In the automotive industry, formaldehyde-based technologies are used to make interior molded and under-the-hood components that allow for higher fuel efficiency by reducing vehicle weight. It is also used in the production of highly durable exterior primers, clear coat paints, tire-cord adhesives, brake pads and fuel system components.

Few compounds can replace formaldehyde as a raw material without compromising quality and performance or making the final products more expensive. While formaldehyde is an essential building block in a diverse range of products, its end use is primarily in a converted form. That means virtually all the formaldehyde is consumed in making the final product.