

## **About Us**

As a wholly-owned subsidiary of the century-old Asahi Glass Company in Japan, AGC Chemicals Americas, Inc. formed in 2004 as a merger between Asahi Glass America and Asahi Glass Fluoropolymers. In 1999, AGC purchased the fluoropolymer resins and compounding division from ICI and prior to that, our company was operated through LNP Engineering Plastics. Our manufacturing plants are located in multiple Asian countries and in the United Kingdom. Custom made products are produced in Thorndale, Pennsylvania. Sales and technical offices as well as local warehouses are located in strategic regions throughout the world.

#### **Our Commitment to Quality**

- As an ISO 9001 and 14001 registered and certified company, we embrace a Quality Philosophy of total dedication to continuous improvement. How we achieve this is by focusing on our customers' needs through partnerships and teamwork.
- We are committed to valuing your feedback as an opportunity to improve our processes, products and ultimately your satisfaction.

## Our Pledge to the Environment: Chemistry for a Blue Planet

AGC Chemicals is committed to creating a safe, secure, comfortable and environmentally
friendly world with chemical technology and we have adopted this pledge as our company's
vision. We are working to reduce environmental impact in two ways. First, by supplying the
chemicals needed to make products that contribute to sustainability. Second, by developing
and continually improving processes that save energy and prevent environmental pollution.



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# The AGC Chemicals Business and Product Chain

AGC Chemicals boasts a remarkably integrated product chain, starting with basics obtained by electrolysis of brine and extending to a full array of fluorinated compounds.

## Chlor-Alkali & Urethane Business

#### Chlor-Alkali



#### **Urethane**

Chlor-Alkali (ASIA)

Caustic Soda

Chlor-Alkali (JAPAN)









## Fluon<sup>®</sup> ETFE Resins

Melt processable copolymers composed of tetrafluoroethylene and ethylene, Fluon® ETFE Resins offer superior physical toughness and adaptability to meet the ranging needs of simple, high quality, complicated and even high performance products. The fluoropolymers maintain stable mechanical and electrical properties while exposed to a wide temperature range from -200 °C to +150 °C. Superior tensile elongation and strength ensure no breakage by impact at room temperature. They are even resistant to low-temperature impact down to at least -80 °C. Tolerant to almost all chemical agents and solvents, these nonflammable resins conform to UL Standard 94V-0. ETFE resins are also resistant to ultraviolet light, making them suitable for outdoor use. A 16,000-hour accelerated weathering test (comparable to 30 years' exposure) produced almost no signs of film deterioration. Available in pellet or powder form, ETFE resins can be molded by extrusion molding, injection molding, blow molding and electrostatic coating. Fluon ETFE resin compounds are also available in a variety of color masterbatch concentrates, custom reinforcements or conductivity levels.

Modified ethylene/tetrafluoroethylene polymers, Low Melting ETFE resins have a melting point lower by approximately 30 °C to 40 °C than conventional ETFE materials, enabling processing over a wider temperature range with remarkably improved processability. Resins have higher flexibility and mechanical strength and can withstand flex of over 100,000 times. These low melting fluoropolymers also possess improved optical clarity and a higher limiting oxygen index (40% versus 31%) with an operating temperature of 180 °C. Using conventional extrusion and injection molding techniques, LM-ETFE resins can be processed at a wider range of temperatures due to their improved thermal stability and lower melting point. Rotomolding, rotolining and adhesive grades are also available.

#### **Features**

#### **ETFE Resins:**

- Continuous use temperature of 150 °C up to 200 °C
- Nonflammable material conforming to UL Standard 94V-0
- Show excellent chemical resistance to inorganic acids/bases and organic solvents
- FDA-compliant for Food Contact Notification (FCN) number 481
- Can be cross-linked with electron beam for increased toughness

#### **LM-ETFE Resins:**

- Higher limiting oxygen index (40% vs. 31%)
- Melting point lower than other ETFE materials (225 °C vs. 260 °C for most ETFE)
- Nonflammable material conforming to UL Standard 94V-0
- Higher transparency than conventional EFTE
- FDA-compliant for Food Contact Notification (FCN) number 481
- Can be cross-linked with electron beam for increased toughness

- Food industry
- · Wire and cable coating
- Film and sheets
- Semiconductor and electronic components
- · Tubing and pipe
- Valves, fittings and pump housings
- Electrostatic and rotolined vessel linings
- Fuel hoses



- Low friction and non-stick characteristics
- Available in 1/8" pellets



# Fluon<sup>®</sup> PTFE

## Fluon® Micropowders

Highly cost-effective materials, Fluon® PTFE (Polytetrafluoroethylene) Resins are the most widely used fluoropolymers found in many areas of modern life. Resin properties keep insulation thickness to a minimum while tolerating a wider range of temperatures (-180 °C to 260 °C) than other insulators. Inert to almost all chemicals, PTFE resins also offer good resistance to most solvents. They are suitable for outdoor use with no detriment to properties from extended exposure to the elements.

- Coagulated dispersions (CD): White, free-flowing powders made by coagulating dispersions of PTFE
- Aqueous dispersions (AD): Small, negatively charged PTFE particles that impregnate substrates to impart PTFE properties
- Granular powders (G): Fine powders that are molded by first pressing and heating, then shaped into sheets, rods or billets

Fluon® Micropowders are lubricants milled to a very fine powder while retaining excellent lubricity properties.

These powders can be compounded in rubber and plastics or dispersed in liquids or greases to improve friction and wear properties of the base material.

Many grades are used in non-stick surface applications, as extreme pressure additives in oil and grease, and in solvent applications. Lubricant powders offer great advantages over conventional anti-scuff agents in printing inks, permitting quick solvent release, faster printing speeds, and excellent print gloss.

#### Features

- CDs: suitable for extrusion of thin flexible sections
- ADs: extreme chemical inertness and excellent non-stick properties
- G: suitable for compounding and various molding techniques



#### Applications

- Tape and textile membranes (CD)
- Hose, tubes, rods and wire coatings (CD)
- Coatings, binders (AD)
- Additives for resins and paints (AD)
- Compound with fillers (G)
- Sheets, rods, billets and other general molded shapes (G)

#### Features

- High thermal, chemical and weather resistance
- Improved wear resistance, lubricity, non-stick and frictional characteristics of host media
- Can be added to coatings that contact food and drink
- Excellent dielectric

- Anti-scuff agent for ink and paint
- Thermoplastic and elastomers additive
- Additive to coatings and finishes
- Oil and grease additive
- Dry lubricant





#### **Features**

#### Pelletized (Free-Flow) Compounds:

- · Higher bulk density and mold flow properties
- Improve key physical properties and product uniformity
- · Easily processed in automatic molding equipment

#### Non-Pelletized (Low-Flow) Compounds:

- Manufactured in powder form
- Suitable for applications that demand the highest mechanical properties such as thick-walled billets

- · Pipe and valve seals
- · Bearings, gaskets, valve seals and sealing rings
- Crankshaft seals
- Machined parts used in chemical processing and oil exploration



## Fluon® Melt Processable Compounds



Fluon® Melt Processable Compounds are based on copolymer resins FEP, ETFE, ECA, PFA, PVDF, MFA, ECTFE and PCTFE.

Extending fluoropolymer properties of chemical resistance, toughness and lubricity, standard products are free of cadmium, hexavalent chromium and lead. There are eight Fluon® melt processable compound product types, all manufactured to precise specifications:

- · Color concentrates
- Foam concentrates
- Cross-linkable compounds
- Conductive/anti-static compounds
- · Reinforced compounds
- Lubricated compounds
- Flexible AR compounds
- Adhesive compounds

#### Applications

- · Wire and cable insulation
- Injection molded parts
  - Film and sheet
  - Pipe, tubing and multilayer
    - Pump housings, packings and valves
      - Electronic components
      - Linings and modified surfaces
        - Tapes and wraps

#### **Features**

- Color concentrates: Superb surface finish, color consistency and dispersion even at high-speed extrusion rates.
- Foam concentrates: Designed for gas injection foaming used for manufacture of LAN and coaxial cables. The properties of a foamed insulation help minimize signal loss, enhance high-speed data transmission, and save weight and material.
- Cross-linkable compounds: Increase mechanical properties such as scrape abrasion, cut-through resistance and tensile strength, especially at elevated temperatures.
- Conductive/anti-static compounds: Control heat and static electricity. Wire coated with a conductive fluoropolymer may be used for freeze protection and process temperature control.
- Reinforced compounds: Incorporate glass and mineral fillers for enhanced dimensional stability, abrasion resistance, shrinkage resistance and thermal conductivity characteristics.

- Lubricated compounds: Contain lubricious fillers such as PTFE and FEP. Used on car or truck brake "push-pull" cables where a low-friction, abrasion-resistant liner surface is needed.
- Flexible AR compounds: Modified ETFE and a proprietary fluoroelastomer maintain many desirable properties of ETFE in a more flexible form. Heat resistance can be enhanced by radiation curing and can be cross-linked without the presence of curing agents or co-agents.
- Adhesive-grade compounds: Are modified ETFE used in applications requiring strong adhesion to polyamide polymers, especially nylon 12. These compounds also exhibit high permeation resistance to many fluids and gases, especially automotive fuels.

- · Chemically and thermally stable
  - Nonflammable (no flash point)
    - Superior drying
      - · Low surface tension and viscosity
        - Broad compatibility with most plastics, elastomers, substrates and metals
- Defluxing/electronics cleaning

## **AsahiGuard** E-SERIES



AsahiGuard E-SERIES products are fluorinated water/oil repellents that contain no PFOA (at detectable levels), longer chain PFCs or their precursors. Drawing on fluorine's extraordinary properties, these specialty chemicals provide excellent protection and durability against water, oil and dry soil without changing the texture, color or breathability of a fabric or material. Surfaces treated with AsahiGuard E-SERIES products resist dirt and, when they do become dirty, are easy to clean. That's because the very low surface tension of AsahiGuard E-SERIES products makes oils, stains and water bead rather than soak into material. When applied, these coatings can keep materials such as fabrics, paper, leather, carpet, uniforms, stone, and tile looking new longer. They can also be used in combination with other agents such as starches, paper strengthening agents and fixative agents.

Asahi Guard E-SERIES products have appropriate clearances in the U.S. (Toxic Substance Control Act), in the EU and in Japan (Chemical Substances Control Law). They also comply with Food Sanitation Law in Japan and are approved by the FDA in the United States and BfR\* in Europe for food packaging use.

\*Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung -- Federal Institute for Risk Assessment

#### **Features**

- Durable against high temperatures and varying weather conditions
- · Adaptable to different materials
- · Excellent dry soil resistance
- · Protect textiles without affecting color or texture
- Water and stain repellent properties
- Easily cleaned
- No PFOA (at detectable levels) and low carbon number of 6 (lower than standard fluorinated water and oil repellents)

- High-quality barrier to water, oil and grease for paper and board
- · Add stain and water resistance to textiles
- Heavy-duty water repellent for tents, filters, partitions and similar items
- Extend durability in food wrapping materials, trays, cooking paper and packaging
- · Protection for stone & tile

## **LUMIFLON®**Fluoropolymer Resins



LUMIFLON® is the first solvent-soluble fluoropolymer for coatings that can be cured under room temperature conditions. Users have a choice of curing conditions from ambient to high temperatures (5 °C to 230 °C).

Used as a topcoat, LUMIFLON-based coatings maintain excellent appearance on buildings and other structures and protect steel and concrete from sunshine, UV rays, wind, rain and corrosion caused by water, oxygen, chloride and even acid rain. A transparent fluoro resin, LUMIFLON makes both clear and enamel coatings possible. It also can attain gloss retention of over 80%. Ultra-durable against the effects of weather, LUMIFLON-based coatings reduce total maintenance and cost associated with repair and cleaning. High durability of the fluoropolymer is based on its C-F bond energy that is much larger than the energy of UV rays in sunlight. LUMIFLON fluoropolymer resins are available in a variety of finishes from matte to high gloss, in a range of more than 230 colors, and in environmentally friendly grades such as emulsion, powder and solvent.

#### **Features**

- Outstanding UV light, chemical and corrosion resistance
- · Long-lasting color and gloss retention
- Excellent weather resistance compared to traditional top coatings
- · Soluble in many common solvents
- · Curable at room temperature

- · Metal: bridges, storage tanks, water towers
- Transportation: airplanes, trains, automobiles, marine
- · Architectural coatings, both shop- and field-applied
- Coil coatings
- Industrial maintenance
- Plastic coatings
- · Solar panels, wind towers





Made with AGC's ETFE, this high-performance fluoropolymer film possesses exceptional weatherability, thermal stability, transparency and anti-fouling properties, making it ideal for a wide range of applications in industries as diverse as electronics, aerospace, solar cells, semiconductors, interior design and building architecture.

The film has a thermal melting point of 260 °C and a linear thermal expansion coefficient of 9.4. High tensile elongation (200 – 510) and superior tear strength mean that Fluon® ETFE fluoropolymer film will not easily rip or scratch over time. Light transmission is higher than 90%, allowing more penetration of sunlight than ordinary glass, which is in the 80% range. ETFE film is also lighter than glass and highly resistant to soil, making it easy to use as a construction material.

#### **Features**

- Withstands temperatures over 200 °C
   Easily cleaned simply by wiping its surface
- Heat and chemical resistant
- Nonflammable
- Non-sticking
- Superior tear strength
- Light transmission is higher than 90%

- Release film for electronics fabrication and RFP
- Protective film for solar cells
- Roofing and architectural facades
- Interior finishing
- Lamination film for wallpaper



## Fine Silica Products

Fine Silica Products are resin additives that enhance the surface smoothness and dispersion of the media into which they are added. On a molecular level, these particles are perfectly spherical in shape and move more freely to provide a superior tactile feel. Fine silica products provide catalyst support for polymer manufacturing, cosmetics, film and synthetic leather, serve as a matting agent for paints, and act as filler for coated printing papers.

We offer five grades of fine silica products: Sunspera<sup>TM</sup>, Solesphere<sup>TM</sup>, M.S. GEL<sup>TM</sup>, Sunlovely<sup>TM</sup>, and Silica Gel. Our fine silica products are available in mean particle diameters from 1.8 μm to 200 μm and with oil absorption capacities from 30 ml/100 g to 400 ml/100 g to suit any application. Surface areas are available from 40-800 M²/g. The ability to select the sphere size, pore size and spherical structure of fine silica products makes it possible to provide long-lasting, physiocochemical-specific characteristics to specific media.

#### **Features**

#### Sunspera™:

- Precisely designed pore structure, spherical shapes and size distribution
- Improved morphology of finished polymers and optimizes production

#### Solesphere™:

- Particles: 3 20 μm
- Superior moisture absorption capacity: 30 400 ml/100 g

#### M.S. (Microsphere) Gel™:

- Particles: 2 200 μm
- Specific surface: 30 900 m<sup>2</sup>/g, pore size (4 200 nm)
- · Low back pressure and good separation performance

#### Sunlovely™:

- Ultra-thin scaly silica particles with high transparency
- Primary particle is less than 0.1 μm
- · Two forms: powder and slurry dispersed in water

#### Silica Gel:

- 1.7 mm to 4.5 mm desiccant for packaging and industrial applications
- High grade desiccant consisting of SiO,

#### **Applications**

#### Sunspera™:

· Catalyst supports for manufacturing PE and PP resins

#### Solesphere™:

- · Ingredient for cosmetics
- · Matting agent and surface modifier
- Dehumidifying agent
- · Filler for ink-jet print paper and more

#### M.S. (Microsphere) Gel™:

- Process chromatography, separation and purification
- · Catalysts supports and resin fillers
- · HPLC packings and more

#### Sunlovely™:

- Filler for cosmetics and paint
- · Release controller for fragrance and drug delivery agents
- · Binder for ceramics and inorganic coating materials
- Humidity control, absorption and deodorization binder and more

#### Silica Gel:

- Food and industrial applications
- Process chromatography
- Catalysts supports

# Fine Chemicals for Pharmaceuticals and Agrochemical Compounds

Asahi Glass has the unique position as a pharmaceutical and agrochemical intermediate producer with expertise in fluorine chemistry. Fluorinated compounds are known to possess bioactivity often considered useful, and our more than twenty years of experience in this area has furthered our technology base.

Our experience has expanded our services to custom manufacturing of fluorinated compounds and others. Not only do we provide various fluorine-containing building blocks such as fluoroanilines or fluoro benzoic acids, but, combined with other general reactions such as hydrogenation, Friedel-Crafts reaction, bromination, nitration and Grignard reaction, we supply more advanced intermediates and bulk pharmaceuticals. We also specialize in conducting ultra low temperature reactions, and do GMP production as well. Our Fine Chemicals can be found in a variety of markets including the pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals and polymers markets.



These additional product offerings are mainly based on perfluorohexyl chemistry.

Major commercial product offerings are perfluorohexyl iodide, 2-perfluorohexyl ethyl iodide and 2 perfluorohexyl ethyl methacrylate.

#### **Features**

#### **Fine Chemicals**

#### for Pharmaceuticals and Agrochemical Compounds:

- Variety of fluorinated building blocks and fluorination technologies
- Handling of F2 gas and fluorinated compounds
- cGMP facility and API manufacturing
- Ultra Low Temperature by -100 °C
- · High quality C3 compounds
- · Metallocene co-catalysts

#### Fluoro Intermediates:

· C6 compounds made with high purity and consistent quality

#### **Applications**

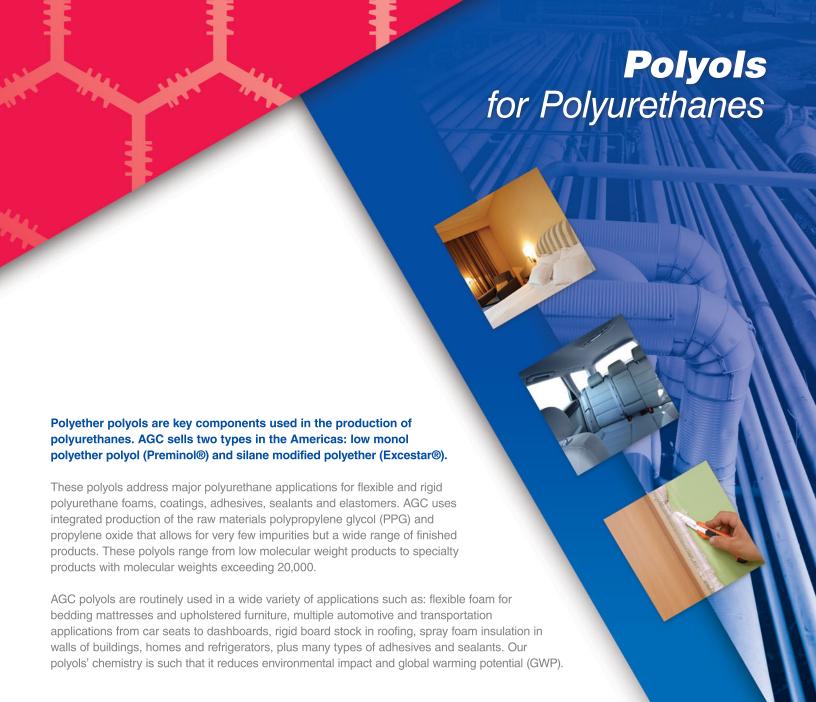
#### **Fine Chemicals**

#### for Pharmaceuticals and Agrochemical Compounds:

- · Advanced pharmaceutical and agrochemical intermediates
- · Mono- and di-fluorinated heterocyclics
- Finished APIs and key products under GMP
- Polyolefins

#### Fluoro Intermediates:

• Polymer synthesis for fluorinated chemistry production



#### **Features**

#### **Preminol (Low Monol Polyether Polyol):**

- High molecular weight
- Low by-product polyether polyol
- · Results in high elongation materials
- · Provides quick curing and good hardening
- · Allows for high durability and low viscosity

#### **Excestar (Silane-modified Polyether)**

- Based on ultra-high molecular weight polyol technology
- · Liquid polyether polymer with a hydrolyzed silyl group on the end
- · Excels in hardness
- · High strength and elongation
- Low viscosity

#### **Applications**

#### Preminol®:

- CASE (coating, adhesive, sealant and elastomer) and polyurethane foam
- Flexible foams (mattresses, cushions, upholstered furniture)

#### **Excestar:**

- Sealing material for construction
- Elastic adhesive
- Coating material and other general sealing uses



## Flemion® Ion Exchange Membranes

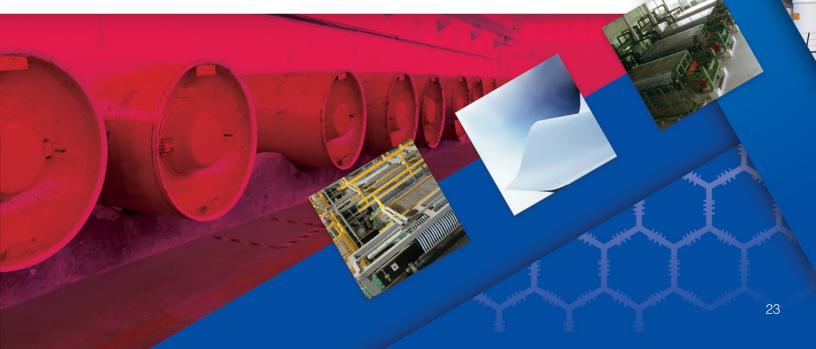
FLEMION® is a fluorinated ion exchange membrane used to produce caustic soda/caustic potash in electrolysis plants. FLEMION membranes achieve substantial energy savings because they require less electrical current to decompose the purified brine. In addition to saving energy, FLEMION membranes minimize the influence of brine impurities and enable manufacturers to maintain 97-98% electrical current efficiency.

FLEMION is used in the electrolyzers at electrolysis plants that decompose brine. It plays a key part in manufacturing caustic soda (sodium hydroxide)/caustic potash (potassium hydroxide), chlorine, and hydrogen-basic chemical products. These chemicals are key ingredients of many products used in our daily lives.

#### **Features**

- Energy savings from low electric resistance
- High current efficiency
- Stable performance due to less impurity influence
- · High durability and robustness
- Fewer blemishes and reduced pinching issues

- · Electrolyzers in electrolysis plants
- Manufacturing caustic soda
- · Manufacturing caustic potash
- · Manufacturing chlorine
- Manufacturing hydrogen-basic chemical products







## **Examples of Testing Capabilities**

#### **Physical Testing:**

• Tensile elongation/tear

chromatography (IC)

- Flex testing
- Instrumented wear testing
- Dynamic Mechanical Analysis (DMA)
- Compression set
- Impact and Hardness
- Abrasion

#### **Environmental Studies:**

- Heat aging
- Fluid immersion
- Weatherability

#### **Material Identification:**

- Gas chromatography
- Infrared (FTIR) with microscope
- UV/VIS/Near IR
- SEM/EDAX
- · Color matching
- · Filler analysis

#### **Thermal Analysis:**

- Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)
- Thermal Gravimetric Analysis (TGA)
- Thermal Mechanical Analyzer (TMA)

#### Rheometry:

- Melt indexing
- Capillary
- Thermoset (RPA 2000P)

#### **Analytical Testing** (in-service conditions):

- Thermal
- Chemical
- Dynamic
- Static





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