



### **New Polyester Fibrous Foam To replace Foamed Polyurethane**



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### elk® innovative fibrous foam for the train seats

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# Background of the elk® development

		Polyurethane foam	Requirements for elk®
Cushioning		Good	Good
Durability		Good	Good
Weight	Energy conservation problem	Heavy	Over 20% Lighter than PU foam
Comfort	Stuffy	No good (Non-breathable)	Good (Breathable)
Toxic gas	Vehicle fire problem	HCN, CO, CO2	CO, CO2
Recyclability		NO	OK



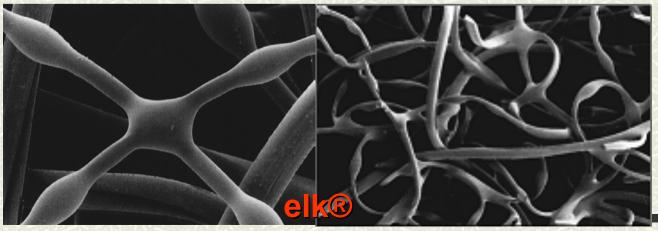
### What's elk®

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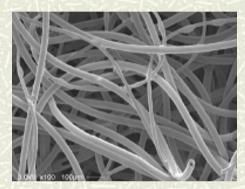
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	Special Binder fiber for elk®	Matrix fiber (Polyester)
Design	Amebic Structure binding point	Tangle Spring Structure
Figure	Cross-section of fiber Polyester Elastomer Polyester	Side view of fiber
	Tough and flexible bonding point	Dispersion of load

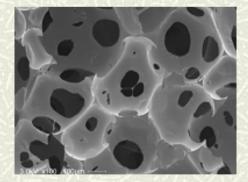




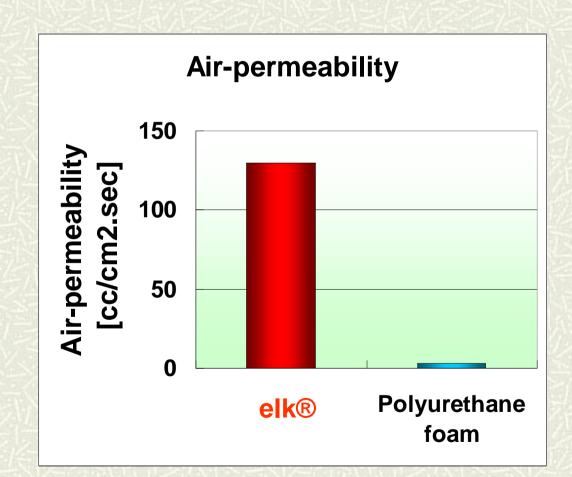
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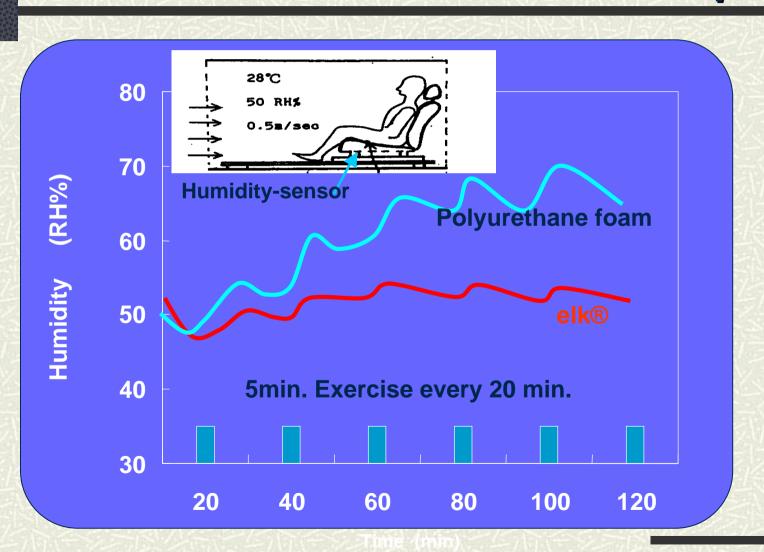


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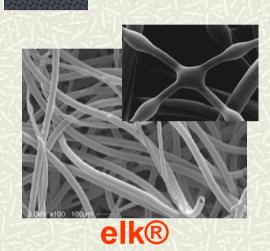


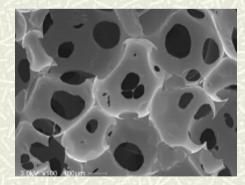
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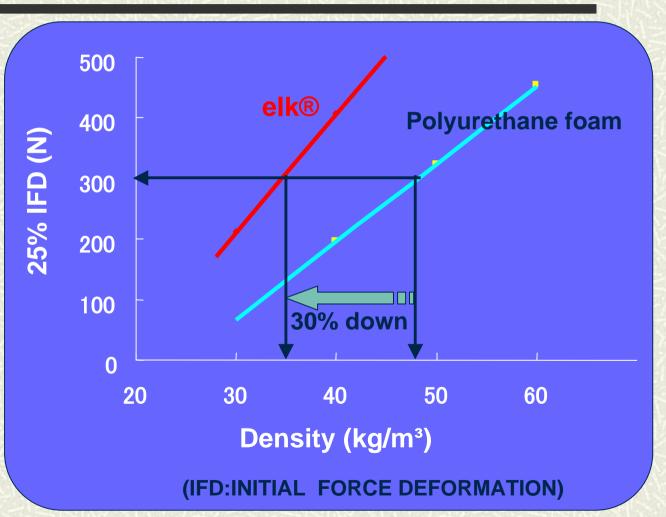


### Characteristics of elk® Compressive resilience and Density



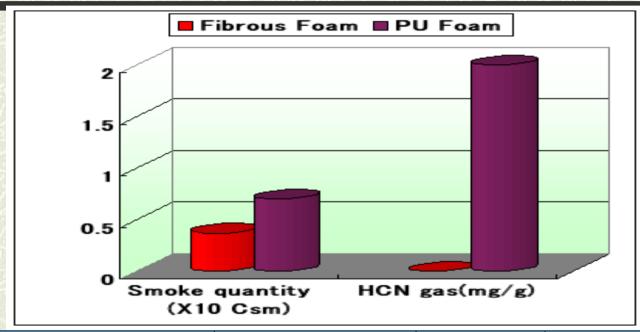


Polyurethane Foam





# Characteristics of elk® Smoke & Combustion gas



JIS K-2541	HCN	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>
elk®	Non-detection	<b>34</b>	243
PU Foam	7.2	60	250
Limit of detection (mg/g)	0.005	-	-



## Characteristics of elk® Flame retardancy

#### In the Japanese test

Applications	Test method	Result
Bedding	45°Methenamine	Passed
Automotive	FMVSS 302	Self-extinguishing
Japanese Railway	A-A(Alcohol)	Passed
Othoro	UL94 HBF	Passed
Others	UL94 HF-1	Passed



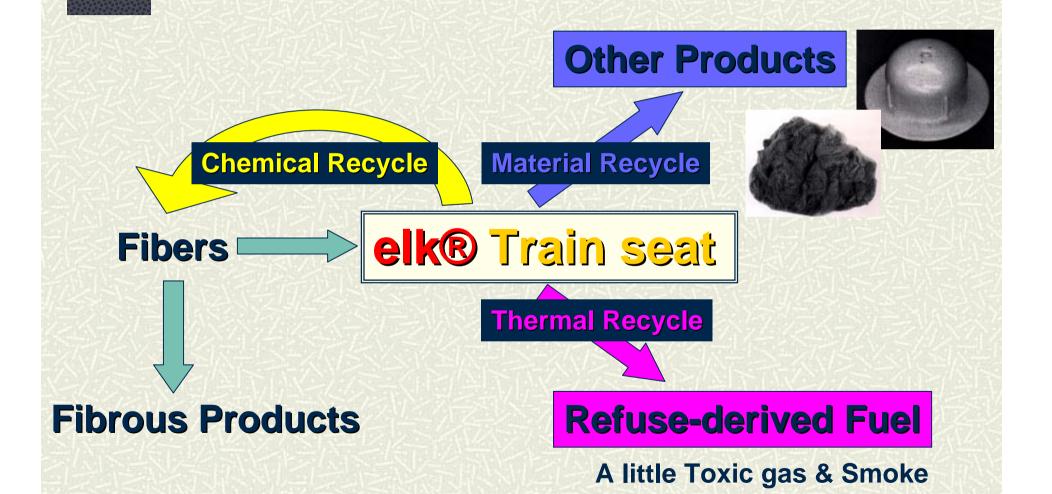
# Characteristics of elk® Flame retardancy

#### In the BS6853 test

	Test method	Result	Remark
Back	<b>BS 476: Part</b> 6	Rejection	There is possibility of the pass by a combination with FRL
	<b>BS 476: Part</b>	Invalid	melting
	7	Result	meiting
	Annex B Toxicity test	Pass	
	BS 4/6: Part	invalid	melting
	7	Result	meiting
Base	Annex B Toxicity test	Pass	
Assembly	Annex D Toxicity test	Pass	



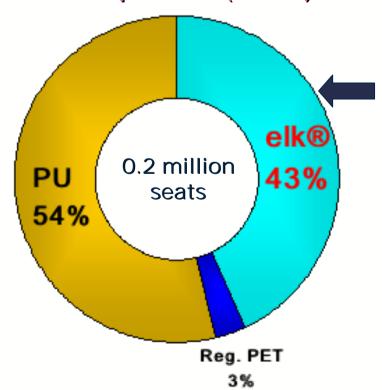
### Characteristics of elk® Recyclability: Recycling in Japan





# Train Seat Market and share of elk® in Japan

Quantity of seat production by Japanese railway companies (2009)



elk® has already won 40~50% share of the market.

- Light weight
- Recyclable
- A little toxic gas & smoke



### Japanese Railway Companies

- # JR ("Japan Railway") companies:
  - East/Central/West/Shikoku/Kyushu/Hokkaido
- # In Tokyo area:
  - Odakyu / Tobu / Seibu / Keio / Tokyu, etc.
- **In Nagoya area: Meitesu / Kintetsu, etc.**
- # In Osaka area: Nankai / Hanshin, etc.
- **■** Urban metro networks: in Tokyo / Osaka / Nagoya,

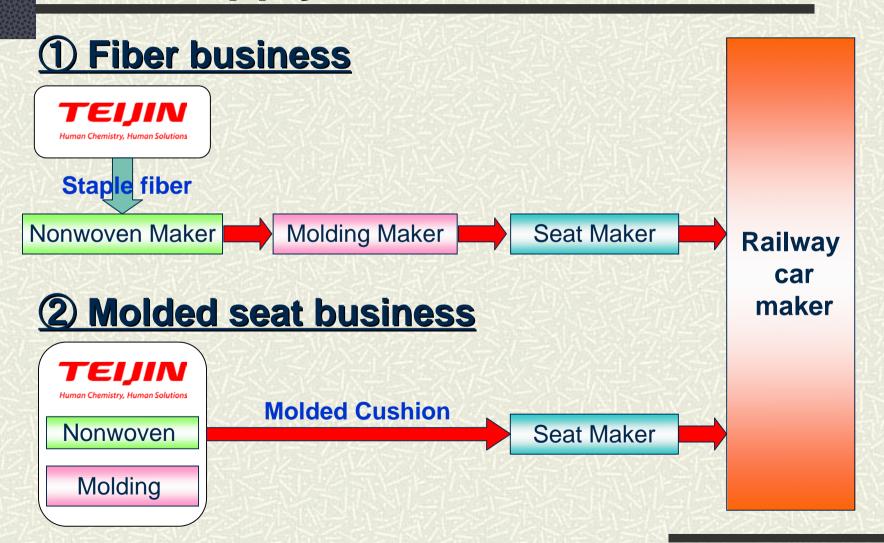






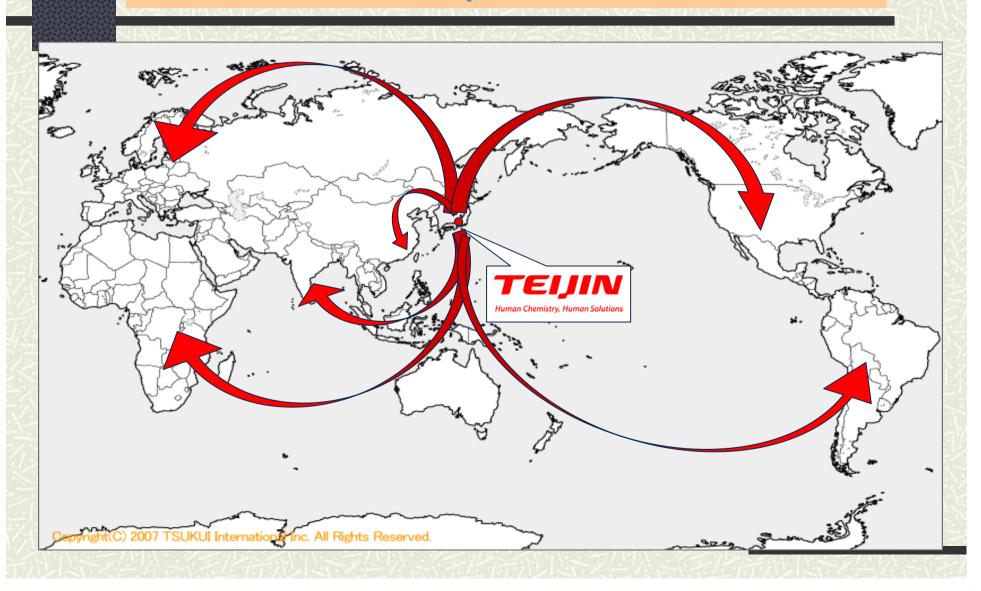


### elk® Supply Patterns





### We can supply staple fibers, nonwovens, or molded seats from Japan to all over the world.





#### Conclusion

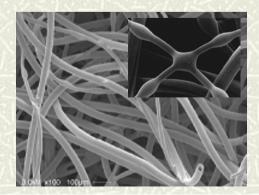
elk® is the material of choice for the train seats.

Breathability, Light weight (less by 20~30%), Environment-friendly (A little toxic gas & smoke, Recyclable)

elk® has won 40~50% share of the market in Japan.



It will propose the train seat market in the world in the future.





### Thank you for your kind attention.



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