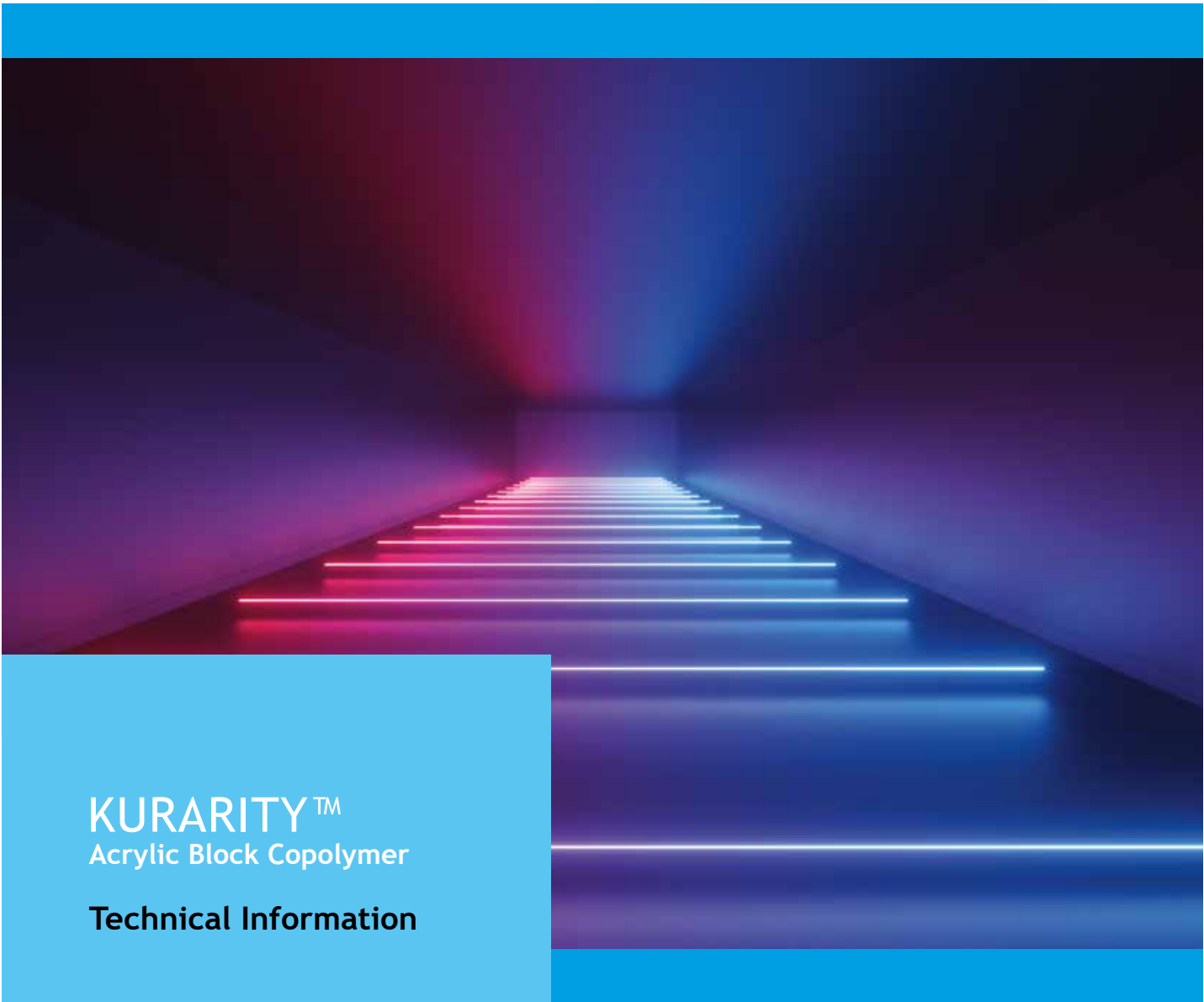


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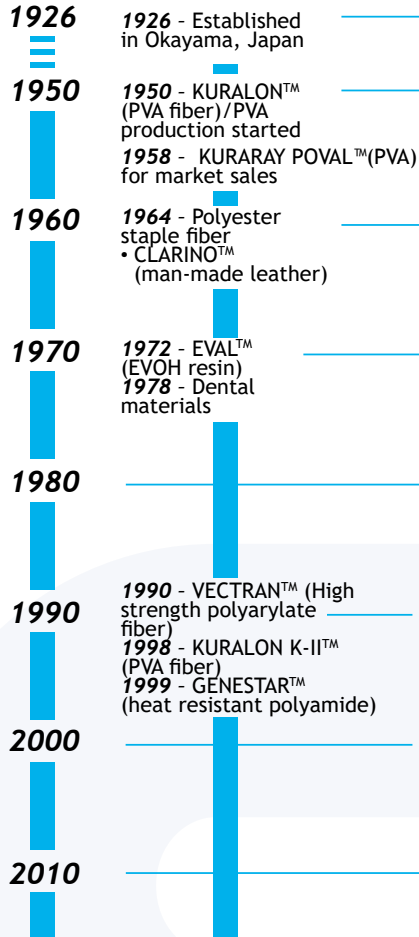
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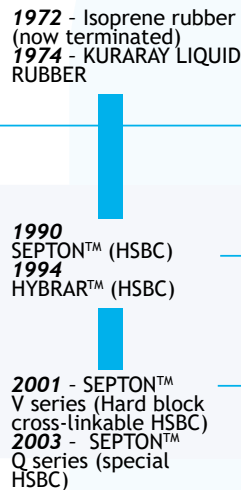
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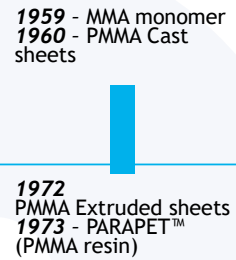
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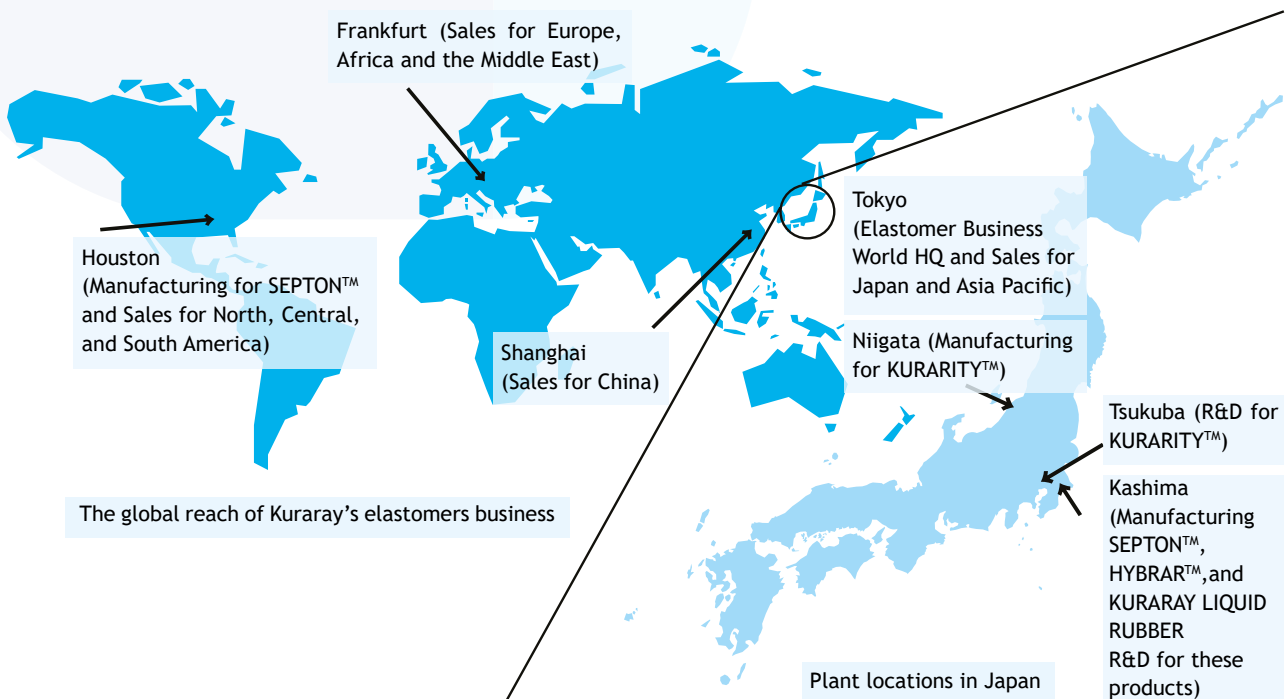
Elastomers Business



Methacrylate Business



KURARITY™'s development



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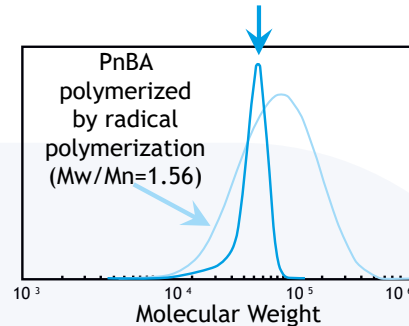
Evolution of Kuraray's elastomers

KURARITY™ is a novel acrylic copolymer based on Kuraray's two main stream technologies.

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KURARITY™

KURARITY™
Mw distribution (Mw/Mn=1.13)



Anionic living polymerization
by an unique catalyst system
[Features]
▪ Extremely low residual
monomer or oligomer
▪ Extremely low odor
▪ Low hardness without
plasticizer

3rd Generation

“Hydrogenated Styrenic
Block Copolymer” (HSBC)
▪ SEPTON™
▪ HYBRAR™

Advanced anionic
living polymerization
+ Hydrogenation

2nd Generation

“Isoprene based Rubbers”
▪ Trans- Polyisoprene (TP)
▪ KURARAY LIQUID
RUBBER

Anionic living
polymerization

1st Generation

▪ Isoprene Rubber
for Natural rubber
substitution
(*now terminated)

Ziegler-Natta

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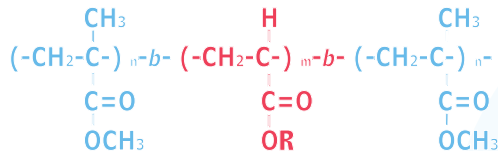
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MAM: All Acrylic Block Copolymer

Methyl-methacrylate Acrylate Methyl-methacrylate

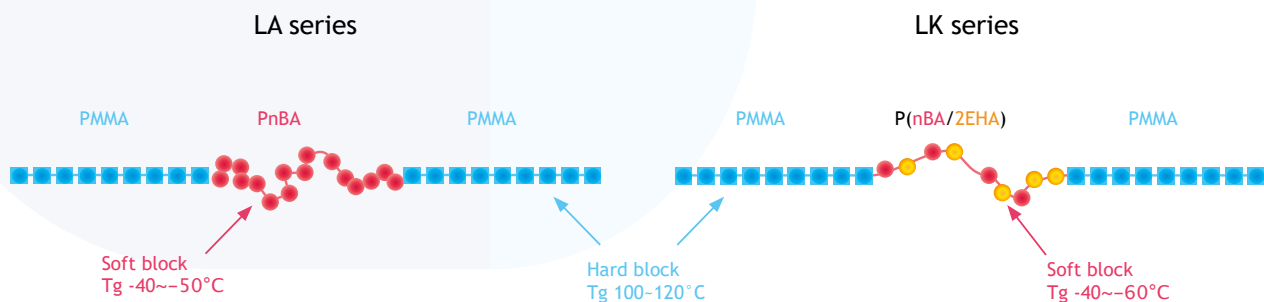


Kuraray leads the world in producing this novel acrylic block copolymer using its unique living anionic polymerization technology. Various type acrylates can be co-polymerized as A-B-A type or A-B type block co-polymer.

This unique technology provides the following advantages:

- ✓ Excellent clarity
- ✓ Excellent weatherability with no concerns about hydrolytic degradation
- ✓ Extremely low residual monomer or oligomer
- ✓ Ultimately less odor
- ✓ Self-adhesive without tackifier and plasticizer
- ✓ Good compatibility with high polar materials

Kuraray developed two families of KURARITY™ called LA series and LK series. LA series utilizes a poly (n-butyl acrylate) mid-block while the LK series utilizes a poly (n-butyl acrylate/2-ethylhexyl acrylate) mid-block.



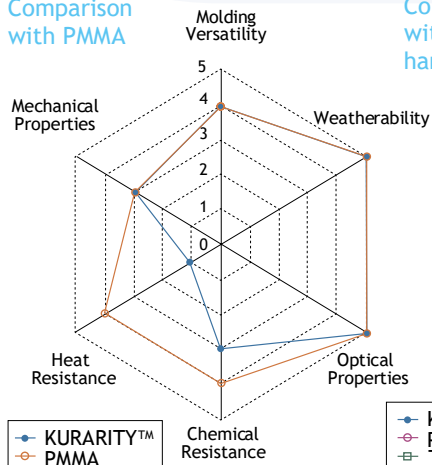
By forming PMMA as the hard block(s) and poly (n-butyl acrylate) or a poly (n-butyl acrylate/2-ethylhexyl acrylate) as the soft block, KURARITY™ exhibits elastomer properties at temperatures lower than Tg of PMMA.

Comparison of KURARITY™ with Other Transparent Materials

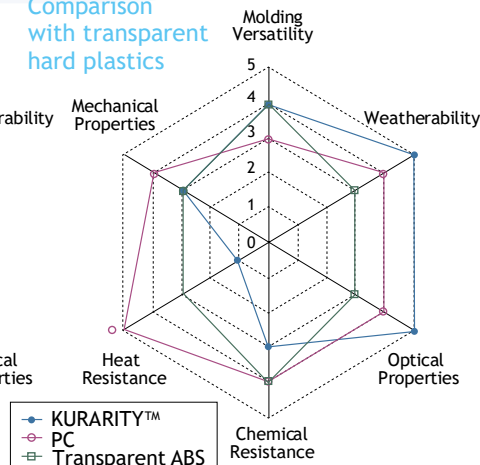
	Method	Condition (Unit)	KURARITY™ LA4285	PMMA	PC	Transparent ABS	Aliphatic TPU
Transmittance	ISO 13468-1	3mm/D65 (%)	91<	92<	89	88.5	88.7
Haze	ISO 14782	3mm (%)	<2	<0.3	1.0	9.9	9.8
Tensile Strength at break	ISO 527-2	(MPa)	19	60-80	60	42	32
Tensile Strain at break	ISO 527-2	(%)	90	2-7	90	50	800
Flexural Modulus	ISO 178	(MPa)	650	3300	2300	2000	60
Charpy Impact Strength unnotched	ISO 179	1eU(kJ/m ²)	NB	19-23	NB	NB	NB
Charpy Impact Strength notched	ISO 179	1eA(kJ/m ²)	28	1.3-1.4	50	15	NB
DTUL	ISO 75-1.-2	1.82MPa (°C)	58	86-101	124	73	-
Vicat Softening Point	ISO 306	B50Annealed (°C)	50	92-100	150-155	87	75-130
Surface Resistivity	IEC 60093	(Ω)	0.6*10 ¹⁶	10 ¹⁶ <	10 ¹⁵ <	10 ¹⁶ <	10 ¹³ -10 ¹⁵
Volume Resistivity	IEC 60093	(Ωcm)	1.1*10 ¹⁵	2.7*10 ¹⁶	2.0*10 ¹⁷	5.5*10 ¹⁶	10 ¹³ -10 ¹⁷
Specific Gravity	ISO 1183	(-)	1.11	1.19	1.20	1.10	1.15
Rockwell Hardness	ISO 2039-2	R scale	47	(124)	(122)	108	70
		M scale	(18)	94-103	55	46	(48)
Durometer Hardness	ISO 7619-1	Type D	46	85-90	75-85	70-80	43
		Type A	95	95<	95<	95<	85
Linear Thermal Expansion	ISO 11359-2	ave.20-50deg (*10 ⁻⁵ K ⁻¹)	10	6	7	9-11	10-20
Flammability	UL 94	(-)	(HB)	HB	V-2	HB	(HB)
Water Absorption at 23°C	ISO 62	24hr (%)	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.8
Mold Shrinkage	ISO 8328	(%)	1.0-1.5	0.2-0.6	0.5-0.7	0.5	1.2-2.0
Refractive Index	ISO 489	nd	1.48	1.49	1.585	1.52	1.49-1.55
Abbe's Number	ISO 489	(-)	58	58	30	-	-
Pencil Hardness	ISO 15184	(-)	6B	2H-3H	2B	B	6B-H

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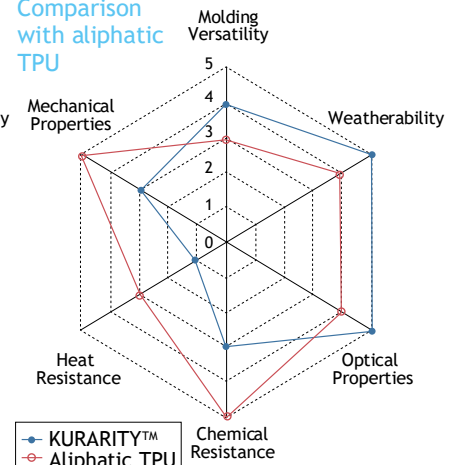
Comparison with PMMA



Comparison with transparent hard plastics

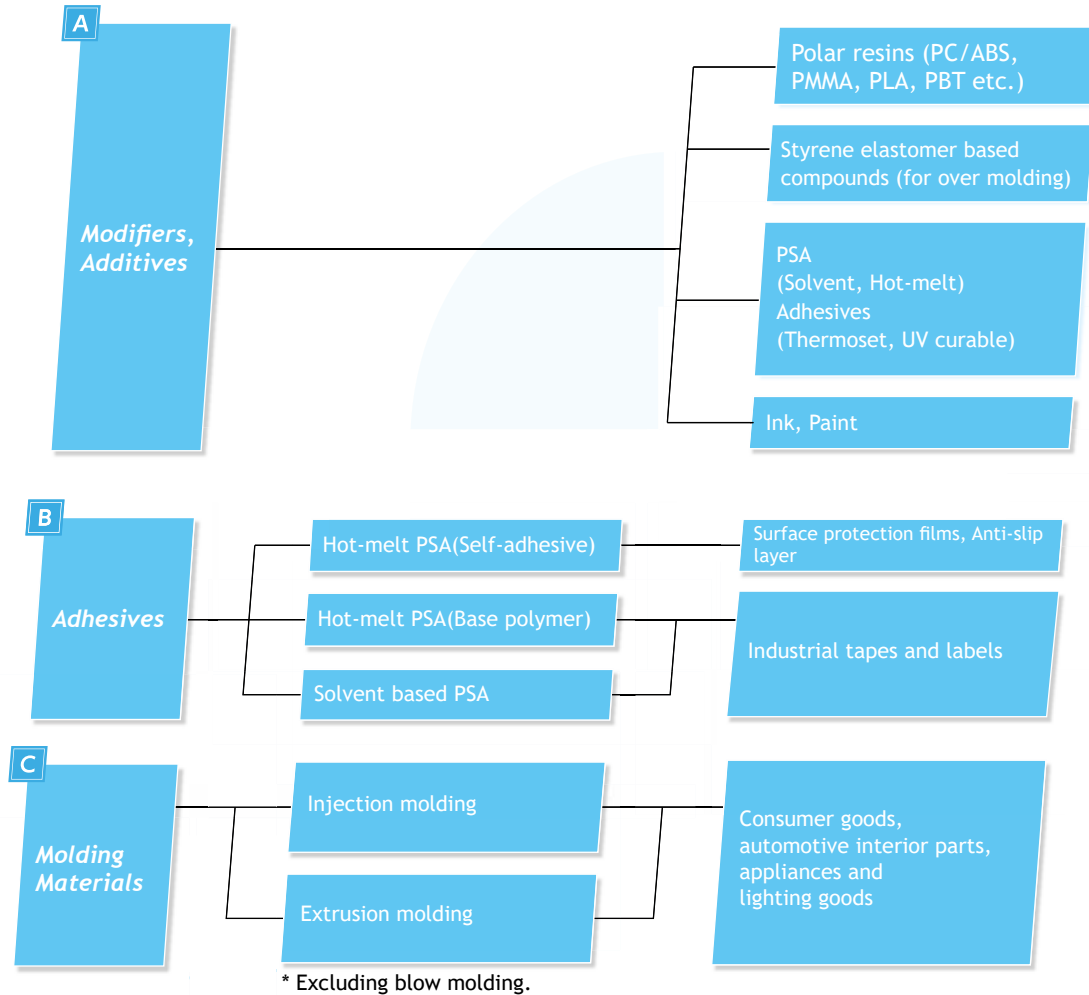


Comparison with aliphatic TPU



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Potential Applications for KURARITY™



LA series : n-butyl acrylate based block copolymers

LK series : n-butyl acrylate/2-ethylhexyl acrylate based block copolymers

The Grade Map of KURARITY™

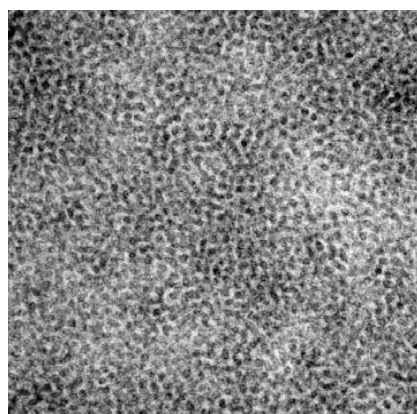


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Microphase Separation Structure of LA series

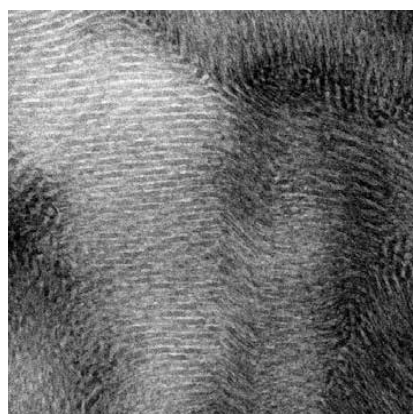
Black: PMMA, White: PnBA

LA2140



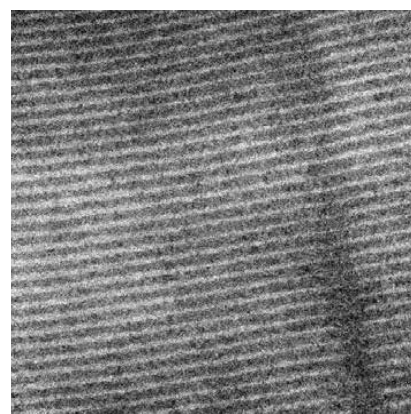
100 nm

LA2250



100 nm

LA4285



100 nm

Standard Grades

The figures are typical values and not the guaranteed value.

	Test Method	Units	LA3320	LA2330	LA2250	LA2270	LA4285
Hardness	ISO 7619-1 (Type A)	(-)	13	32	65	71	95
	ISO 7619-1 (Type D)	(-)	<5	<5	18	23	46
Specific Gravity	ISO 1183	(-)	1.06	1.08	1.08	1.10	1.11
MFR	ISO 1133 [190° C 2.16 kg]	(g/10min)	6.2	3.7	25	4.4	1.5
	ISO 1133 [230° C 2.16 kg]	(g/10min)	63	42	330	80	31
Modulus at 100%	ISO 37	(MPa)	0.4	0.3	3.7	9.0	19
Tensile Strength	ISO 37	(MPa)	3.6	7.0	9.0	12	19
	ISO 527-2	(MPa)	-	-	-	-	19
Tensile Elongation	ISO 37	(%)	540	490	380	149	140
	ISO 527-2	(%)	-	-	-	-	90
Flexural Modulus	ISO 178	(MPa)	-	-	-	-	650
Charpy Impact	ISO 179-1 (notched : 1eA)	(kJ/m²)	NB	NB	NB	NB	28
Transmittance	ISO 13468-1 [3mm]	(%)	92	91<	91<	93	91<
Haze	ISO 14782 [3mm]	(%)	2.0-6.0 *	2.0-6.0 *	2.0-6.0 *	<1.0	<2.0
Suitable Applications	For PSA		+	+	+		
	For Molding				+	+	+
	For Compound, Additives		+	+	+	+	+

Specialty Grades

	Test Method	Units	LA2140	LA1892	LK9243	KL-LK9333
Hardness	ISO 7619-1 (Type A)	(-)	32	83	17	17
	ISO 7619-1 (Type D)	(-)	<5	41	<5	<5
Specific Gravity	ISO 1183	(-)	1.08	1.10	1.05	1.05
MFR	ISO 1133 [190° C 2.16 kg]	(g/10min)	31	11.4	93	3.8
	ISO 1133 [230° C 2.16 kg]	(g/10min)	>350	180	>350	85
Modulus at 100%	ISO 37	(MPa)	0.3	-	0.7	1.2
Tensile Strength	ISO 37	(MPa)	8.0	8.9	5.2	6.1
	ISO 527-2	(MPa)	-	-	-	-
Tensile Elongation	ISO 37	(%)	570	2.4	370	300
	ISO 527-2	(%)	-	-	-	-
Flexural Modulus	ISO 178	(MPa)	-	190	-	-
Charpy Impact	ISO 179-1 (notched : 1eA)	(kJ/m²)	NB	17	NB	NB
Transmittance	ISO 13468-1 [3mm]	(%)	91<	92	92	92
Haze	ISO 14782 [3mm]	(%)	2.0-6.0 *	1.0	2.0-6.0 *	2.0-6.0 *
Suitable Applications	For PSA		+	+	+	+
	For Molding					
	For Compound, Additives		+	+	+	+

* The HAZE value is normally worse due to the anti-blocking agent dusted onto the material.

** These grades can block or bridge while feeding into the extruder.

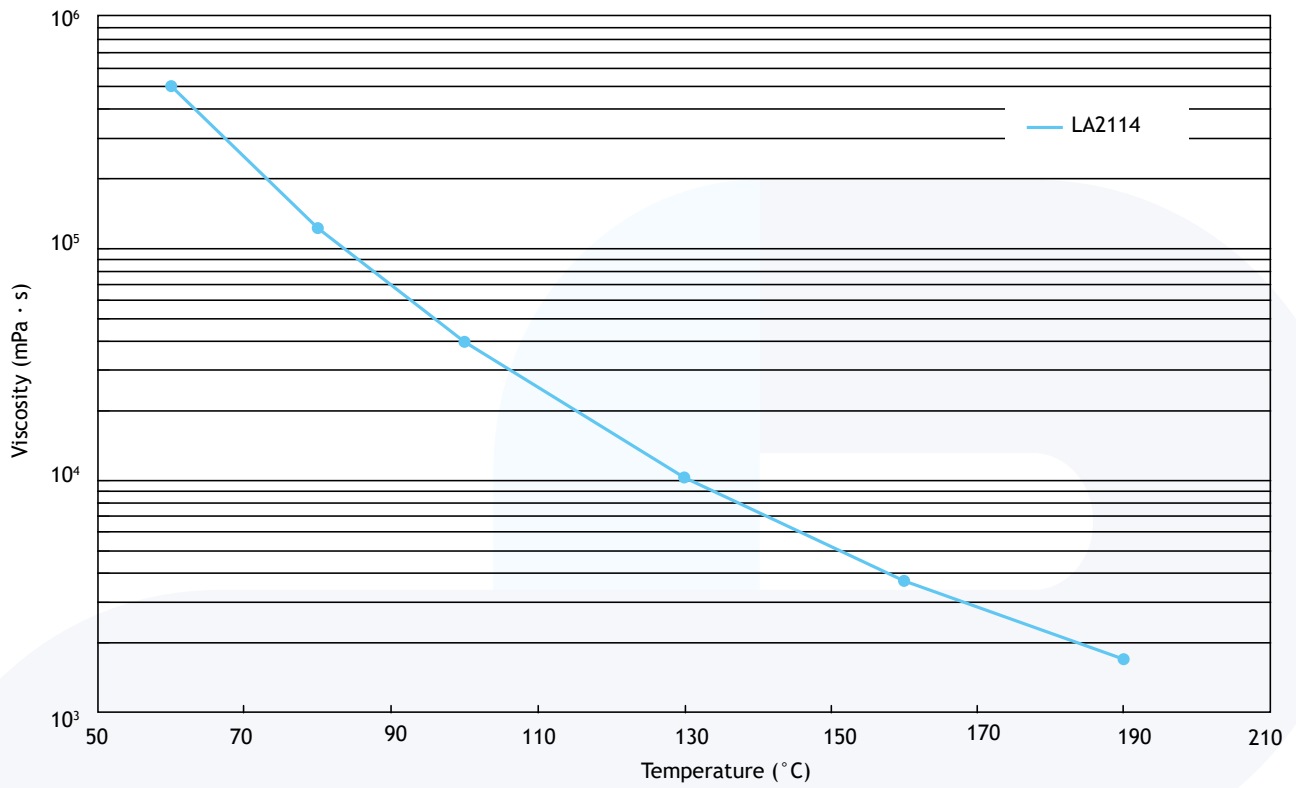
Some solutions to break it should be implemented.

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Temperature Dependency of Viscosity (Viscous Liquid Grade)



LA2114			
Specific Gravity(-)	ISO1183	1.04	
(mPa*s)	ISO2555	60 °C	503,000
		80 °C	123,000
		100 °C	39,500
		130 °C	10,350
		160 °C	3,700
		190 °C	1,700
Tg (°C)		-40 ~ -50	

ISO 2555, BROOKFIELD PRO GRAMMABLE DV-II +
VISCOMETER, Spindle: No.29
Tested by Kuraray



KURARITY™ itself exhibits self-adhesive properties as the following data show.

KURARITY™ could be used as an adhesive without tackifier or plasticizer.

Using KURARITY™ as an adhesive enables to get the following two properties:

- Super clean (no remaining adhesive on the surface after removal)
- Good tack even at very low temperatures

		LA2140	LA2330	LA3320	LK9243	KL-LK9333
Creep Test at 60°C (mm)	to Stainless steel	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.8	0.1
SAFT (°C)	to Stainless steel	145	170	163	137	159
	to Glass	148	171	159	-	-
Ball Tack		5	7	9	8	8
Loop Tack Test (N/10mm)	to PMMA	4.2	10.8	14.0	10.8	8.2
180° Peel Adhesion (N/25mm)	to Stainless steel	15.0	16.6	14.0	7.4	10.4
	to Glass	11.1	16.5	14.4	16.0	3.2
	to Polyethylene	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.6
	to PMMA	16.8	16.2	15.4	15.4	10.6

Test Specimens - PET(50µm)/KURARITY™(25µm), toluene solution

Test Conditions

Creep Test - 1.0kgf, Sample size 25mm×25mm, 1000min

SAFT - 0.5kgf, Sample size 25mm×25mm, 0.5°C/min

Ball Tack - JIS Z0237

Loop Tack - PSTC-16

180° Peel Adhesion - 300mm/min, Room Temperature

Tested by Kuraray
KL-LK9333 is a developmental grade.



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Solubility Parameters of KURARITY™



- Adhesive performance can be controlled by tackification.
Tackifiers and plasticizers can be chosen referring to solubility parameter.
- Rosin ester, terpene phenol and styrenic resins with lower softening temperature are suitable.



Tested by Kuraray

Solvent	LA2140	LA2330	LA3320	LA2250	LA2270	LA4285	LK9243	KL-LK9333
Toluene	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Xylene	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Methyl acetate	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Ethyl acetate	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Butyl acetate	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Acetone	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Methyl ethyl ketone	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Methyl isopropyl ketone	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Methyl isobutyl ketone	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Tetrahydrofuran	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Ethylene glycol monoethyl ether acetate	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Heptane	PS	PS	PS	PS	I	I	PS	PS
Cyclohexane	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Methanol	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Ethanol	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Isopropyl alcohol	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS

Test Method

2g of KURARITY™ (pellets) and 18g of solvent were mixed in a vessel and shaken at room temperature for 2 days.

The solvent solubility (S, PS, I) was determined by visual observation.

S: soluble
PS: partially soluble
I: insoluble



Thermal Conductivity

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Grade	Thermal Conductivity [W/(m*K)]
LA2140	0.17
LA2330	0.16
LA3320	0.16
LA2250	0.17
LA2270	0.15
LA4285	0.17
LK9243	0.15
KL-LK9333	0.15

Test method: ASTM E1530, 23°C

Test piece: 50mm * 50mm * 3mm, Injection molded sample

Contact Angle

Grade	Angle (deg)
LK9243	103
LA3320	101
KL-LK9333	100
LA2330	98
LA2140	91
LA2250	88
LA4285	84
PC	89
PMMA	73

Test method: by image processing method

Solvent: purified water

Test piece size: 50mm * 50mm * 3mm
Injection molded sample

Electrical Properties

Grade	Relative Permittivity ϵ_r			Dielectric Dissipation Factor $\tan\delta$		
	60 Hz	1 kHz	1 MHz	60 Hz	1 kHz	1 MHz
LA2330	5.08	4.94	4.39	0.0152	0.0147	0.0624
LA3320	5.24	5.14	4.60	0.0112	0.0113	0.0654
LA2270	4.84	4.60	3.97	0.0288	0.0267	0.0552
LA4285	4.56	4.26	3.68	0.0394	0.0338	0.0448
LK9243	4.58	4.46	3.95	0.0135	0.0136	0.0694
KL-LK9333	4.60	4.48	3.97	0.0150	0.0144	0.0678

Test method: JIS C 2138, 23°C

Test piece: 75mm * 75mm * 1mm, Compression molded sheet

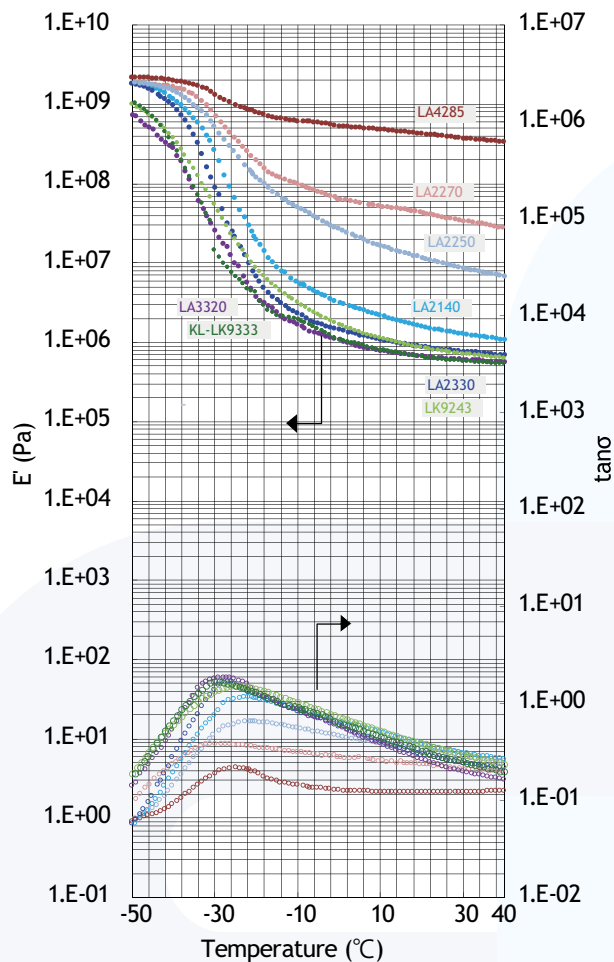
Moisture Permeability

Grade	Water Vapor Transmission Rate (g/m ² *24hr)
LA2140	580
LA2330	610
LA3320	760
LA2250	480
LA2270	510
LA4285	320
LK9243	510
KL-LK9333	500

Test method: JIS Z 0208 (Dish method), 40°C 90%RH

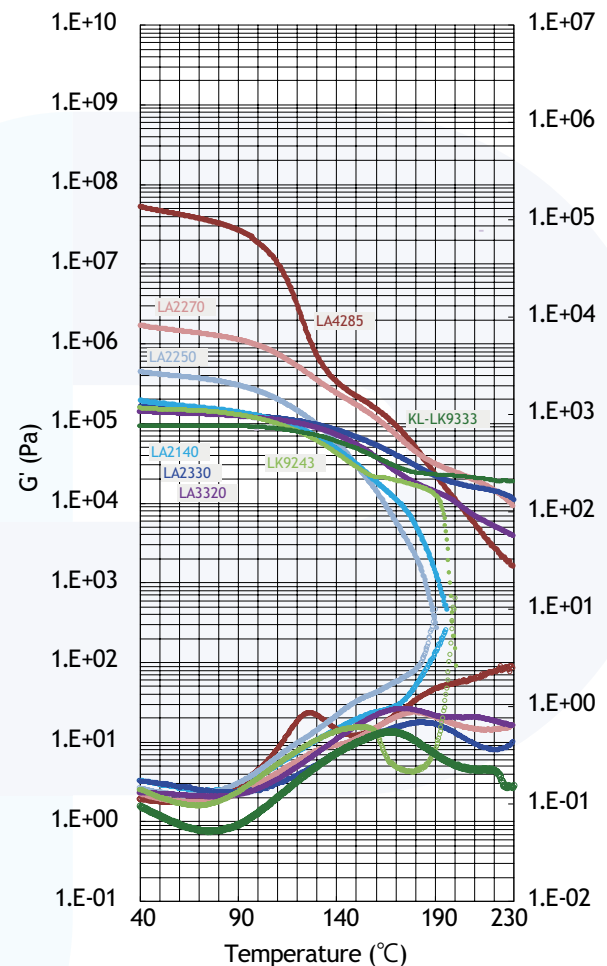
Test piece: 60mm * 60mm * 0.1mm, compression molded sheet

Tensile Mode



Test specimens: compression molded sheets
Frequency: 11Hz
Heating rate: 3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ /min

Torsional Mode



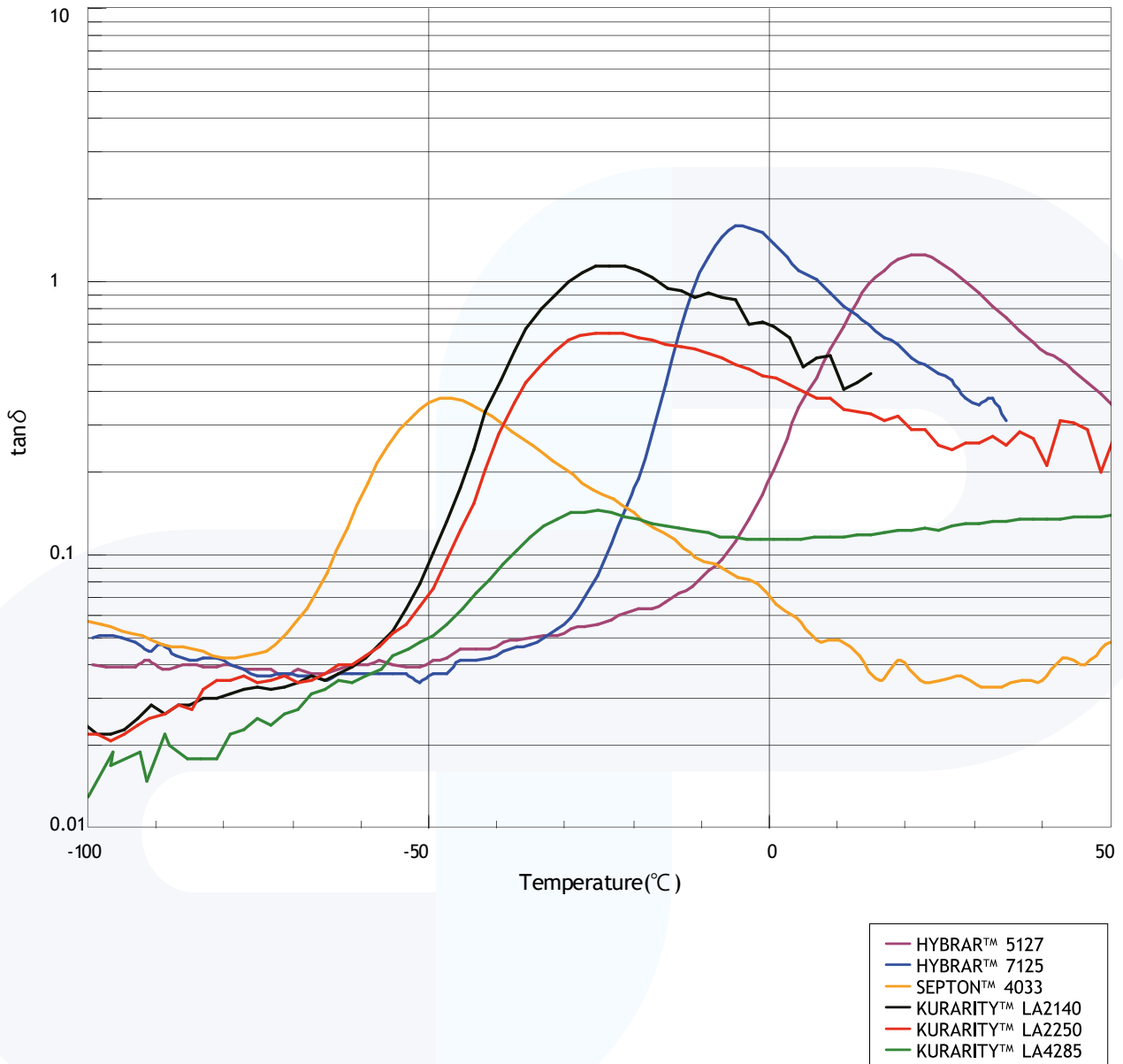
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Test specimens: 8.0mm parallel plates
Frequency: 6.28rad/s
Heating rate: 2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ /min

- All the KURARITY™ grades show similar low temperature properties which result from Tg of poly (n-butyl acrylate) or poly (n-butyl acrylate/2-ethylhexyl acrylate) and heat resistance from Tg of PMMA
- KURARITY™ is non-crystalline block copolymer and does not have melting point.



16 Temperature Dependency of $\tan \delta$



Test Conditions

Test specimen: compression molded sheet
Tensile mode
Frequency: 11Hz
Heating rate: 2 °C /min

Tested by Kuraray

- HYBRAR™ is a series of styrenic elastomers developed by Kuraray Co., Ltd. which offer high vibration damping properties due to its $\tan \delta$ peak near room temperature.
- SEPTON™ is a series of hydrogenated styrenic elastomers developed by Kuraray Co., Ltd. which has its $\tan \delta$ peak at lower temperature and shows rubber-like properties at room temperature.

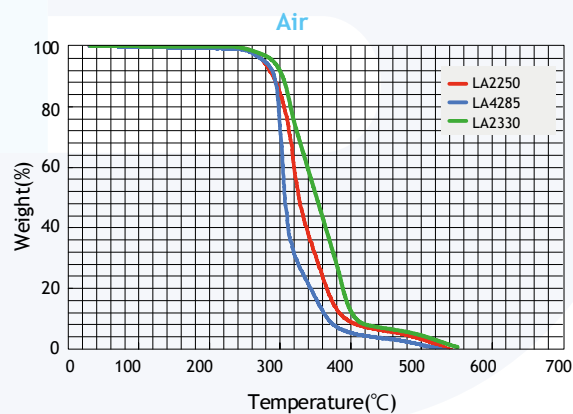
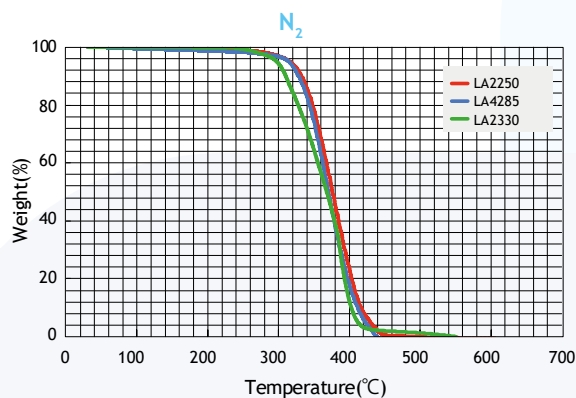
17 Thermal Stability of KURARITY™

Test condition: heat-rate:10°C/min

Tested by Kuraray

N ₂	LA2250	LA4285	LA2330
5% Weight Loss Temp.	316°C	315°C	299°C
99% Weight Loss Temp.	445°C	435°C	545°C

Air	LA2250	LA4285	LA2330
5% Weight Loss Temp.	276°C	278°C	293°C
99% Weight Loss Temp.	528°C	507°C	551°C

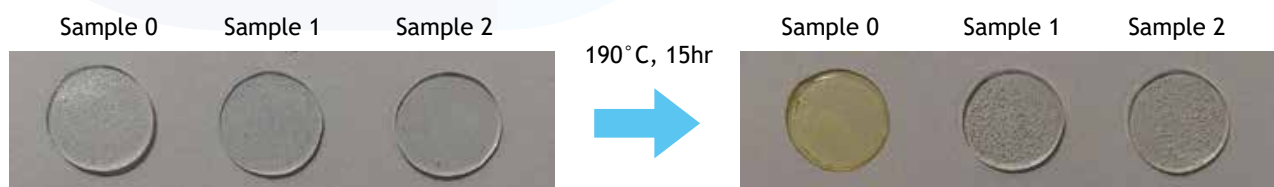


Recommended Antioxidants

To prevent yellowing due to heat, using two types of antioxidants together is recommended.

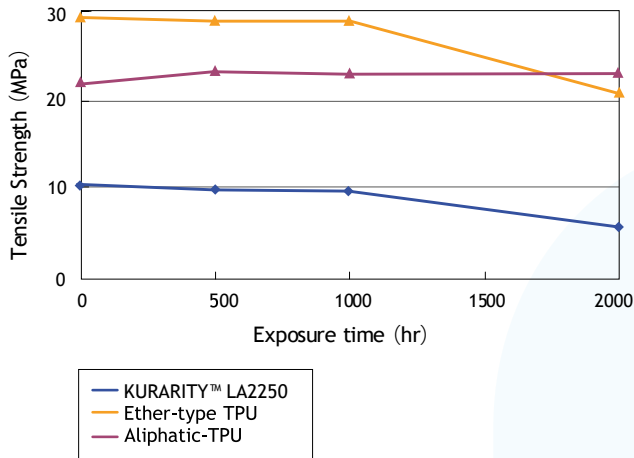
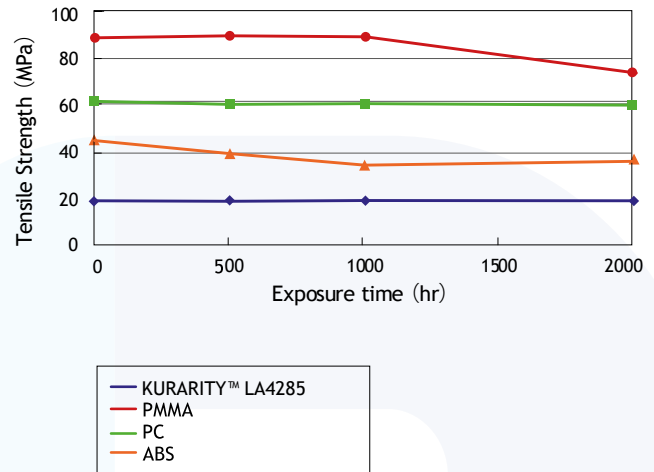
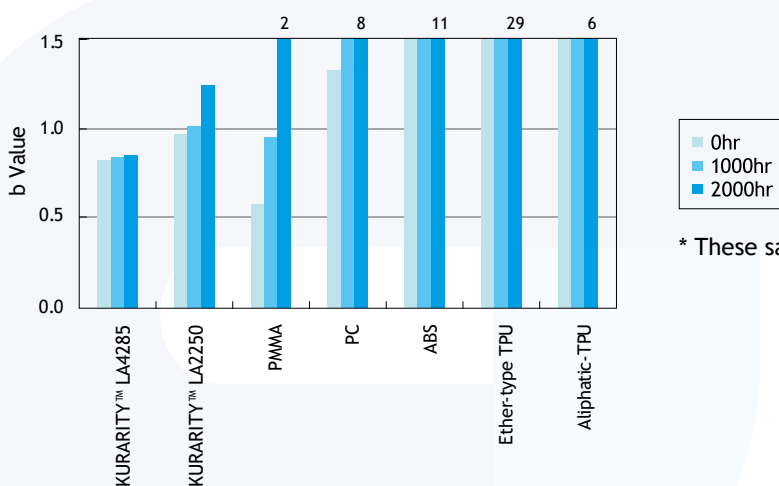
(1) Hindered phenol type	0.05 - 0.10 (phr)
(2) Phosphite type	0.05 - 0.10 (phr)

Heat Stability Test



Sample	Formulation	Results
0	LA2330	Turned yellow
1	LA2330 + (1) 0.05phr + (2) 0.05phr	Slightly improved
2	LA2330 + (1) 0.10phr + (2) 0.10phr	Good Transparency

Test Specimens: Punched cast sheet

Tensile Strength (ISO37)

Tensile Strength (ISO527-2)

Color (b Value)


* These samples are without UVA, HALS

Test method: ISO4892-4 (SWOM)
BPT: 63°C
Exposure intensity: 255W/m² (300-700nm)
Exposure time: 500hr, 1,000hr, 2,000hr
Injection molded test specimen
Tested by Kuraray



Recommended water absorption value of KURARITY™ is under 1,000 (ppm) for molding.

Drying Test

Test Specimens: Pellet

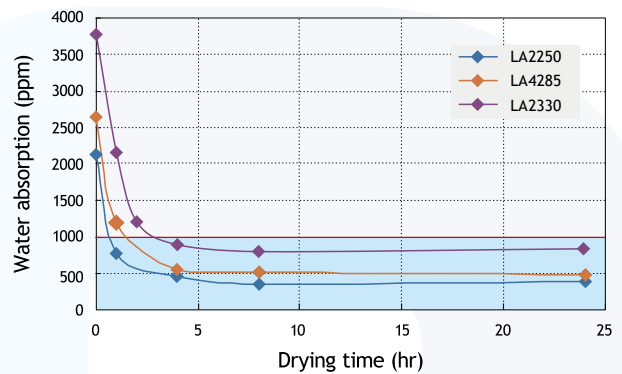
Test Conditions: Drying in air circulating oven dryer

LA2330, LA2250: 60 °C

LA4285: 70 °C

Blocking might be occurred after drying depending on the grades.

Adding silica in 0.01 - 0.1 (phr) is recommended to prevent blocking.



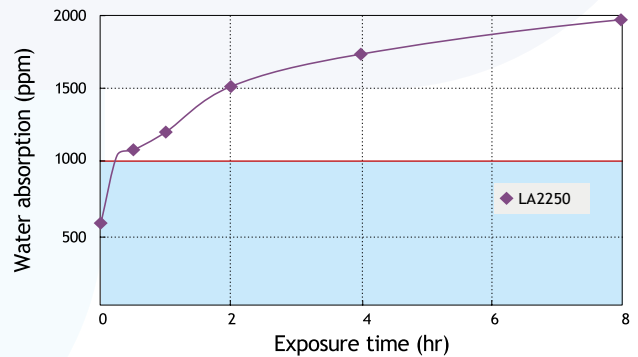
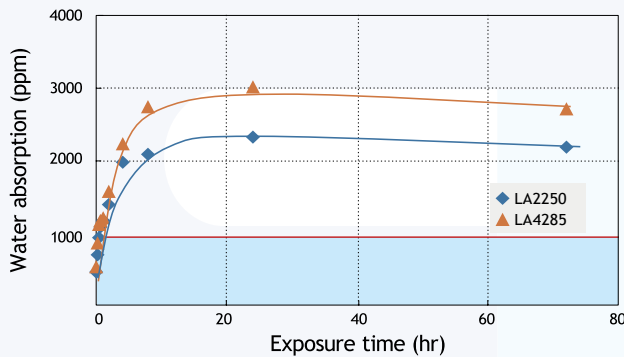
Tested by Kuraray

Moisture Absorption Test

Test specimens: Pellet

Test conditions: 25 °C, 50% RH

* Moisture content at drying time = 0hr is reference value.



Tested by Kuraray

The mechanical properties are largely unaffected by water absorption, though its appearance might be observed as opaque when it contains more water. Opaque disappears when dried.

LA2250 in R.T.



After 80 °C,
90%RH, 1000hr



After R.T., 120hr



+ : No Change, - : Swell / Clouding

	Visual Check
Acids (H ₂ SO ₄ : 0.1N)	+
Alkaline solution (NaOH: 0.1N)	+
Hand cream	+
Castor oil	+
Gasoline	+
Kerosene	+
Oleic acid	-
Engine oil (Mineral oil)	+
Wax (liquid type: Alcohol 10%)	+
Ethanol aqueous solution (50wt%)	+
Methanol	-
Ethanol	-
Brake fluid (Glycol ether: 99%)	-

Test Method: The aforementioned chemical is soaked into cotton cloth, then wiped 8 times-RT*24hr-80°C *1hr
Sample: LA2250 (Similar results are expected with other grades)
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	KURARITY™ LA4285	PMMA
Painting**	+	+
Printing (Inkjet print:UV type)	+	+
Pad printing (UV Type)	+	+
Hard Coating (for Scratch Resistance)	+	+
Coating (Vacuum deposition) Al, Cr, Sn, SiO ₂ , ITO	+	-
Dyeing***	+	+

* The coating materials may crack depending on their flexibility.

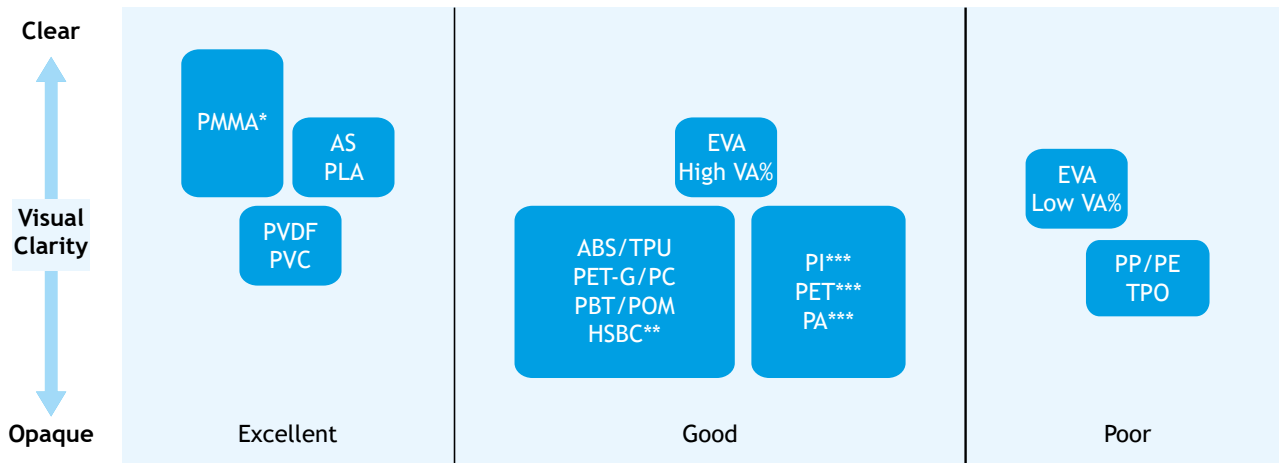
** Acrylic urethane paints have proven well suited.

*** Pigments (organic or inorganic) have proven well suited.

Overmolding with Other Thermoplastics with KURARITY™

	Double Injection with KURARITY™	Co-Extrusion with KURARITY™
PMMA	+	+
PC	+	+*
PET-G	+	+
ABS	+	+
PS	+	+
PVC	+	+
TPU	+	+
PBT	-	-
POM	-	-
PET	-	-*
PA	-	-*
PE	-	-
PP	-	-

* Proper equipment and processing parameter adjustments are required since the processing temperature of these resins are widely different from KURARITY™.



* Mixing with lower MVR(MFR) MMA causes opaque appearance.

** High vinyl type HSBC shows good compatibility with KURARITY™.

For mixing with low vinyl type HSBC, proper compatibilizer should be selected.

*** Because of higher mixing temperature, attention should be paid to avoid degradation of KURARITY™.

Effect of Adding KURARITY™ to Other Plastics

KURARITY™ shows excellent compatibility with ABS in particular.

KURARITY™ softens plastics. This effect is different compared to general core-shell type impact modifiers.

The figures should be regarded as guide values only and not as binding minimum values.

ABS			100	90	80	50						
PMMA							100	90				
PET-G									100	95		
AS											100	90
KURARITY™ LA4285				10	20	50		10		5		10
Method		Unit										
Tensile Strength	ISO 527-2	(MPa)	34	32	30	23	60-80	57	40	44	72	72
Tensile Elongation	ISO 527-2	(%)	12	12	12	47	2-7	16	6	5	3	3
Flexural Modulus	ISO 178	(MPa)	2486	2303	2116	1404	3300	3145	1935	1899	3546	3301
Charpy Impact	ISO 179 (notched: 1eA)	(kJ/ m ²)	19.7	21.8	27.0	43.0	1.4	1.2	7.3	10.9	1.1	0.9
Hardness	ISO 7619-1	Type A (-)	91	90	89	88	95<	91	91	91	90	91
		Type D (-)	77	76	72	62	85-90	86	76	74	84	83
Specific Gravity	ISO 1183	(-)	1.04	1.05	1.05	1.08	1.19	1.18	1.27	1.27	1.07	1.07
MFR	ISO 1133 (230°C 2.16kg)	(g/ 10min)	1.8	2.4	3.8	8.5	1.1	1.7	8.1	11.7	2.0	2.8
DTUL	ISO 75-1,2 (0.45MPa)	(°C)	102	101	101	97	98	99	72	71	102	101
Vicat Softening Point	ISO 306 (B50 Annealed)	(°C)	102	100	97	79	112	107	74	73	103	102

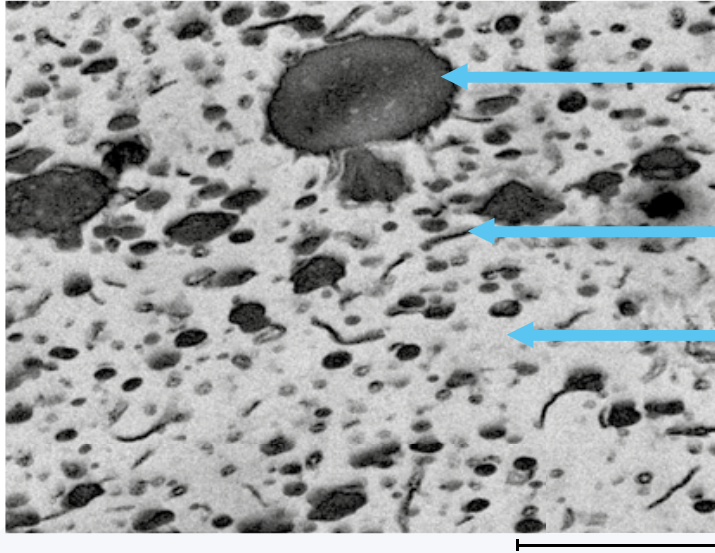
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KURARITY™ as Resin Modifier

Example - Adding KURARITY™ to ABS

ABS/KURARITY™ LA4285 = 90/10



Butadiene rubber (Black)

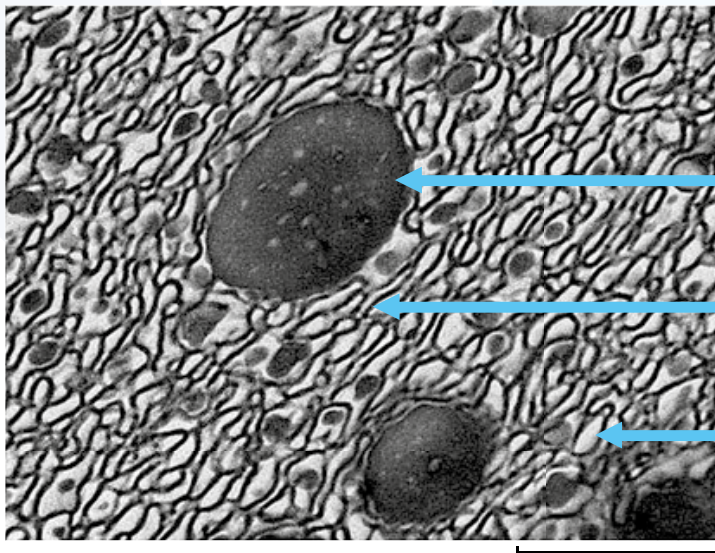
KURARITY™ (Black, Thread shape)

AS (White, Foaming matrix)

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500nm

ABS/KURARITY™ LA4285 = 50/50



Butadiene rubber (Black)

KURARITY™ (Black, Foaming network)

AS (White)

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500nm

Drying

KURARITY™ is hydrophilic. Pre-drying is recommended to ensure the highest molding quality and consistency. Excessive moisture causes streaking, bubbles, loss of clarity, etc., although the mechanical properties are largely unaffected by water absorption. Circulating air ovens or vacuum oven dryers are recommended. A vented barrel and screw is satisfactory alternative to pre-drying.

LA2250: 60°C, more than 4 hours

LA4285: 70-80°C, more than 4 hours



Without drying



With drying

Cleaning

All traces must be fully purged with polypropylene or polyethylene.

Feeding

Poor feeding might occur depending on the grades. Recommended agents to improve feeding are as follows.

Trouble	Detail	Recommended Agent
Blocking	Pellets tend to agglomerate due to the tackiness of the pellets.	Silica 0.01- 0.1 (phr)
Hopper Bridging	Pellets can bridge around the lower side of the hopper or the entrance of the molding machine due to the weight of the pellets.	Etylene bis stearamide 0.01-0.1 (phr)
Poor biting by screw	Pellets are agglomerated by shear stress between the screw and the barrel.	Etylene bis stearamide 0.01-0.1 (phr)

Demolding

The following slip agents have proven suitable to protect components with highly smooth surface from scratches as well as to reduce tackiness of components.

Zinc stearate 0.01-0.05 (phr)

Ethylene bis oleic amide 0.01-0.05 (phr)

Processing Parameters

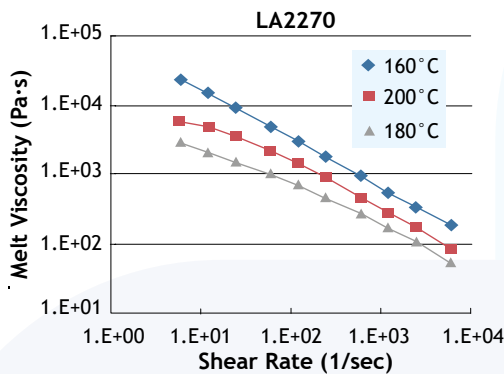
Trouble	LA2250	LA4285
Cylinder Temperature (°C)	160-200	200-230
Mold Temperature (°C)	20-40	20-40
The bottom of hopper	Water Cooling	Water Cooling
Screw Revolution (rpm)	<100	<100
Back Pressure (kgf/cm ²)	0-50	0-50

Processing Parameters

	Hopper	Feeding zone	Compression zone	Metering zone	Adapter	Die Head
LA2270	Water Cooling (down to 40°C)	100 ~ 130°C	140 ~ 160°C	150 ~ 170°C	150 ~ 170°C	150 ~ 170°C

Single screw extruder with the following specs is recommended;
 -machines using TPU, PVC
 -full-flighted screw, L/D=24-28, compression ratio= 2.5 - 3.1

Melt Viscosity by Capillary Flow Tester



Drying

KURARITY™ must be dried prior to processing when using non-vented extruder.

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LA4285: 70-80°C, more than 6 hours

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- The screen pack should consist of two 80 and 100 mesh screens to remove any impurities that may damage the die, and also to ensure sufficient back pressure.
- A water cooling bath (5-30°C) is recommended for the cooling of KURARITY™.
 *Air cooling or shower may give insufficient cooling, and also generate vibrations that may cause defects in appearance.
- The edge and inner surface of the die should be well-finished to achieve high-quality appearance.

Examples of Die Polishing



When switching from other resins, dismantling and cleaning of the extruder screw and die components is recommended to prevent contamination. Purging with polypropylene or polyethylene is recommended to remove residual KURARITY™ in the extruder.

Drying Conditions

Pre-drying is required if your twin screw extruder is not vented.
An air circulating oven dryer or vacuum oven dryer is recommended.

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Example of compounding process parameters

Equipment: TEX 44XCT Twin Screw Extruder (JSW)

Screw diameter: 44mm, L/D=42

Barrel temperature:

C2 50°C

C3 - C12 170 - 230°C

Die head 170 - 230°C

Screw rotation: 200 rpm

KURARITY™
Other resins,
Additives, etc

Hopper



kneading zone 1

Since the melt viscosity of KURARITY™ depends on shear rate, a twin screw extruder is suitable for compounding.

Die head

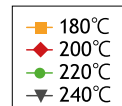
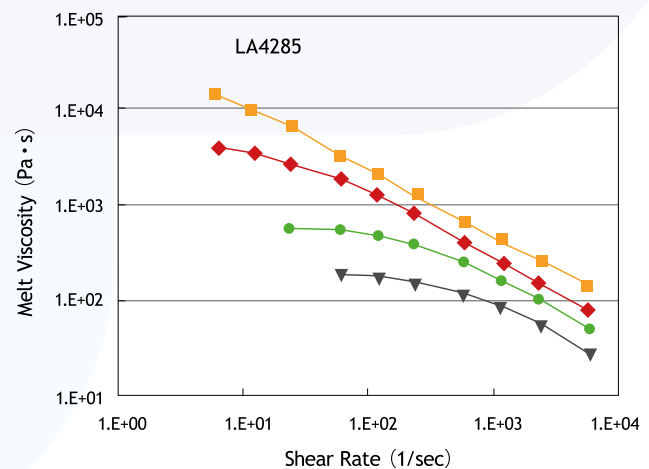
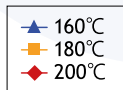
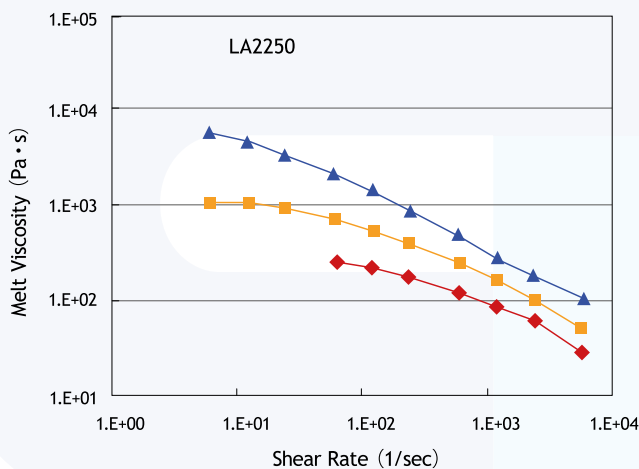
Twin screw extruder

kneading zone 2

Cutter

Watering cutter,
under water
cutter, strand
cutter, etc

Melt Viscosity by Capillary Flow Tester



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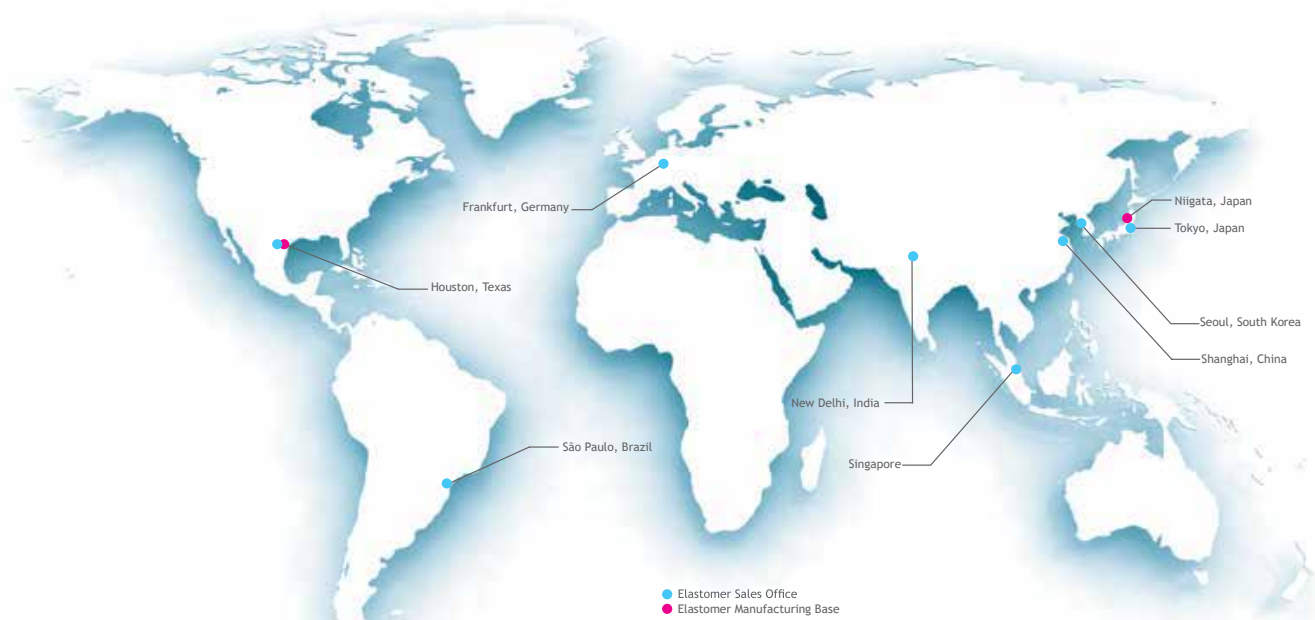
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