955

- Change the display to show the differences relative to the reference record as percentages
 Click % Change in the comparison table toolbar.
- Clear the Comparison Table



4.4 Creating property charts

Bar charts and bubble charts are a great way to visualize and communicate materials properties, as well as being a key tool to support systematic materials selection.

Exercise 6 — Create a bar chart

Select MaterialUniverse: All bulk materials

Make a bar chart of YOUNG'S MODULUS (E)

Under Selection Stages, click **Chart/Index**.

Set the y-axis attribute to Young's modulus, then click OK.

For a bar chart, you do not set an x-axis, so leave x-axis set to <None>.

Browse Search Select
★
1. Selection Data
Select from: MaterialUniverse: All bulk materials
Reference: PE-HD (high molecular weight)
2. Selection Stages
Chart/Index 📰 Limit 📰 Tree
Chart Stage
Y-axis
Single or Advanced Property
Attribute: Young's modulus

Explore the chart

Click **Zoom in** $\textcircled{}^{\textcircled{}}$ and then drag to zoom in on an area of the chart. Click **Zoom out** \bigcirc to zoom out.

Click **Autoscale** 🖸 to zoom back to view the whole chart again.

Label records on the chart

Click on a record in the chart and then drag to add and position a new data label. To delete a data label, select it and press DELETE. To delete all labels in the chart, press CTRL+A and then press DELETE.

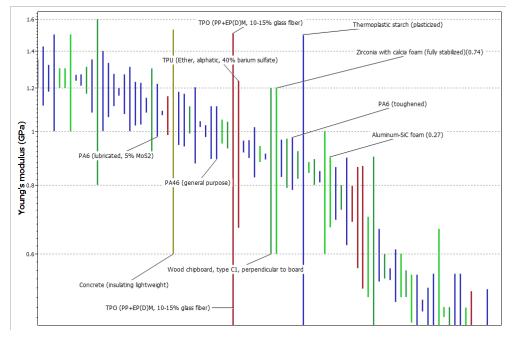


Figure 1 Bar Chart showing Young's Modulus, with data labels

Exercise 7 — Create a bubble chart

Make a bubble chart plotting YOUNG'S MODULUS (E) against DENSITY (ρ)

Under Selection Stages, click **Chart/Index**.

Set the y-axis to Young's modulus and set the x-axis to Density.

Use the Axis Settings defaults to create a log-log plot.

Browse	Search Select	
1. Selection	Data	
Select from:	MaterialUniverse: All bulk material	Is 🔻
Reference:	PE-HD (high molecular weight)	
2. Selection		
	Chart Stage	
	X-axis	Y-axis
	Single or Advanced Property	Single or Advanced Property
	Attribute: Density	Attribute: Young's modulus

Show family envelopes

Click et look at how data for a given family of materials cluster together.

Label records on the chart

Zoom in and label some records (click on a record and drag).

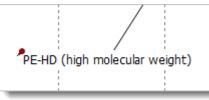
Try adding labels from the Results list: right-click a record in the list, select **Label** on the shortcut menu, and then drag the label to where you want it on the chart.

If the new label isn't visible at the current zoom, click **Autoscale** to display the whole chart again.

Locate the Reference Record

Click **Highlight reference record /** on the Chart Stage toolbar; all records except the reference record are grayed out.

Label the reference record: note that the label includes a special reference record indicator:



Delete this stage

Select the stage in the Selection Stages list and press DELETE.

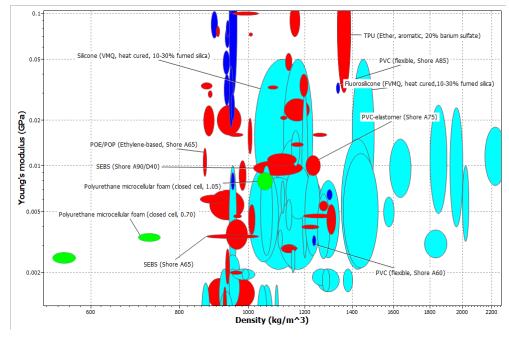


Figure 2 Bubble chart showing YOUNG'S MODULUS (E) plotted against DENSITY (p)

4.5 Filtering and Screening

Exercise 8 —	Selection	Using a	Limit Stage
--------------	-----------	---------	-------------

Browse Search Select	
1. Selection Data	
Select from: MaterialUniverse: All bulk materials	
2. Selection Stages	
Chart/Index 🕅 Limit Iree	Limit Stage
	Impact & fracture properties
2 Posults Vout of Voco	▼ Thermal properties
3. Results X out of Y pass	Min Max
Material 2	Max. service temp. 200 °C
Material 3	Thermal conductivity 25 W/m.°C
Material 4 etc.	
	▼ Electrical properties
	Min Max
	Electrical resistivity 1215 µohm.cm
Limit Bar	
Data available: 3007 of 3074 (99.8%) Garages Non-technical ceramics Technical ceramics Technical ceramics Composites Feans Metals and alloys Electromers Plastics 1 00000 1E+08 1E+12 1E+15 Conductor Electrical resistivity (p	Limit guidance

Select materials with specific thermal and electrical properties.

Create a new Limit Stage with the follo	wing criteria:
MAX. SERVICE TEMPERATURE	> 200 °C
THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY	> 25 W/m.°C
ELECTRICAL RESISTIVITY	> 1e15 µohm.cm

Use the limit bars for guidance on suitable values. Enter the limits – minimum or maximum as appropriate – and click **Apply**. If a reference record is set, its values for each property will be shown to the right of the min/max entry boxes.

Example results: Aluminum nitride, Alumina, Silicon nitride.

Note: These exercises have been written using the unit settings 'US Dollar (USD)' and 'Metric'. If you use different settings, the selection criteria and figures will differ. To change the settings, click **Settings** on the toolbar, and click the **Units** tab.

• Filter the results further to select only materials with non-opaque TRANSPARENCY.

Under **Optical Properties**, in the **Transparency** list, select **Translucent**, **Transparent**, and **Optical quality**.

Click Apply.

Example results: Alumina (translucent) and Diamond.

Delete this stage.

Exercise 9 — Using the Engineering Solver

Design requirements are often specified in terms of geometry, loading, and maximum deflections. The Engineering Solver tool converts these engineering requirements into material properties, which can then be applied in Limit stages to screen for suitable materials.

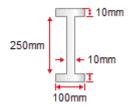
Open the Engineering Solver tool.

Click **Solver Solver** on the main toolbar.

Select the situation **Beam in Bending**.

This model estimates the minimum strength and stiffness values required for a beam with the specified geometry and load conditions.

Set up the geometry for an I-beam with the following cross-section dimensions.



Use the Cross-section list to select **I-section**. Enter the following dimensions and use the lists at the end of each line to select the correct units: Breadth (b) 100mm; Depth (d) 250mm; Thickness (t) 10mm; Web thickness (tw) 10mm; Length (l) 5m.

Set up the design parameters for a cantilever with an end load of 5kN.

Load conditions = Cantilever End load Safety factor = 1.5

Maximum deflection = 50mm

The results will automatically populate. You should see that the minimum required Young's Modulus is 133GPa and the minimum Yield Strength is 108MPa. You can change the units for the results using the adjacent lists.

Keep the Engineering Solver window open.

Select materials based on the results from the Solver tool.

Create a new Limit stage with All bulk materials, using the Young's modulus and Yield strength results from the Engineering Solver.

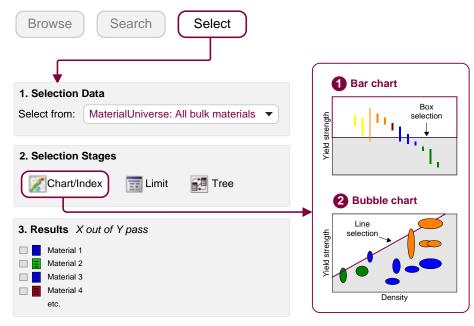
Enter the minimum Young's modulus and Yield strength (elastic limit) values.

Make sure that the results units in the Engineering Solver and Limit Stage match: change the results units in the Engineering Solver if they do not match those in the Limit Stage.

Example results: Alumimum, Alumina, Berylium, Bronze, Carbon Steel... as you can see, a large number of results are returned. It would then be standard to perform further selection stages to narrow down the list of potential materials (e.g. setting a maximum price).

Exercise 10 — Selection Using a Chart Stage

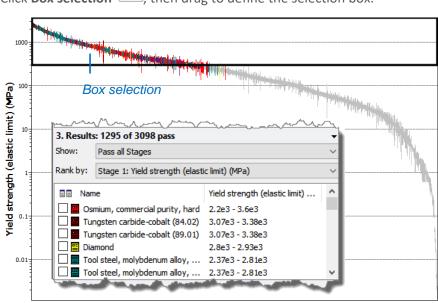
When plotted on a Chart Stage, records can also be filtered using the **Index line** and **Box selection** tools. This provides a more qualitative approach to filtering.



• Make a Bar Chart of YIELD STRENGTH (σ_y)

Set the y-axis to Yield strength (elastic limit).

Use a Box selection to identify materials with high values of YIELD STRENGTH



Click **Box selection** , then drag to define the selection box.

Add DENSITY (ρ) to the other chart axis

Click **Chart Settings** , and on the x-axis tab, select **Density** as the axis attribute.

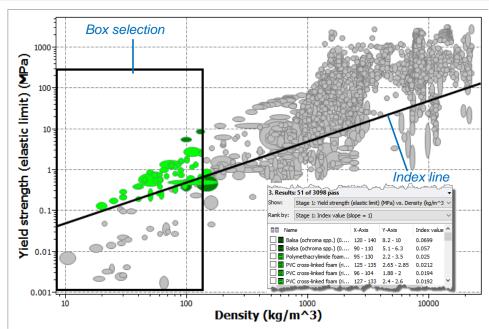
\clubsuit Use an INDEX LINE to identify materials with high values of the specific strength σ_y / ρ

Click Index line A.

By default, the slope of the line is 1 and the objective is **Maximize the index.** This will result in selection of materials above the line, for high values of σ_y / ρ .

Click **OK** and then click on the chart to position the line through a particular point.

Drag the line upwards to refine the selection to fewer materials.



Add a Box selection to the chart to identify materials with low DENSITY that maximize the index.

Rank the results by specific strength (YIELD STRENGTH / DENSITY)
 Show: Stage 1: Yield strength v. Density

Rank by: Stage 1: Index value. Example results: Balsa, Polymethacrylimide foam, PVC.

Delete all stages

Exercise 11 — Selection Using a Tree Stage

Using a Tree Selection Stage, you can filter records based on their links to records in other data tables, or based on the database hierarchy (tree).

Browse Search Select	
1. Selection Data	
Select from: MaterialUniverse: All bulk materials	
2. Selection Stages	Tree stage for processes
3. Results X out of Y pass	Process Surface Machining Machining
Material 3 Material 4 etc.	

Find materials that can be MOLDED

Under Selection Stages, click **Tree**. In the Tree Stage window, select ProcessUniverse, navigate to Molding, and click **Insert**, then click **OK**.

Click **Show** to see a list of the materials in MaterialUniverse to which this process is linked.

Delete this stage.

Find processes to join STEELS

In the Selection Project pane, under Selection Data, select *ProcessUniverse: Joining processes*.

Under Selection Stages, click Elect MaterialUniverse, expand Metals and alloys, select *Ferrous*, and then click **Insert** followed by **OK**.

Delete this stage.

4.6 Find Similar

Materials in the database can be ranked based on their similarity, or nearness, to a specified material. This is useful for finding replacement or equivalent materials. The way in which nearness is calculated can be tailored to account for specific design requirements behind the initial material choice.



Datasheet			
PVC (flexible, Shore A85)	Find Si	milar	
	•		
	Records similar to: PVC (fl	exible, Shoi	re A85)
	Name	٨	Vearness (%)
	📝 🔎 PVC (flexible, Shore A85)		100
	TPU (Ether, aromatic, Shore D	45)	87
	EVA (Shore A85, 25% vinyl ace	etate)	86
	PVC (flexible, Shore A65)		85
	etc.		
		Comparis	son
	Comparison - Mater	rialUniverse	
	x Averages #. Values	Highligi % Change	
	۰	PVC	EVA
	Density (kg/m^3)	1330	950 🔶
	Young's modulus (GPa)	0.0324	0.0245

Open the datasheet for PVC (flexible, Shore A85)

Find similar materials

Click Find Similar and confirm changing the reference record, if prompted.

Available materials are ranked by their similarity to the reference material. In this instance, calculations are based on the default nearness criteria for this table.

Compare PVC with one of the near materials

Select EVA (Shore A85, 25% vinyl acetate) and click Comparison.

A comparison report is generated, showing the selected result and the reference record. Significant differences in the attribute values are highlighted.

4.7 Putting it all together

Browse Search Select	
1. Selection Data	
Select from: MaterialUniverse: All bulk materials	
Reference: PNot set Set	1 Limit stage
2. Selection Stages	MinMaxDensity2000Yield strength60T-conductivity10
 3. Results X out of Y pass; ranked by PRICE Material 1 Material 2 Material 3 Material 4 etc. 	2 Tree stage Process Join Shape Surface Cast Deform (Mold) Composite Powder Prototype
4. Reports	Chart stage

Exercise 13 — Combining Filtering and Charting Tools

Choose the data source and set a reference record. Select from: MaterialUniverse: All bulk materials Reference: POM (homopolymer)

Select materials with specific physical, mechanical, and thermal properties.

Add a Limit Stage with the following criteria:DENSITY< 2000 kg/m^3</td>YIELD STRENGTH (Elastic limit)> 60 MPa

THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY

Filter the results to find those that can be THERMOFORMED

Add a Tree Stage and select ProcessUniverse - Shaping - Molding - Thermoforming.

< 10 W/m.°C

Rank the results by PRICE

Add a Chart Stage with a bar chart of Price. On the Chart Stage, all materials that fail one or more stages are grayed out. The Results window lists the materials that pass all stages. In the **Rank by** list, select *Stage 3: Price*.

Compare the three cheapest materials.

Select the top three records in the **Results** list and click the **Comparison** button below the list to add them to a Comparison Table.

✤ Generate a Selection Report

Under Results, click Selection.

A selection report is created, containing a summary of the selection project on the first page, details of each selection stage on the following pages, and the comparison table on the final page.

Exercise 14 — Finding Supporting Information

The following exercise requires an Internet connection.

CES Selector translates the material ID to search strings compatible with a group of high-quality material and process information sources, and delivers the search results. Many of the sources require a subscriber-based password. The ASM source is particularly recommended.

Search the web to find more information on PET

Open a PET datasheet, and then click **Tools>Search Web**.

Exercise 15 — Search and Find Similar

Search for a material and open its datasheet

Use Search to find and display PC (high viscosity, molding and extrusion).

Find records similar to the selected record

Click **Find Similar** (.). Use the default weightings to calculate nearness; do not open the Nearness Settings window.

Browse	h Select
PC	P
↓ ↓	Datasheet
	molding and extrusion)
Find Similar	
•	
Records Similar to: F	PC (high viscosity…)
Name	Nearness (%)
Material 1	
Material 2	
Material 3	
Material 4	
etc.	
	Comparison
	Companson

reference record.	
Add a Limit Stage and select materials with equ	al or poorer flammability than the referer
Slow-bu	irning
FLAMMABILITY Self-ext	inguishing
Non-fla	mmable
Browse Search Select	
1. Selection Data	
Select from: MaterialUniverse: All bulk materials	
Reference: <i>P</i> PC (high viscosity, mold	
2. Selection Stages	Limit stage ▼ Durability: flammability Flammability □ Highly flammable Reference:
3. Results X out of Y pass Material 1 Material 2 Material 3 Material 4 etc.	✓ Slow-burning Slow-burning ✓ Self-extinguishing burning ✓ Non-flammable
4. Reports	

Apply additional design constraints

Click Selection Project to create a selection project and ranks the results by nearness to the

Compare the selection results

In the Results list, select PPE+PS alloy (15% glass fiber) and PBT (general purpose), then, under Report, click Comparison.

Solution to the comparison table to check for other significant differences in performance, for example, ELONGATION.

4.8 Process Selection

Browse Search Select	
1. Selection Data	
Select from: ProcessUniverse: Shaping processes	1 Limit stage
	▼ Shape
2. Selection Stages	Dished sheet
Chart/Index	▼ Physical attributes
	Mass range 10 12 kg
	Range of section thickness 4 4
	▼ Process characteristics
	Primary shaping processes
	▼ Economic attributes
	Economic batch size (units)
	2 Tree stage Material Ceramics Hybrids Metals Polymers Plastics Thermo-plastics Thermo-sets

Exercise 16 — Selecting Processes

Choose the Selection Data.

Select from: ProcessUniverse: Shaping processes.

Find PRIMARY SHAPING PROCESSES to make a component with specific shape, physical, and economic properties.

Add a Limit Stage with five criteria:

SHAPE	Dished sheet
MASS RANGE	10 - 12 kg
SECTION THICKNESS	4 mm
PRIMARY SHAPING PROCESS	Yes
ECONOMIC BATCH SIZE	> 1000

Filter the results to only include THERMOPLASTIC materials

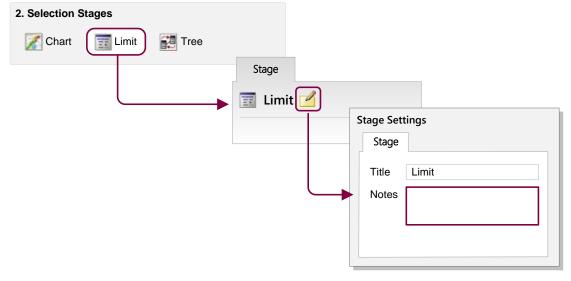
Add a Tree Stage and select MaterialUniverse - Polymers - Plastics - Thermoplastics. Example results: Thermoplastic composite molding, Rotational molding, Compression molding.

4.9 Saving, Copying, and Report Writing

Exercise 17 — Adding Comments and Saving a Project

You can add comments to a selection project as a reminder of why you have applied certain constraints and objectives. Comments are displayed on mouse-over in the selection report, and are saved in the project file.

Comments can be added to all selection stages in a project.



Click Notes in the stage window heading, then enter some comments.

 You can calso add comments to the select report summary, for example, information on which material was finally selected, and the reasons why, providing full traceability of the material selection.

4. Reports	Selection
	Report Project Summary Title Limit Author Company Notes

Save the project

.

On the **File** menu, click **Save Project**. Give the project a filename and directory location; the project will be saved with the file extension *.ces*.

Exercise 18 — Exporting and Copying

.

Reports can be exported as a PDF or as a Microsoft[®] Word document.

***	Generate a Selection Report
*	Export the report as a PDF
	Click Export 🔍 and select PDF.
	4. Reports
	Comparison Selection
	Report
	Project Summary
	PDF
	Export

Note: You will require a PDF reader such as Adobe Reader[®] to view the exported selection report.

Charts, records, and results lists can be copied and pasted into a document in another application such as Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Powerpoint, or Notepad.

Copy a chart into a document.

To copy a chart to the clipboard: in the chart window, right-click on the chart and select **Copy** on the shortcut menu, or press CTRL+C.

You can then paste the chart image from your clipboard into the document.

Copy a datasheet into a document.

To copy a datasheet to the clipboard: display the datasheet and then right-click on the datasheet and select **Copy** on the shortcut menu, or press CTRL+C.

You can then paste the data from your clipboard into the document.

Copy results into a document.

To copy results to the clipboard, use SHIFT+click or CTRL+click to highlight the records you want, then right-click and select **Copy** on the shortcut menu, or press CTRL+C.

To select all results in the list, right-click and select **Select All** on the shortcut menu, or press CTRL+A.

You can then paste the results from your clipboard into the document.

Edit the document you have created.

5 Getting the most out of CES Selector

The following exercises introduce some additional tools and features designed for increased productivity.

- <u>5.1 Custom Selection</u>
- <u>5.2 Performance Indices</u>
- <u>5.3 Functional Data</u>
- 5.4 Find Similar with Additional Criteria
- <u>5.5 Eco Audit</u>
- <u>5.6 Synthesizer Tool</u>

5.1 Custom Selection

Exercise 19 — Favorites

The Favorites feature enables you to highlight your favorite records e.g. your company's preferred materials.

Browse to the CAST ALUMINUM folder and add the folder as a favorite

Right-click on the folder name and select **Add to Favorites**; on the tree and datasheet, the material will now be marked with a star to indicate it is a favorite.



Add the TYPE 66 PA folder as a favorite as well

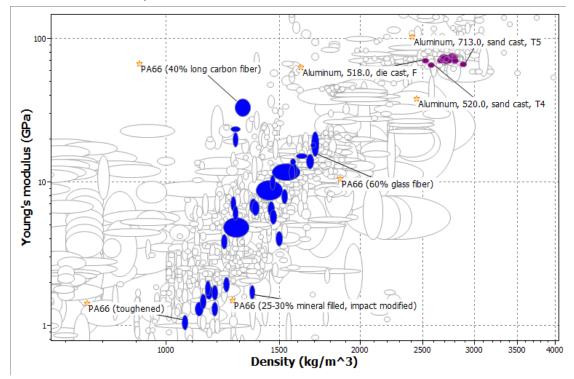
Expand Polymers - Plastics - Thermoplastics - PA (Polyamide/Nylon)

Make a BUBBLE CHART of YOUNG'S MODULUS (E) against DENSITY (ρ)

Select MaterialUniverse: All bulk materials and create a bubble chart as in Exercise 7.

View your favorites on the chart.

Click **Highlight favorite records** \Re ; all the materials that are not favorites are grayed out. Add labels to some of your favorites.



Clear your Favorites

On the **Tools** menu, click **Favorites>Clear**.

Retain this stage for the next exercise

Exercise 20 — Adding user-defined records

New materials are continuously being developed and introduced onto the market. These materials can be added and compared with other materials in the database using the User Defined Record feature.

A user-defined record appears on the Browse tree under **My records**.

User-defined records are saved in the selection project file, not the database.

 Add a Limit selection stage with the following constraint: THERMAL EXPANSION COEFFICIENT < 100 µstrain/°C

Add your own record

Right-click in the bubble chart and select Add Record.

Set the following values for the new record:

NAME	New material
DENSITY	Min. 1100 kg/m^3
YOUNG'S MODULUS	70 - 75 GPa

Click **OK** when finished. The new record will be shown on the Chart Stage with the default color as orange.

Bubble chart	Copy Print Add Record	User Defined Record Record Details Name: New material Color: Orange	×
Density		Selection Attributes Density 1100 kg/m^3 Young's modulus 70 75 GPa Thermal expansion coefficient upstrain/°C	

View the new record on the chart

On the Stage toolbar, click **Highlight user defined records** \blacksquare ; all the materials that are not user-defined are grayed out.

When a record is added from a chart, only the selection attributes are shown for data entry. User-defined records do not fail stages when no value has been entered for a specified constraint (such as thermal expansion in this example).

To edit or delete a user-defined record: right-click on the record in the Browse tree and select the option on the shortcut menu.

- Delete the Limit Stage, but keep the initial Chart Stage, as this will be needed for the next exercise
- Save the project

Exercise 21 — Selection with a Custom Subset

The CES Selector databases are supplied with a range of standard subsets (e.g. *All bulk materials, Metals, Magnetic materials*) which enable users to restrict their material selection to certain material groups within the database. The custom subset feature enables you to define your own subsets.

Define a custom subset

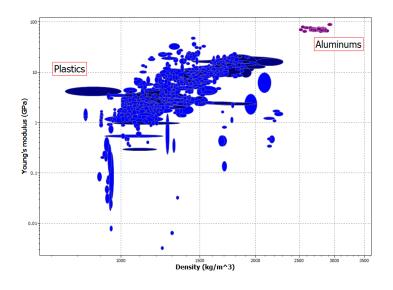
In the Select from list, choose Custom: Define your own subset.

Select ALUMINUM and PLASTICS and see that the bubble chart updates.

In the Custom Subset dialog, use the check boxes to include or exclude records and folders.

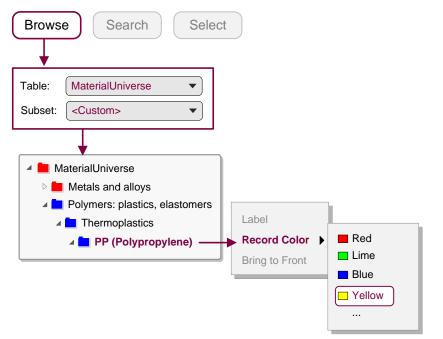
Bro	owse Search	Select		
1. Se	election Data			
Selec	ct from: Custom: Define	e your own subset 🔻		
	Custom Subset		\times	
	Selection table:	MaterialUniverse		
	Initial subset:	All bulk materials		
	Selection attributes:	All bulk materials		
	MaterialUniverse	-		
	Image: Second	•		
	▷ □ ■ Fibers and			
	Hybrids: composites, foams			
	Metals and alloys			
	Ferrous			
Magnetic Non-ferrous				
 ▷ ■ Aluminum ▷ ■ Beryllium 				
	▷ □ ■			
	Delymers: p	plastics, elastomers		

Note: The Selection attributes setting defines what properties will be available in chart and limit selection stages.



Exercise 22 — Record Coloring

The CES Selector databases use a standardized color scheme for displaying records (e.g. dark blue for plastics). You can change the default colors to highlight particular records.



 Browse to the POLYPROPYLENE folder, right-click on the folder name and change the record color to Yellow.

Note: Record colors can also be changed by right-clicking on a record in a chart stage or the selection results list.

Confirm that the record color on the bubble chart has updated

Delete this stage

Exercise 23 — Plotting a Combined Property

Many engineering applications require combined properties to be optimized. For example, specific stiffness (Young's modulus / density) in aerospace, and thermal diffusivity (thermal conductivity / (density * specific heat)) in thermal applications. You can plot these types of properties using the Advanced property feature.

✤ Make a BAR CHART of the combined property DENSITY / (YOUNG'S MODULUS ^ (1/2))

In the Chart Stage Wizard, under the Y-Axis tab, click **Advanced**. In the Set Axis dialog, select an attribute and click **Insert** to build the expression.

Leave the x-axis with no attribute set, to generate a bar chart.

Browse Search Select
1. Selection Data
Select from: MaterialUniverse: All bulk materials
2. Selection Stages
Chart Stage
Y-axis
Advanced
Density / (Young's Modulus^(1/2))

Delete this stage.

5.2 Performance Indices

One of the main components of the rational material selection technique is the use of performance indices. These are combined properties (e.g. Young's modulus / density) that allow the function of a design to be optimized for a particular application. The performance index finder enables users to quickly identify (and plot) the performance indices that are applicable to their design.

Exercise 24 — Performance Index Finder

 Make a BAR CHART of the performance index for minimizing the mass of a strength-limited beam, loaded in bending

In the Chart Stage Wizard, under the Y-Axis tab, select Performance Index Finder. Select the **Beam in bending** function. Set section area as a free variable, strength as the limiting constraint, and optimize for mass.

	Browse Search Select 1. Selection Data Select from: MaterialUniverse: All bulk material	ials 🔻
	2. Selection Stages	Chart Stage Y-axis • Performance Index Finder Uniting Constraint: strength Optimize: mass Beam in bending
angth on shape Free:	Cement (ordinary Portland) Insulation board, perpendicular to board Insulation board, perpendicular to board PVC (semi-rigid, molding and extrusion) AerMet 100 Enory	Redwood

Exercise 25 — Selection with a Trade-off Plot

Many designs require a compromise to be made between competing objectives, for example, maximize performance and minimize cost. The influence of this 'trade-off' on material choice can be studied by generating a trade-off plot, where candidate materials lie along a hypothetical curve or trade-off surface. You can identify optimal materials for a particular application by making a judgment on the relative importance of the two objectives (e.g. in aerospace, high performance is more important than low cost).

Make a BUBBLE CHART of the performance index BEAM IN BENDING, limited by STRENGTH

Set the y-axis to optimize mass and the x-axis to optimize cost.

Browse Search Select	
↓	
1. Selection Data	
Select from: MaterialUniverse: All bulk materia	ls 🔻
2. Selection Stages	Hereitormance Index Low cost Performance Index Pri: cost, c

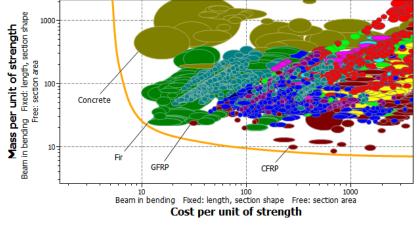
Create a trade-off curve by adding a curve annotation to the chart

On the chart stage toolbar, click \diagdown Curve.

Click the chart at the points you want the curve to pass through.

Press Enter to finish editing the curve.

The curve is a guide to the eye, and does not perform selection. The materials closest to the trade-off curve offer the best compromise for minimizing mass and cost.



Number of cycles Stress Ratio=-1

5.3 Functional Data

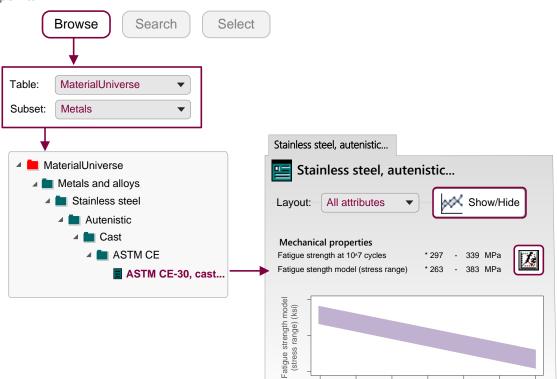
Some properties within the databases are stored as functional data, meaning that data is available for a number of different conditions. This allows users to readily incorporate the conditions of their application into their selection project. For example, using the "Fatigue strength model", you can specify both the stress ratio and number of cycles for the fatigue strength.

Exercise 26 — Viewing Functional Data

 Open the datasheet for a STAINLESS STEEL record. If the functional data graphs are not already visible, set them to be shown

Click 🖄 Show/Hide to toggle functional data graphs on the datasheet.

Use the graph buttons to open a graph in a new window and view the equation or data points.



Exercise 27 — Setting Parameters for Functional Data

The parameter values for functional data apply to all applicable functional data types within the datasheet and to all datasheets in the selection project. You change the parameter values using the Parameters hyperlink.

Note: The value for Fatigue strength model is calculated at the given parameter values for Stress ratio and Number of cycles.

Find a record for STAINLESS STEEL

Change the parameter value for NUMBER OF CYCLES

Click the **Parameters** link and set a new value in the dialog, then click **OK**. The value in the datasheet will be updated.

C	Browse Search	Select
Table: Subset:	MaterialUniverse Metals	Stainless steel, autenistic
	ue Information	Stainless steel, autenistic Mechanical properties Fatigue strength at 10 ¹ 7 cycles * 297 - 339 MPa Fatigue stength model (stress range) * 263 - 383 MPa
N	arameters Iumber of cycles 1e4 tress Ratio 0	Stress ratio=-1, Number of cycles=1e7

View the updated project setting

Go to the **Select** menu and **Project Settings**. The updated settings are under the **Parameter Values** tab.

5.4 Find Similar with Additional Criteria

If a project has additional or different constraints than are captured by the default nearness criteria in Find Similar, there are two ways to refine the results.

Exercise 28 — Find Similar with Limits

- Open the record for POLYPROPYLENE (COPOLYMER, CONDUCTIVE, 5% CARBON POWDER)
- Find records similar to this one

Click **Find Similar**. Use the default weightings to calculate nearness; do not open the Nearness Settings window.

Compare the current material with the nearest alternative

Select the closest record from the list of results - **PP (copolymer, 10% talc)** - and open a comparison table using **Comparison**.

The comparison table is highlighted where there is a difference between the original (reference) and alternative materials. The reference material in this exercise was chosen specifically because it has low electrical resistivity, however the nearest match does not. This is because the default criteria for nearness in this table do not account for electrical resistivity. You can change this manually.

PP (copolymer, conducti						
PP (copolymer, conductive, 5% carbon powder)						
Layout: All attributes	Find Similar					
Records similar to: PP (copolyme	•					
Name	Near	ness (%)				
PP (copolymer, conduct	· · · · · · ·					
PP (copolymer, 10% tal						
PP (copolymer, 20% cal						
	PP (impact copolymer, high flow) 94					
etc.						
	Compari Comparison					
	Comparison - Mater	ialUniverse				
PP (carbon) PP (talc)						
Compressive strength (MPa) 24.8 30.7 †						
	Density (kg/m^3)	961	966			
	Electrical resistivity (µohm.cm)	3.16e11	7.14e23 †			

The nearest materials in the results have similar physical properties to the reference material (density, yield strength, Young's modulus). However, the original material may have been chosen for other characteristics. In this case, the polymer is conductive (has a low electrical resistivity).

The results from Find Similar can be used as the basis of a Selection Project. In this case, you can use a Limit Stage to filter on the additional requirement for conductivity.

Create a SELECTION PROJECT using the results

In the **Records similar to** dialog, click **Selection Project**. The results are loaded into a new project, ranked by nearness.

• Filter the results for electrical resistivity that is equal to or lower than the reference material

Create a Limit Stage, and set the maximum value for electrical resistivity to 3.16e12, which is the maximum value for the reference record. **Apply** the stage.

	Records similar to: PP (copolymer, conductive, 5% carbor	n powder) [
	Name	Nearness (%		
	PP (copolymer, conductive, 5% carbon powder)	100		
	PP (copolymer, 10% talc) 96			
	PP (copolymer, 20% calcium carbonate) 95			
	PP (impact copolymer, high flow)	94		
	etc.			
	Select	ion Project		
	2. Selection Stages			
	Chart/Index 📰 Limit 📰 Tree			
nit	Stage			
E	lectrical properties			
lec	Min Max Refer trical resistivity 3.16e12 μohm.cm 3.16e	ence 10 – 3.16e12		

Example results, with Nearness (%):PP (10-12%, stainless steel fiber) 89%, PP (10% carbon fiber) 86%, ABS (40% aluminum flake) 84%.

Delete this stage.

Exercise 29 — Changing the Find Similar Nearness Settings

Instead of filtering on additional attributes, it is possible to change the criteria used for calculating nearness to take account of different requirements.

- Find records similar to POLYPROPYLENE (COPOLYMER, CONDUCTIVE, 5% CARBON POWDER)
 Open the datasheet and click Find Similar.
- Re-calculate the list of alternative materials, taking ELECTRICAL RESISTIVITY into account and prioritizing those results with resistivity that is the same or lower than the reference

Click the Nearness settings link on the Records Similar to dialog.

Under **Electrical Properties**, select **Electrical resistivity**, set it to **100% when Same or lower** and increase the Weighting factor to 2. Click **OK** to generate the new results.

Name	Nearness (%)
PP (copolymer, conductive, 5% carbon powder)	100
PP (copolymer, 10% talc)	96
PP (copolymer, 20% calcium carbonate)	95
PP (impact copolymer, high flow)	94
etc.	
Nez	arness settings
Nearness Settings	•
Selectrical properties	
100% when	Weighting fact
Electrical resistivity Same or lower	▼ 2
	ОК
ecords similar to: PP (copolymer, conductive, 5% carbo	n powder) 🔀
ecords similar to: PP (copolymer, conductive, 5% carbo Name	n powder) 🖂 Nearness (%)
ecords similar to: PP (copolymer, conductive, 5% carbo Name PP (copolymer, conductive, 5 5% carbon powder	Nearness (%)
Name	Nearness (%)
Name	Nearness (%) r) 100
Name PP (copolymer, conductive, 5 5% carbon powder PP (10-12% stainless steel fiber) 	Nearness (%) r) 100 91

Note that these results are conceptually different to those from the previous exercise. These results rank similar materials, taking into account the conductivity, but there is not a fixed upper limit as there was when filtering using the Limit Stage. Materials with a higher conductivity than the reference will still be included in these results.

5.5 Eco Audit



The Eco Audit Tool, which is an optional add-on for CES Selector, estimates the energy used and CO_2 produced during five key life phases of a product (material, manufacture, transport, use, and end of life) and identifies which is the dominant

phase. This is the starting point for eco-aware product design, as it identifies which parameters need to be targeted to reduce the eco-footprint of the product.

In this case study:

- A brand of bottled mineral water is sold in 1 liter PET bottles with polypropylene caps.
- A bottle weighs 40 grams; the cap 1 gram.
- Bottles and caps are molded, filled, and transported 550 km from the French Alps to England by 14 tonne truck, refrigerated for 2 days and then sold.
- The overall life of the bottle is one year.

An example product file for this case study is installed with CES Selector in the *Samples* folder, with the filename Bottle mineral water.prd.

Product Definition

The following details how the example product file has been created.

For an explanation of the calculations used at each stage, click Help 😢 in the heading.

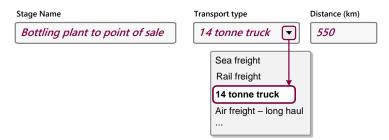
1. Material, manufacture, and end of life

Bill of materials (BoM), primary and (optional) secondary processing techniques.

Qty	Component name	Material	Recycled content	Mass (kg)	Primary process	Secondary process	% removed	End of life	% recovered
100	Bottle	PET	Virgin (0 🔽	0.04	Polymer md		0	Recycle 💌	100
4	MaterialUnive	and glasses	Virgin (0%)		Polymer extrusion			Landfill Combust Downcycle	
	Fibers and	· ·						Recycle	
	Hybrids: c						ľ	Re-manufactur	
	Metals and	d alloys						Re-manufactur Reuse	e
	Polymers:	plastics, elas						None	
	Thermop PET						Į		
100	Сар	PP (homog	Virgin (0%)	0.001	Polymer moldi		0	Combust	100
100	Dead weight			1			0	None	100

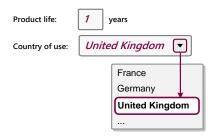
2. Transport

Transportation from site of manufacture to point of sale.



3. Use

Product Life and Location Use



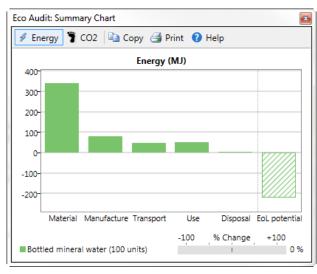
Static Mode

Energy used to refrigerate product at point of sale (average energy required to refrigerate 100 bottles at $4^{\circ}C = 0.12$ kW.

V Product uses the following energy:					
Energy input and output:	Electric to mechanical (electric motors)				
Power rating: Usage:	0.12 kW 2 days per year	Fossil fuel to thermal, enclosed system Fossil fuel to electric Electric to thermal			
Usage:	24 hours per day	Electric to mechanical (electric motors)			

4. Report

Summary chart enables rapid identification of the dominant life phase. Toggle between views of energy usage or CO₂ footprint.



The chart shows that, in this project, Material is the dominant life phase. Each life phase can be clicked to show guidance on strategies to reduce its impact.

Detailed report provides a component-by-component breakdown of each life phase, enabling the main contributors to the dominant life phase to be identified.

Exercise 30 — Compare Eco Audits

Open the *Bottled mineral water* product file.

Click **Open** and locate the sample product file *Bottled mineral water.prd*, located in the Samples folder in your CES Selector installation folder. For example: C:\Program files (x86)\CES Selector 2017\Samples\eco_audit\Bottled mineral water.prd

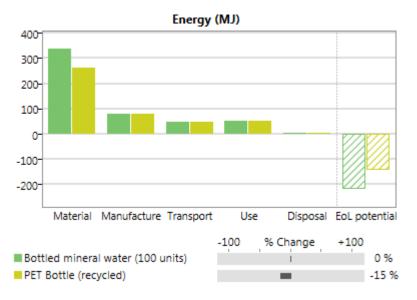
Create a copy of this product for comparison

Click Compare with and select Copy of current product.

Eco Audit Project	
Product definition	
New Open Save	Compare with Copy of current product New product Saved product

Set the following values in for the new product:

NAME	PET Bottle (Recycled)
RECYCLED CONTENT	35%



Generate the SUMMARY CHART

The first life energy (not including EoL potential) is reduced by 15%.

Note: You can copy the chart into a document or print it using Copy and Print at the top of the chart window.

Exercise 31 — Saving and Exporting

Eco Audit projects do not form part of a selection project and therefore you will need to save them separately.

SAVE the product definition

Eco Audit Project			
Product definition Report			
New Open Save Compare with			

GENERATE the Eco Audit report

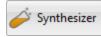
Click on the **Report** tab (or click **Detailed Report** on the Product definition tab).

EXPORT the report as a PDF

Note: You will require a PDF reader such as Adobe Reader to view the exported report.

b	CC Audit Project						
Proc	duct	definition	Rep	ort			
M	4	1	of 3		M	🖨	
							Excel PDF Word

5.6 Synthesizer Tool



The Synthesizer tool is designed for use in the early stage of product development. It consists of two types of models: *hybrid models*, for estimating the performance of novel materials and structures; and the *part cost estimator*, for calculating the

cost of a component based on material and process chain.

The Synthesizer tool enables you to compare the performance of these materials with other materials in the MaterialUniverse database.

Exercise 32 — Sandwich Panels Model

Hybrid materials and structures combine the benefits of two or more materials to produce new materials that exhibit unique combinations of properties. For example, both composite materials and sandwich panels are commonly used to create strong, lightweight structures.

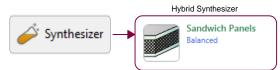
 Make a BUBBLE CHART of YOUNG'S MODULUS (E) against DENSITY (ρ) using MaterialUniverse: All bulk materials

As in Exercise 7.

 Use the SANDWICH PANELS MODEL to create synthesized records for a family of hybrid materials

Click Synthesizer on the toolbar (or click Tools > Synthesizer on the menu bar).

Select the Sandwich Panels – Balanced model.



Set the SOURCE RECORD values

FACE-SHEET	Aluminum, 6061, wrought, T6
CORE	Polymethacrylimide foam (rigid, 0.200)

Click **Browse** and locate the records in the tree.

Use the default values for MODEL VARIABLES and MODEL PARAMETERS, and set the following RECORD NAMING values:

FACE-SHEET	Al
CORE	Rohacell

CREATE the synthesized records

Click **Create** and then **Finish**. The new synthesized records will be shown in the Results list and on the Chart Stage.

Note: The Help in the Synthesizer dialog opens further information about the current model type, including details of the calculations used.

Plot an INDEX LINE corresponding to a lightweight, stiff panel in bending E_f^{1/3}/p

Click A Index line, enter a slope of 3, and maximize the index.

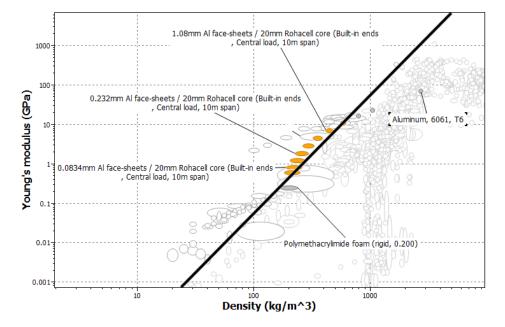
Add labels to the source records and some of the synthesized records

You can select individual records on the chart and drag to place a label.

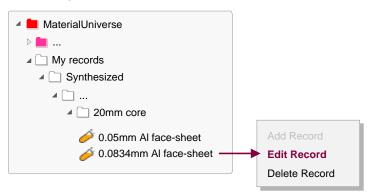
You can also add labels from the Results list: select one or more records in the Results list, right-click and select **Label** on the shortcut menu, then then drag the labels where you want them on the chart.

Click *Highlight synthesized records* to help you identify the synthesized records on the chart.

Use the Zoom controls $\textcircled{\Box}$ and \boxdot to zoom in to the area of interest on the chart.



Synthesized records appear on the Browse tree under *My Records* and may be edited or deleted in a similar way to User Defined records.



Exercise 33 - Part Cost Estimator

The Part Cost Estimator is a synthesizer model that calculates the total cost of a component based on the material and processing costs.

 Use the Part Cost Estimator to compare the cost a component manufactured in two different ways: as an injection molded polymer, and as a rolled and pressed metal.

Start Synthesizer Tool by clicking **Synthesizer** on the toolbar and in the dialog, select *Cost – Part cost estimator*.

🧳 Synthesizer)-•		Cost Part cost estimator
---------------	-----	--	-----------------------------

Set the COMPONENT DETAILS:

MATERIAL	PP (copolymer, 20% talc)
VALUE OF SCRAP MATERIAL	10%
PART MASS	6.4
PART LENGTH	10
BATCH SIZE	1000 - 1E6
NUMBER OF VALUES	10

Note: for this exercise, the units of part mass and part length do not matter.

Set the PRIMARY SHAPING PROCESS values:

PRIMARY PROCESS	Injection molding (thermoplastics)	
AVAILABILITY	Custom form	
PART COMPLEXITY	Standard	
Use the default values for load factor, overhead rate, and capital write-off time.		

Set the RECORD NAMING values:

MATERIAL	PP
PRIMARY PROCESS	molded

Create the new records.

Click **Create**. Keep the Part Cost Estimator window open.

The new synthesized records will be shown in the Results list and on the Chart Stage.

Add another material process.

In the Part Cost Estimator window, click **Previous** and set the COMPONENT DETAILS for another material process:

MATERIAL YS170 (hot rolled) high strength steel

PART MASS 10

Use the default values for scrap material value, part length, batch size, and number of values (retained from the first material processing chain input).

Set the PRIMARY SHAPING PROCESS values:

PRIMARY PROCESS Hot shape rolling

Use the default values for the other properties.

Set the SECONDARY SHAPING PROCESS.

Select Include secondary process, and enter the following value:SECONDARY PROCESSPress formingUse the default values for part complexity, amount of scrap, and scap recycled.

Set the RECORD NAMING values:

MATERIAL	Steel
PRIMARY PROCESS	rolled
SECONDARY PROCESS	pressed

Click Create and then Finish to create the synthesized records and close the Part Cost Estimator.

Synthesized records created using Part Cost Estimator are appended to the MaterialUniverse tree under My records > Synthesized > Part cost model.

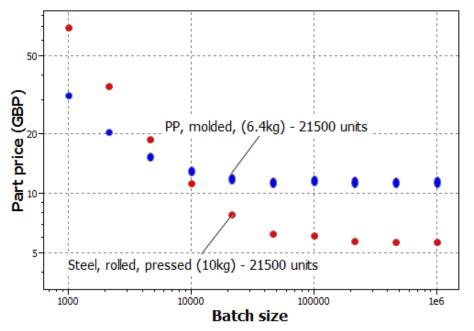
Create a bubble chart to compare the two material processing chains.

Click Chart/Index and set the following x- and y-axis values:CATEGORYPart cost estimatorX-AXIS ATTRIBUTEBatch sizeY-AXIS ATTRIBUTEPart cost

Change the record color for easy comparison of the two processing chains.

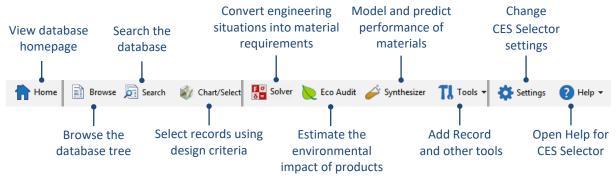
On the MaterialUniverse tree, navigate to My records > Synthesized > Part cost model.

Right-click on the *PP*, *molded* subfolder, click on Record color, and click on a color to change the record color for all records in that folder.

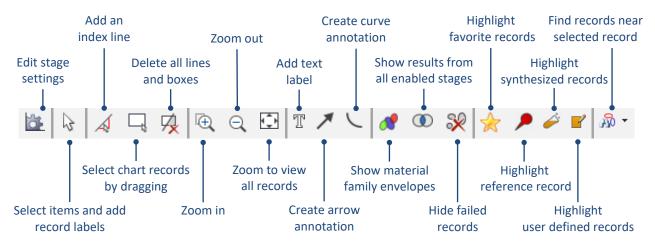


6 Toolbars and general information

6.1 Standard toolbar



6.2 Chart Stage toolbar



6.3 CES Selector file types

- *.gdb Granta Database file
- *.ces CES Selector Project file
- *.cet Selection Template file
- *.frl Favorites file
- *.prd Eco Audit Product Definition file

	Database options		
Settings	Preferred Currency	Preferred Unit System	
<automatic></automatic>	The Regional Setting from the operating system for currency is used to view data. This will appear as: <automatic -="" <i="">Regional Currency> For example: <automatic -="" gbp="">.</automatic></automatic>	The Regional setting from the operating system for unit system is used to view data. This will appear as: <automatic -="" <i="">Regional Units> For example: <automatic -="" metric="">.</automatic></automatic>	
<none></none>	Data is displayed using the same currency as it is stored with in the database.	Numeric data is displayed using the same units as the data is stored with in the database.	
Named setting	Named currency is used to display data.	Named unit system is used to display data.	

6.4 Options for Preferred Currency and Units

7 Permission to reprint, references, and contact details

Reprinting

Selection charts, record data, and extracts from documentation copyrighted by Granta Design Limited may be reprinted in published works provided that:

- *i.* prior written permission is obtained for every instance from Granta Design Limited by mail, fax, or electronic mail (contact details below);
- *ii.* each such chart, datasheet, document, etc, is accompanied by an acknowledgment of the form:

Chart/data/etc. from CES Selector 2017, Granta Design Limited, Cambridge, UK, 2016 (www.grantadesign.com).

Bibliographic references

When referring to the CES Selector software in publications, the bibliographic reference is:

CES Selector software, Granta Design Limited, Cambridge, UK, 2016 (<u>www.grantadesign.com</u>)

When referring to this document in publications, the bibliographic reference is:

CES Selector 2017 User Manual & Getting Started Guide, Granta Design Limited, Cambridge, UK, 2016 (<u>www.grantadesign.com</u>)

Contact details

If you have any questions, you can contact us at <u>info@grantadesign.com</u> or at one of the phone numbers below.

International Headquarters:	Tel: +44 (1)1223 218000 Fax: +44 (0)1223 506432
USA Headquarters	Toll-free: 1-800-241-1546 Fax: 1-216-274-9812
France	Appellez-nous au numéro vert: 08 00 76 12 90 Fax: 01 53 01 69 66
Germany	Tel: 089 921 315 230 Granta für Lehre: 0800 182 5026 Fax: 08005 89431 5000

For further details, see the <u>contact details</u> page of the Granta Design website, <u>www.grantadesign.com</u>.