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Kristina M. Jeric was born on June 21, 1975 in Oneida, New York. She grew up in Fairfax, Virginia where her parents still live today. Kris graduated in 1993 from the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, and went to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. She gained valuable experience from her Cooperative Education position with Reynolds Metals in Richmond, Virginia and her three years of participation on the Virginia Tech Solar Car Team. In 1997, she earned her Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering, graduating Summa Cum Laude. After graduating, Kris remained at Virginia Tech to pursue a Master's with an emphasis on vibrations and acoustics. In May 1999, she earned her Master's and went on to work for Corning Incorporated as a Process Development Engineer in Wilmington, North Carolina.