

ZOLTEK OX

OXIDIZED FIBER

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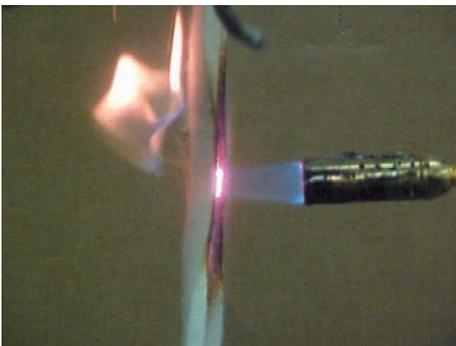
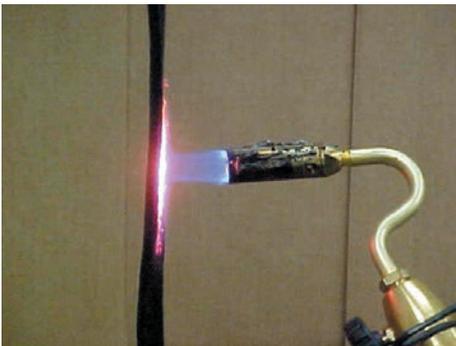
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ZOLTEK OX is a tradename for oxidized polyacrylonitrile (PAN) fibers produced by ZOLTEK. PAN fiber is processed through a high temperature oven to oxidize and stabilize its molecular structure. ZOLTEK has produced oxidized ZOLTEK OX technical fibers for over 20 years, allowing us to fine tune our process and become the largest oxidized PAN fiber supplier in the world.

ZOLTEK OX is inherently flame resistant, making it an effective heat-blocking and fire barrier material.

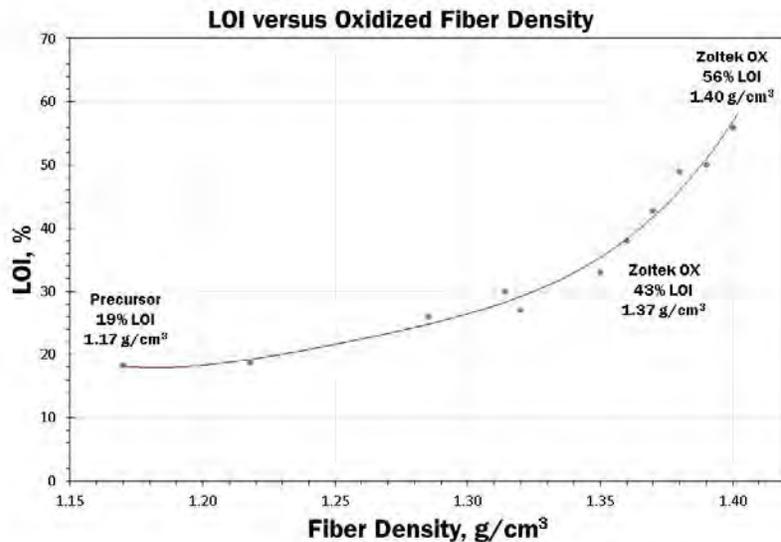
SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON

In a comparison test, after 30 seconds in a 1250°C flame, the ZOLTEK OX product retains its appearance, dimensional stability, soft hand and continues to perform as a barrier material.



ZOLTEK OX does not burn*, melt or drip, it chars without shrinking, self-extinguishes, and remains supple after flame exposure.

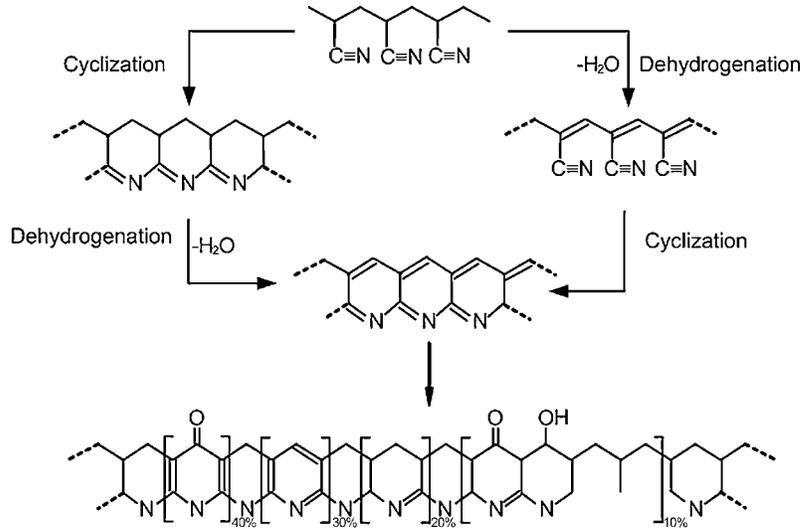
*In standard ambient air conditions.



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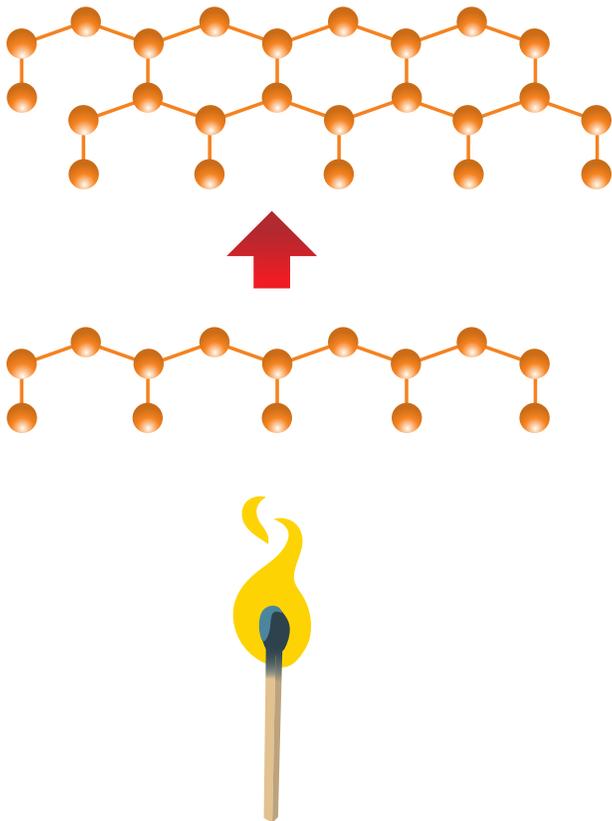
CHEMICAL STRUCTURE

The manufacturing process begins with PAN precursor fiber. The PAN precursor fiber is solution spun and then processed through a high temperature oven, in air, to stabilize its molecular structure.

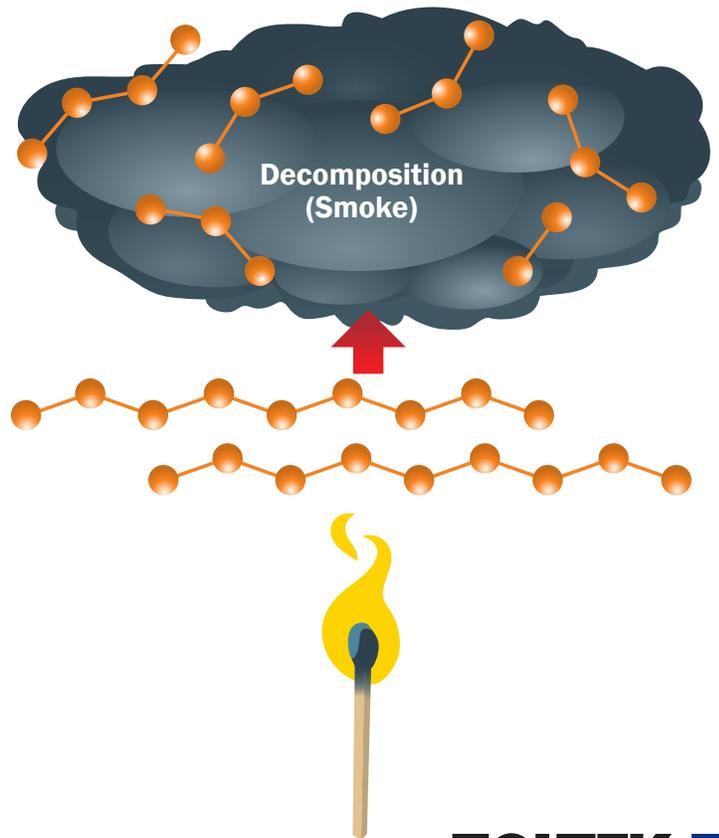


**from Science Direct article "A Review of Heat Treatment on Polyacrylonitrile Fiber"*

Molecules of ZOLTEK OX fibers form stable char structures



Molecules of most fibers decompose when the heat limit is exceeded



APPLICATIONS

One of the largest benefits of ZOLTEK OX products are their versatility. ZOLTEK OX is available for all forms of textile processing including: needle punching, stitch-bonding, hydroentangling, thermal bonding, chemical bonding, air-laying, wet-laying, ring spinning, stretch-breaking, weaving, knitting and braiding. End uses include aircraft brake performs, transportation heat and flame blocking layers, thermal, acoustical and vibration insulation liners, flame resistant apparel, intumescent mesh and as raw materials for carbonized and graphitized yarns, fabrics and felts.

Aircraft Brakes

ZOLTEK OX fiber is the key component in the production of carbon aircraft brakes. ZOLTEK OX fiber is processed through conventional textile equipment and transformed into preforms which are converted into carbon brakes through a series of manufacturing operations. In comparison to steel brakes, ZOLTEK OX based carbon brakes offer twice as many landings per overhaul, similar life-cycle costs, significant weight savings, higher energy absorption capability and the ability to handle up to 2000 °F during landings.

Fireblocking Layer Fabric

ZOLTEK OX fiber is the key component in woven and nonwoven fireblocking layer (FBL) fabrics for aircraft, rail and marine seating applications. ZOLTEK OX is blended with para-aramid and other FR fibers to provide the optimum FBL solution. ZOLTEK OX is the most cost effective fiber for this FBL application and it contains no halogens, provides outstanding flame resistance, and generates very low toxic gas emissions when exposed to flame; all of which are essential elements for this demanding application.

Automotive Noise, Heat and Vibration Liners

ZOLTEK OX fiber is blended with polyester fiber to create felts for use in noise, heat and vibration liners for automotive applications. These applications require excellent heat and thermal aging resistance in the high temperature compartments of an automobile and have the preferred black color for this end use.

Welding Drapes and Heat Insulating Blankets

ZOLTEK OX fiber is used in welding drapes, welding aprons, welding curtains and in thermal insulation blankets. It provides excellent resistance against sparks and flame, because it does not shrink when exposed to high temperatures.

Flame and Electric Arc Resistant Apparel

ZOLTEK OX fiber blends can be dyed to produce soft and comfortable knit and woven flame resistant (FR) apparel having excellent electric arc performance. ZOLTEK OX based FR apparel has been UL certified to NFPA 2112 and ASTM F1506 Hazard Risk Category 2.

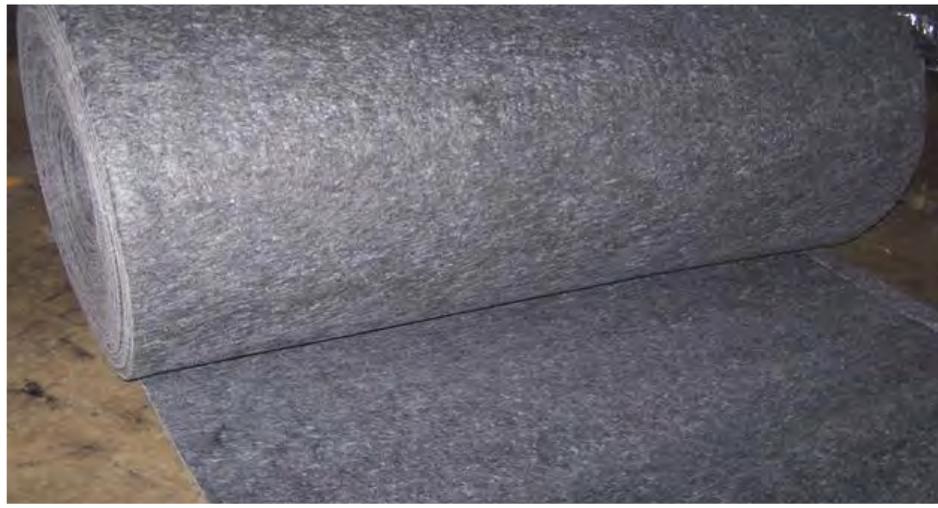
Acoustical, Heat and Flame Resistant Insulation

ZOLTEK OX fiber can be thermally-bonded into light weight, highloft nonwoven batts and needlepunched to form strong nonwoven products.

Heat and Thermal Protective Apparel

ZOLTEK OX fiber and blends can be made into woven and non-woven materials to produce high performance heat and thermal apparel for the ultimate safeguard from molten metal splatter and radiant heat protection. ZOLTEK OX based heat and thermal materials have been tested to ASTM F955.

APPLICATIONS



Zoltek products for a variety of applications.

CONTINUOUS TOW



ZOLTEK OX continuous tow is a 300,000 filament bundle of oxidized/stabilized PAN (OPAN) filaments which exhibit excellent resistance to heat and flame and chemicals and solvents. ZOLTEK OX is also electrically nonconductive. ZOLTEK OX continuous tow is suitable for cutting into flock, crimping & cutting into staple fibers.

IDEALLY SUITED FOR:

- Stretch Broken Yarns
- Aircraft Brake Preforms

MATERIAL OVERVIEW	STANDARD DENSITY			HIGH DENSITY	
Density	1.37 g/cm ³ (0.0495 lb/in ³)			1.40 g/cm ³ (0.0506 lbs/in ³)	
LOI	~45%			~55%	
Fineness	1.7 dTex	2.2 dTex	5.0 dTex	1.7 dTex	2.2 dTex
Tensile Strength	18.5-23 cN/tex (2.1 - 2.6 gpd) 240 -300 MPa (34,800 psi)				
Fiber Diameter	12.5 μ	14 μ	22 μ	12.5 μ	14 μ
Filament Count	300K		160K	300K	
Elongation to Break	22% - 28%				
Format	Uncrimped				

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STAPLE FIBER

ZOLTEK OX staple fibers are crimped, oxidized/ stabilized PAN fibers (OPAN) available in three denier sizes and several cut lengths. ZOLTEK OX staple fibers produce the highest quality nonwoven felts and the finest spun yarns in the market today. ZOLTEK OX staple is often blended with other strengthening flame resistance fibers, such as para-aramids, to obtain optimal end use properties.



IDEALLY SUITED FOR:

- Thermal Bonding
- Spunlace
- Yarn Spinning

MATERIAL PROPERTY	STANDARD DENSITY					HIGH DENSITY		
Density	1.37 g/cm ³ (0.0495 lb/in ³)					1.40 g/cm ³ (0.0506 lbs/in ³)		
LOI	~45%					~55%		
Fineness	1.7 dTex 1.5 denier		2.2 dTex 2.0 denier		5.0 dTex 4.5 denier	1.7 dTex 1.5 denier		2.2 dTex 2.0 denier
Length	50 mm 2.0 in	60 mm 2.4 in	74 mm 2.9 in	80 mm 3.1 in	100 mm 3.9 in	50 mm 2.0 in	60 mm 2.4 in	74 mm 2.9 in
Staple Crimp Level	>7.6 per inch (>3.0 per cm)							
Moisture Content	13 +/-3%							
Elongation to Break	22% - 28%							

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PLAIN WEAVE FABRIC



ZOLTEK OX plain weave fabrics are produced from 100% 2-ply ZOLTEK OX yarn. These fabrics have high LOI%, good strength properties, an ability to be laminated and have excellent cut and sew properties.

IDEALLY SUITED FOR:

- Welding Blankets
- Feed Fabrics for Carbonization

MATERIAL OVERVIEW	PW03		PW06	
	SI	US	SI	US
Areal Weight	190 g/m ²	5.6 oz/yd ²	359 g/m ²	10.6 oz/yd ²
Warp and Fill	142 x 142/10 cm	36 x 36/in	94.5 x 94.5/10 cm	24 x 24/in
Width	99 cm	39 in	129.5 cm	51 in
Roll Length	90 m	98 yds	45 m	50 yds
Thickness	0.43 mm	0.017 in	0.73 mm	0.029 in
Yarn Input	2/27 Worsted Count		2/10 Worsted Count	
Construction	Plain Weave			

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SATIN & KNIT WEAVE FABRIC

ZOLTEK OX satin weaves and circular knits are produced from 100% ZOLTEK OX yarn. These fabrics are characterized by high LOI%, excellent stretch, no melt-no drip and a soft hand for apparel applications.



IDEALLY SUITED FOR:

- Welding Blankets
- Feed Fabrics for Carbonization
- Friction Applications

MATERIAL OVERVIEW	SATIN WEAVE - SW08		KNIT FABRIC - KF07	
	SI	US	SI	US
Areal Weight	471 g/m ²	13.9 oz/yd ²	424 g/m ²	12.5 oz/yd ²
Warp and Fill	126 x 126/10 cm	32 x 32/in	N/A	N/A
Width	129 cm	51 in	66 cm unslit	26 in
Roll Length	45 m	50 yds	35 m	39 yds
Thickness	1.2 mm	0.047 in	1.4 mm	0.055 in
Yarn Input	2/10 Worsted Count		2/10 Worsted Count	
Construction	8 Harness Satin		Single Knit Tubular	

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FELTS



ZOLTEK OX felts are produced from 100% ZOLTEK OX oxidized PAN staple fiber. They provide superior thermal, fire, and spark resistant barriers. Always versatile, this ZOLTEK OX solution is available in various thicknesses and areal weights. Both cost-effective and high-performing, ZOLTEK OX felts are common in a diverse range of high-temperature industrial applications.

IDEALLY SUITED FOR:

- Welding Applications
- Thermal Barriers
- Insulation Materials

MATERIAL OVERVIEW	FT0500-200		FT0575-095		FT0200-150		FT1700-110	
	SI	US	SI	US	SI	US	SI	US
Areal Weight*	500 g/m ²	15 oz/yd ²	576 g/m ²	17 oz/yd ²	203 g/m ²	6.0 oz/yd ²	1700 g/m ²	50 oz/yd ²
Width	203 cm	80 in	94 cm	37 in	152 cm	60 in	117 cm	46 in
Roll Length	100 m	109 yds	45 m	50 yds	45 m	50 yds	60 m	66 yds
Thickness	4.2 mm	0.17 in	6.4 mm	0.25 in	2 mm	0.08 in	12.7 mm	0.5 in
Fiber Input	1.7 or 2.2 dTex							
Construction	Needlepunch							

*Custom weights available

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STRETCH-BROKEN YARNS

ZOLTEK OX stretch-broken yarns are composed of oxidized/stabilized PAN (OPAN) fibers. Stretch-broken yarns produced with ZOLTEK OX can be knit or woven into fabrics that are used in high-performance industrial or race wear apparel, industrial fire blocking blankets or high-temperature belting applications.



IDEALLY SUITED FOR:

- FR and Thermal Protective Apparel
- Friction Applications

MATERIAL OVERVIEW	STANDARD DENSITY	HIGH DENSITY
Density	1.37 g/cm ³ (0.0495 lb/in ³)	1.40 g/cm ³ (0.0506 lb/in ³)
Diameter	12.5 microns	
LOI	40%+	50%+
Color	Black	
Resistivity	8 x 10 ⁸ Ω cm	

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GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

ZOLTEK has manufacturing locations producing affordable, quality carbon fiber in Europe, Mexico, and the United States. In 2014, Zoltek joined the Toray Group – a relationship that has advanced the company’s technology, strengthened its technical and financial resources, and positioned it for further growth and development as the global leader in carbon fiber.

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ABOUT ZOLTEK

ZOLTEK is on a mission to lead the commercialization of carbon fiber and to drive new energy forward through advanced technology and expanded capacity.

As the world’s largest producer of oxidized and stabilized PAN fibers, ZOLTEK is dedicated to providing our customers with the highest level of quality and service required for critical safety applications.

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