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Daikin Industries LTD., Japan, is a new bluesign® supporter

Background information on Daikin

Daikin Industries is the world's foremost manufacturer of fluorochemical products and is a leading expert in that field. Daikin strives to find new possibilities for living and industry by making the most of fluorine characteristics using their own exclusively developed technologies. There are a number of early developments of alternative HFCs, fluorocarbon resins, and fluorocarbon rubber widely used in applications ranging from the data and semiconductor industries to household items used in everyday living. The potential for developing applications for these products is growing without limit for the fluorochemical industry. A unique company, Daikin is also involved in the fields of mechanics, electronics and chemistry. From being the first in Japan to take on fluorochemicals in 1933, Daikin has continued its role as a pioneer in bringing over 1,800 types of fluorine compounds such as fluoropolymers, fluoroelastomers, and fluorocarbons to the world using their own unique technology.

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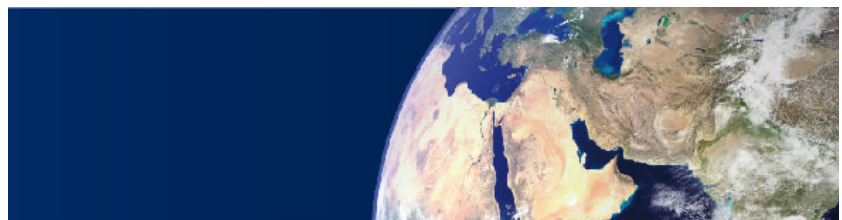


The following manufacturers have successfully performed a bluesign® screening and has signed in the following a bluesign® system partner agreement:

- Tri Ocean
- Tah Hsin Industrial Corporation
- Formosa chemical & fibre corporation



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Duraflex Unitex International Button Accessories Ltd., Hong Kong, has successfully performed a bluesign® screening in its manufacturing site Unitex Metal & Plastic Accessories Ltd. in China and has signed in the following a bluesign® system partner agreement

Background information on Duraflex

Duraflex, a leading brand in plastic buckles & accessories for the outdoor sporting goods industry, brings the most functional and reliable accessories to both the backpack and apparel markets. The brand now includes product offerings from the original plastic buckles, to metal snaps, grommets, zipper pullers, cord locks, labels etc. DURAFLEX, now covering almost all the trims and accessories for the sporting goods industry, can offer the most complete line of whether it's for backpack, apparel, golf bag, stroller, military etc.

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Certificates were issued to the following companies

- Paltex Company Ltd.
- Ching Mei Textile Corporation Ltd.
- Thai Eastern Industry Co., Ltd.
- Shin Han Industries Co., Ltd.
- GIDE Printing Technology Co, Ltd

Sympatex Technologies GmbH, Germany, becomes a bluesign® system partner for its laminates

Sympatex already became bluesign® system partner as early as mid of 2008 for its membranes. It is now upgrading its partnership to also include its laminates.

Background information on bluesign technologies ag



bluesign technologies ag was founded in 2000. Since then, the bluesign® standard has been adopted by different worldwide leading textile manufacturers. Various significant key players of the chemical and machine industry rely on the bluesign® standard and endorse it as bluesign® supporters, including Huntsman, Clariant, DyStar, CHT, Mahlo and Benninger. Several well-known brands of the sporting goods and fashion industry such as Patagonia, MEC, The North Face, Vaude, Helly Hansen, Haglöfs, Eileen Fisher, REI, Deuter, Hakro, Klättermusen or Maier Sports benefit as bluesign® members and finally Zimtstern, Boardroom/Ecoapparel, Gloriette, ComforTrust, Edelrid oder Poivre Blanc as bluesign® trademark users of the extensive know-how of bluesign technologies ag. In 2008 SGS has acquired a 50 % stake in bluesign technologies ag.

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