

# **F-CLEAN**<sup>™</sup> ETFE Greenhouse Coverings

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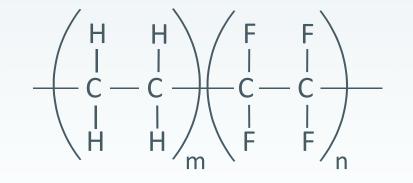
### What is F-CLEAN?

 F-CLEAN is the brand name of AGC's Fluon<sup>®</sup> ETFE film used for greenhouse coverings.

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- Fluon ETFE film is a high-performance film produced using Fluon ETFE resin.
- Fluon ETFE film has excellent features, and is used in many applications.
- AGC produces ETFE resin and film.





### **E**thylene-**T**etra**f**luoro**e**thylene copolymer

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### The Many Advantages of F-CLEAN Coverings

Weather resistance

#### Chemical resistance

Heat resistance

-100°C to 180°C

Mechanical property

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Nonflammability (DIN B1)

Light transmittance

Anti-stick property (Antifouling)

Light can be controlled by wavelength range

**Dielectric properties** 

Anti-condensation can be added

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### **Other Applications of ETFE Film**

#### **BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

• Roofs

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• Façades

#### ELECTRONICS

- Release film for FPC
- Release film for semiconductors

#### ENERGY

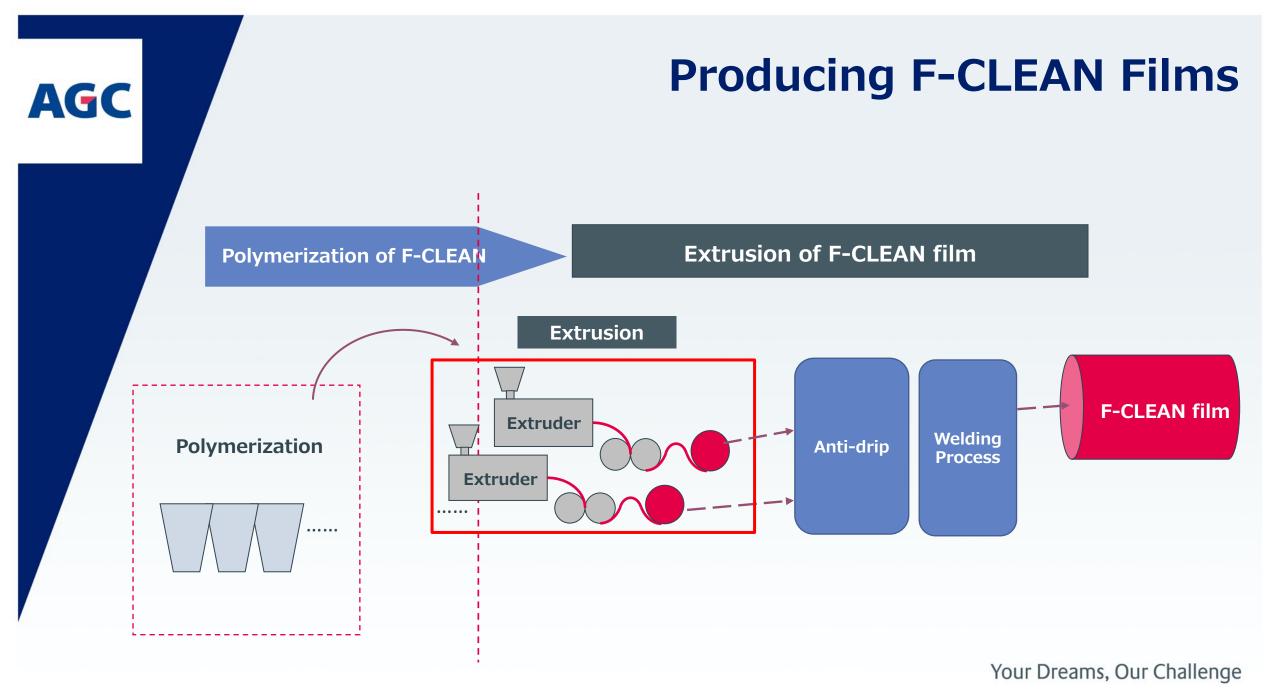
- Solar cell protection
- Battery insulation

#### OTHER

- Protective film surfaces
- Wallpaper surfaces
- Thermo molded parts



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### **Benefits of F-CLEAN Greenhouse Coverings**

- Easy cleaning
- Long life and durability
- Fire safety
- More light than glass
- Low reflection and refraction rate
- Improved crop quality

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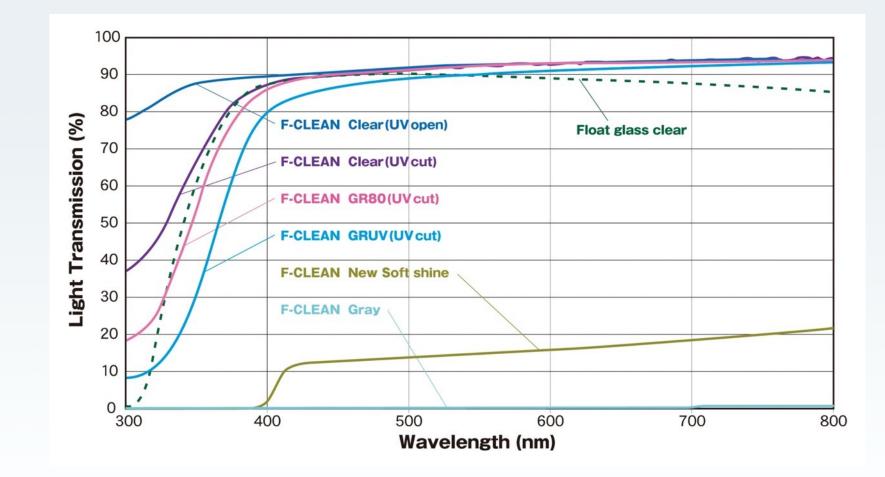


### F-CLEAN Greenhouse Film Options

- Clear UV open
- Light-diffusing
- Anti-dripping
- UV blocking UV cutting
- Light blocking soft shine
- Thickness variations

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### **Light Transmittance of F-CLEAN**\*



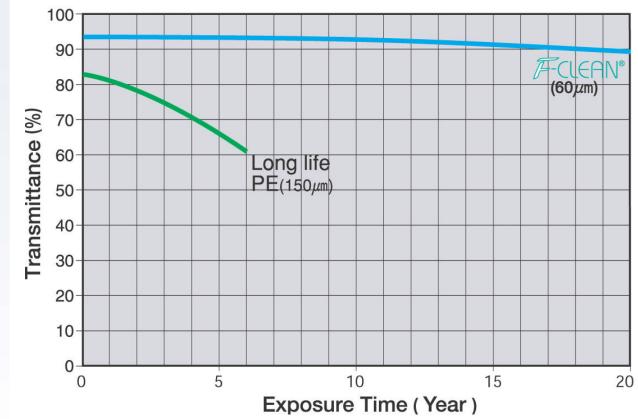
\*60 micron is 94%. Light transmission is measured according to JIS standard.

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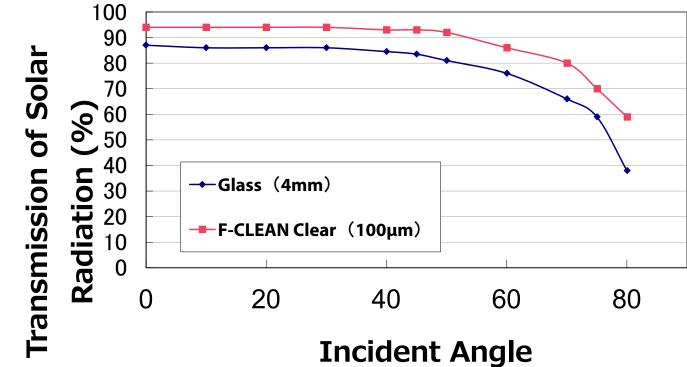
### **Aging of Light Transmittance**



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### **Low Reflection**



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### **F-CLEAN's Mechanical Properties**

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Film Name	F-CLEAN	Dura 3	Sunsaver	HYTILUX	Sunmaster	Luminance
Thickness	100 µm	150 µm	200 µm	200 µm	150 µm	150 µm
Tensile Strength at Break	58 MPa	25.6 MPa	21.2 MPa	23 MPa	22 MPa	
Elmendorf Tear Strength	21 N	7.5 N				
Elongation at Break	400%	658%	-	550%	500%	

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### **F-CLEAN's Mechanical Properties**







It does not expand further.

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### **Service Life Over 30 Years**



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Greenhouse in Aichi installed in 1988, photographed in 2009.

Greenhouse in Kyushu installed in 1988, photographed in 2008.

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### **F-CLEAN Diffused vs. Clear**



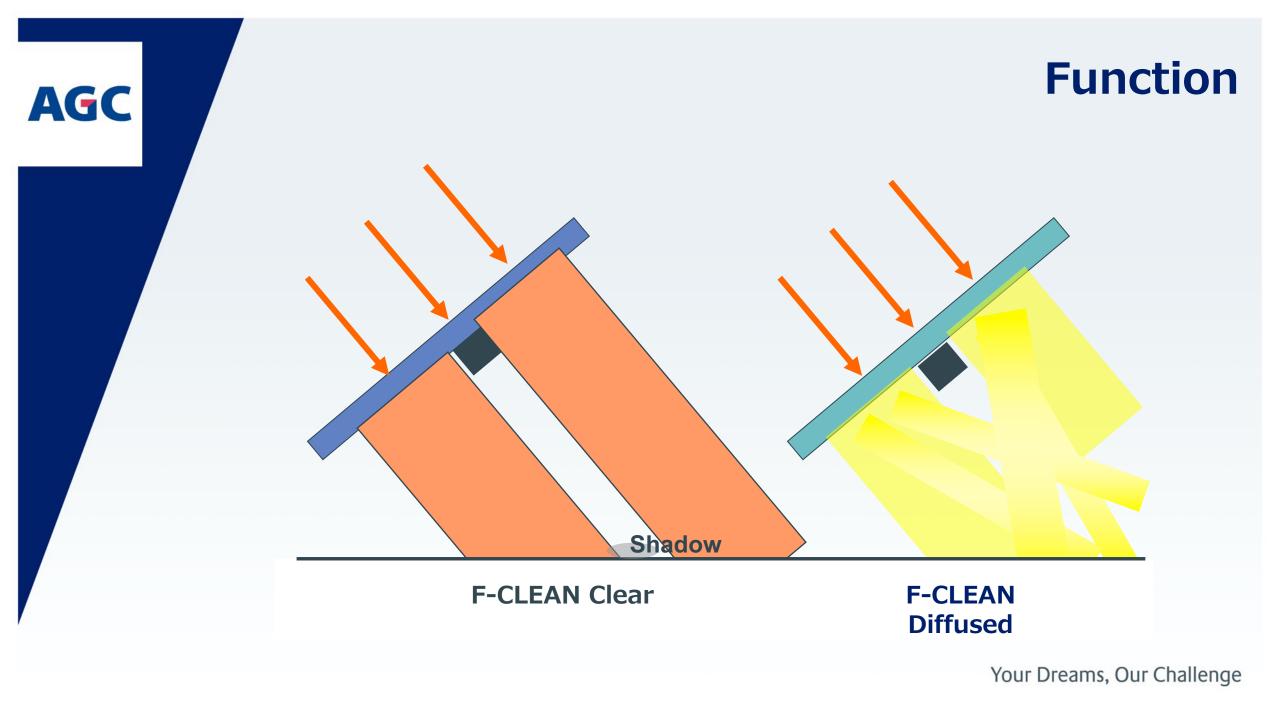


**F-CLEAN Diffused** 

**F-CLEAN Clear** 

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#### Light transmission (%) Clear Diffused Wavelength (nm)

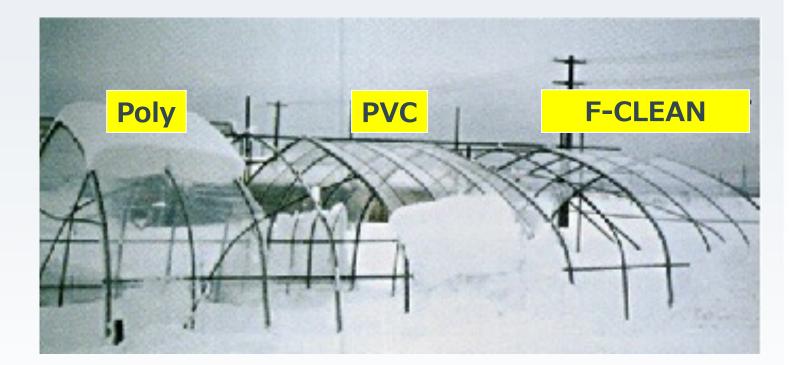
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### **F-CLEAN Diffused**



### **Non-Stick Properties**



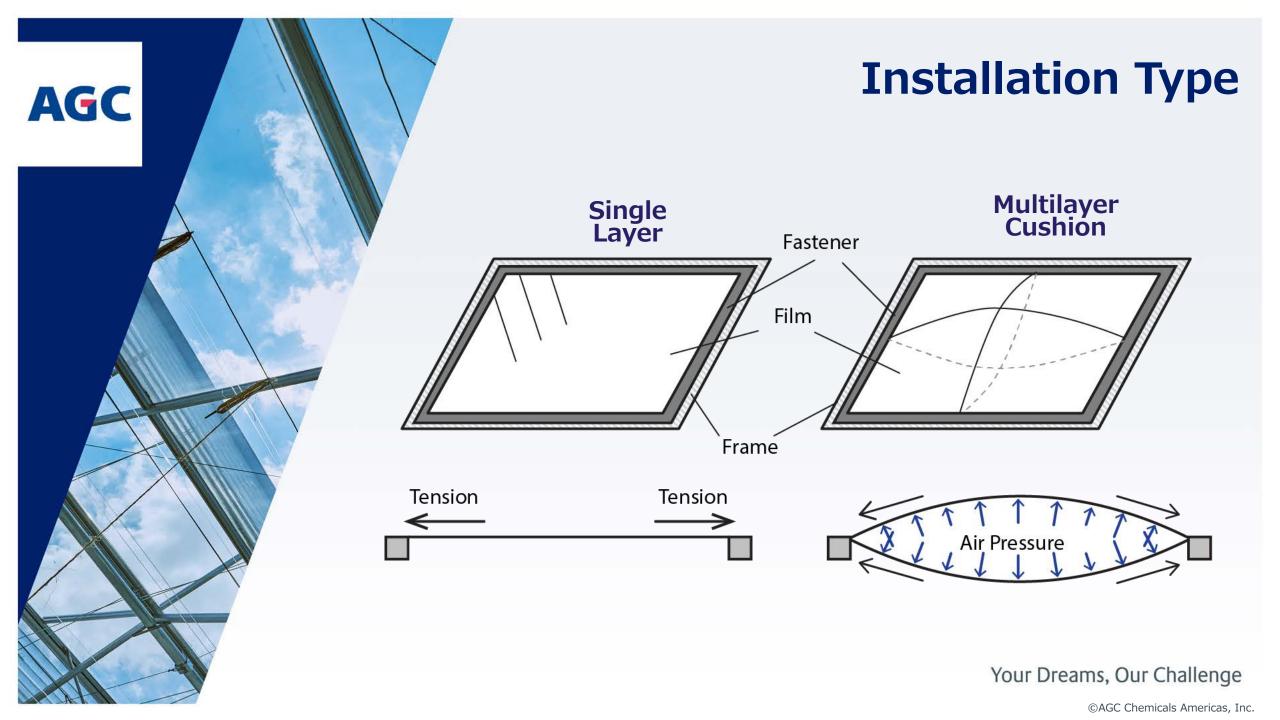
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### **Chemical Resistance**

Chamier		<b>Temp.</b> (℃)	Days	Retention (%)	
Chemical	Elong.			Wt. Gain	
Conc. hydrochloric acid	35%	100	10	100	0.0
Sulfuric acid	78%	121	10	100	0.1
	98%	121	10	100	0.0
Nitric acid	25%	100	14	100	-
	60%	120	10	100	0.7
	70%	60	60	100	-
Sodium hydroxide	10%	120	10	97	0
	50%	120	10	100	-0.3
Ammonium hydroxide	15%	66	7	98	0.1
Chlorine		90	10	94	-
Water		100	7	100	0

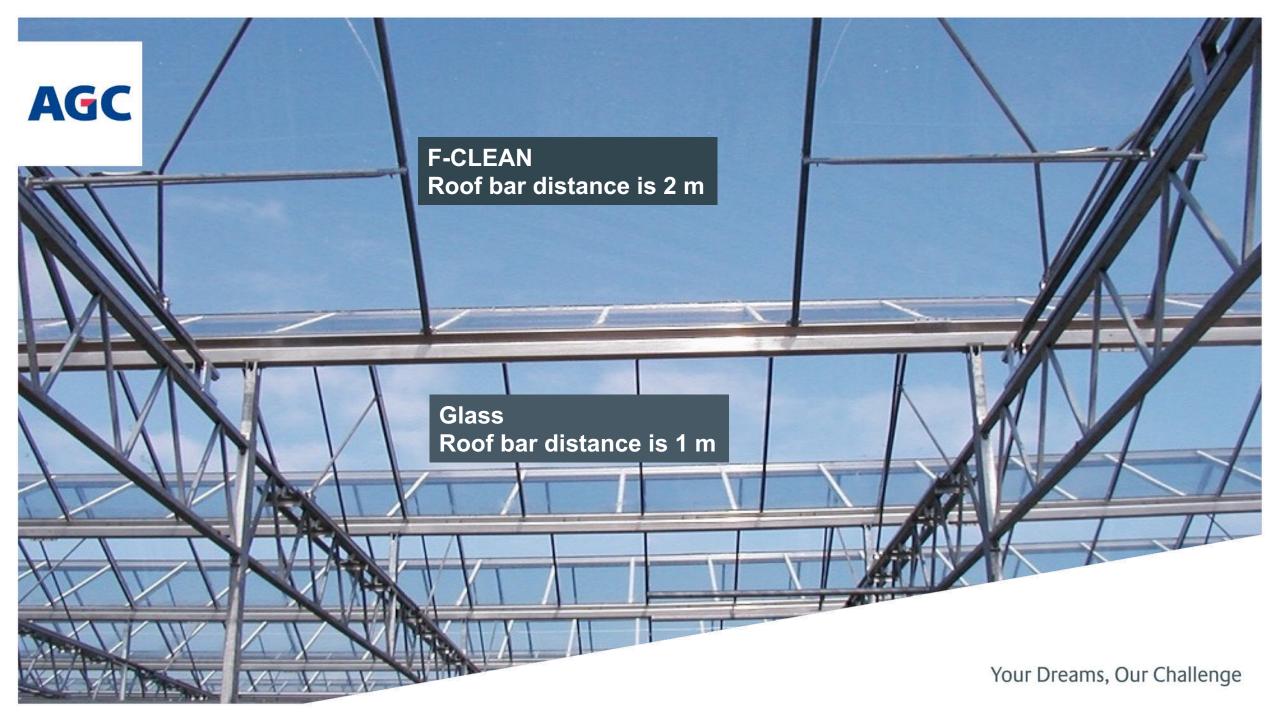
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# **Application Photos**

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#### Fukuoko, Japan

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Crop: Tomato Area: 85.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2008 Grade: 100 micron/GR 80

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#### Miyagi, Japan

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Crop: Paprika Area: 50.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2010 Grade: 100 mic/Clear + 60/Diffused (double layer)

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#### Germany

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Crop: Lettuce Area: 15.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2006 Grade: 100 mic/Clear

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#### **United Kingdom**

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Crop: Lettuce Area: 28.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2007 Grade: 100 mic/Clear

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#### **The Netherlands**

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Crop: Potted flowers Area: 10.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2005 Grade: 100 mic/Clear

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#### Germany

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Crop: Potted flowers Area: 12.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2006 Grade: 100 mic/Clear + 60 Diffused (double layer)

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### Italy

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Crop: Roses Area: 4.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2001 Grade: 100 mic/Clear

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#### Australia

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Crop: Tomatoes Area: 5.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2003 Grade: 100 mic/Clear

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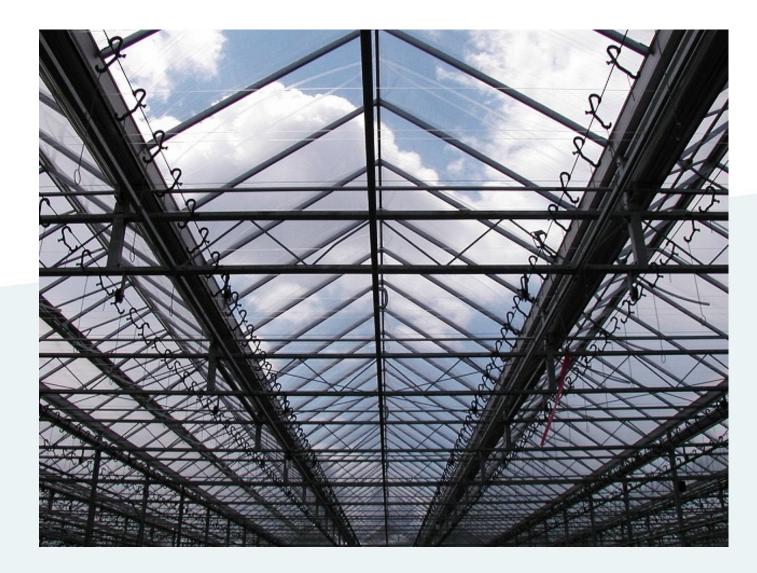


### Korea

Crop: Paprika Area: 100.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 1999 Grade: 80 mic/Clear with UV block



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### USA

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Crop: Potted flowers Area: 100.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2003 Grade: 100 mic/Clear

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#### China

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Crop: Potted flowers Area: 10.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2010 Grade: 100 mic/Clear+60/Diffused

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#### Russia

Crop: Cucumber Area: 200.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2011 Grade: 100 mic/Diffused

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#### Taiwan

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Crop: Strawberries Area: 1.600 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2014 Grade: 100 mic/Diffused (UV Block)

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#### Taiwan

Crop: Orchid Area: 10.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2014 Grade: 80 mic/GR80



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#### Taiwan

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Crop: Orchid Area: 10.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2014 Grade: 80 mic/Diffused (UV block)

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Crop: Fish Area: 5.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2012 Grade: 100 mic/Gray

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Crop: Shrimp Area: 2.300 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2012 Grade: 100 mic/Gray

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Crop: Mushrooms Area: 2.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2012 Grade: 100 mic/Gray

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Milking cows Area: 1.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2012 Grade: 100 mic/Soft-shine

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#### Food waste compost Area: 5.000 m<sup>2</sup> Installed: 2012 Grade: 100 mic/Clear

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### So Why Use F-CLEAN Films?

- Self-cleaning
- Long life and durability
- Fire safety
- Lets in more light than glass
- Low reflection and refraction rate
- Improved crop quality and yield

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### **For More Information:**



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