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Protex[®] Fiber

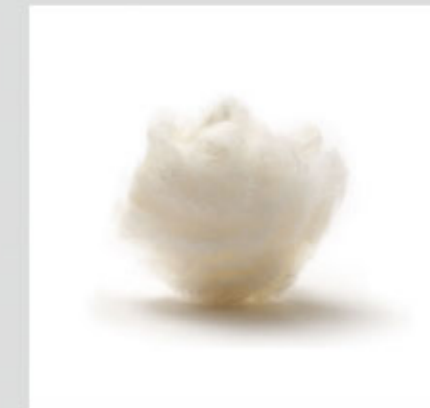
Kanecaron[®] MODACRYLIC FIBER

What is Kanecaron/Protex?

Kanecaron/Protex is a modacrylic fiber developed by Kaneka.

Kanecaron[®]

Kanecaron is a functional fiber that possesses the characteristic of high flame retardancy (FR) as well as acrylic fiber's natural attributes of softness and dyeability. It is an inherently self-extinguishing FR fiber that imparts excellent flame-retardancy to fabrics and synthetic fibers.



Protex[®]

Protex is the advanced FR fiber in the Kanecaron family. Its advanced FR and heat resistance, upon blending, improves FR performance in flammable fibers like cotton or polyester.

Modacrylic

The generic name of a fiber that has a lower acrylonitrile (35-85%) level than ordinary acrylic fiber in its make up.

Self extinguish

No flame spread and the ability to stop combustion when the flame source is removed. Kanecaron/Protex will create a char that works to prevent the flame without melting.

Inherent FR fiber

Polymerized FR fiber that does not require topical FR treatments.

**Kanecaron
Protex**
Advantage 1

Inherently Flame Retardant

Kanecaron / Protex is an inherently flame retardant product in which the fiber resin itself contains the flame retardant ingredient. When the flame source is removed Protex has a self-extinguishing nature by which combustion stops immediately. Unlike FR treatments, there is no deterioration in flame retardancy after repeated washing or normal use over time.

Limiting Oxygen Index(LOI) In conformity with JIS L 1091 Kanecaron/Protex exhibits a high LOI figure in comparison to other fibers.

LOI value comparison of fibers



Limiting Oxygen Index(LOI)

LOI is the minimum required oxygen volume (by percent) that a specimen requires to continue burning in a gas mixture of oxygen and nitrogen. The higher oxygen value required to make a test specimen burn equates higher FR.

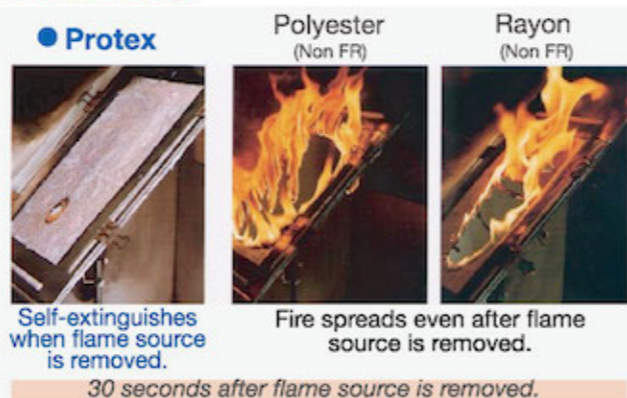
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Self-extinguishing

Self-extinguishes when flame source is removed.

In the case of flammable fabric, fire spreads very quickly when ignited. Kanecaron/Protex blended fabric will self-extinguish and will form a char barrier that works as a shield to minimize fire damage.

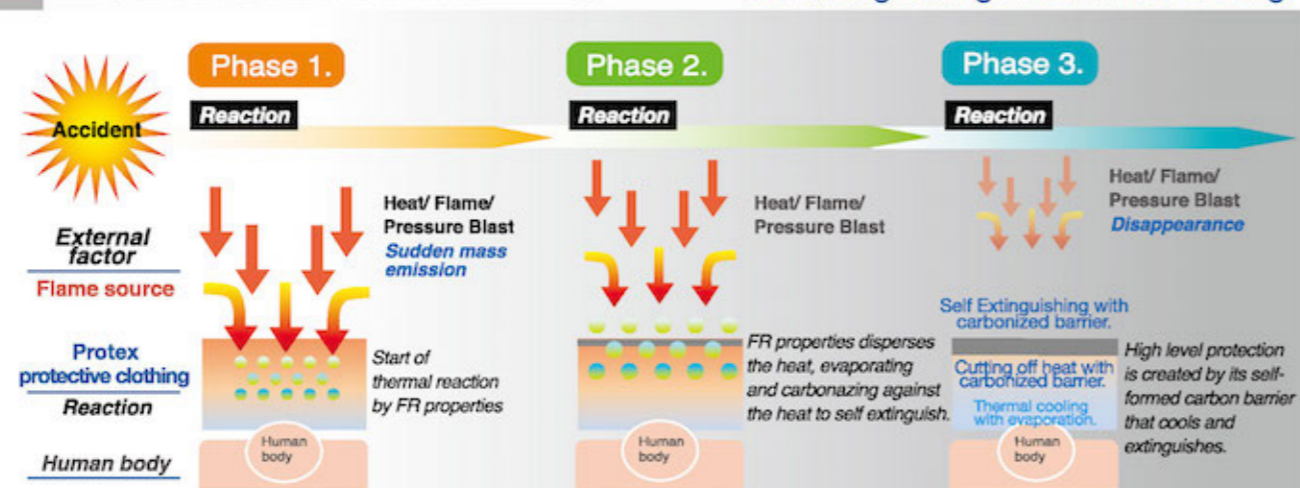
45°micro burner method:
The combustion test due to JAPAN FIRE RETARDANT ASSOCIATION



The Mechanism of FR

Protex protective clothing in explosion hazard

Protex reacts to flame and high heat radiation instantly, providing protection with its special FR mechanism of self-extinguishing and thermal cooling.



Melt-resistant (Carbonization)

Kanecaron/Protex stops the spread of the fire and extinguishes it with the char barrier it forms when the flame source is removed. Unlike other thermoplastic fibers, such as polyester, Kanecaron/Protex does not melt or form droplets that could stick to skin and cause injury.

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Advantage 2

No molten droplet Melt/Drip Resistance

When thermoplastic fibers, such as polyester and nylon, melt they produce hazardous high temperature droplets that could cause severe burns to the skin.

Kanecaron/Protex melt-resistance and carbonization attributes not only extinguish the fire, but also play an important role in preventing secondary injuries.

Prevention of dripping

Note: The effectiveness of melt/drip prevention varies depending on the type and ratio of raw cotton used.

Kanecaron/Protex for non-woven fabrics; FR-Melt/Drip Resistance; Combustion Analysis

Plastic material devices for instrument parts; UL 94 Standard

Exam method

The specimen is held perpendicular to the table above the gas burner with the bottom end in contact with the flame. If the fire diminishes in less than 3 seconds the specimen is kept in contact with the flame for additional 10 seconds.

Criterion (Part excerpt)

Result	After Flame	Burning Drip
V-0	≤10sec.	0
V-1	≤30sec.	0
V-2	≤30sec.	Permissible



Result

Sample ①
Protex®/FR-Rayon/Polyester
The non-woven fabric carbonized immediately after the flame source was removed and did not drip.
Conforms to V-0

Sample ②
FR-Rayon/Polyester
The non-woven fabric continued to burn and drip after the flame source was removed.
Non-conforming

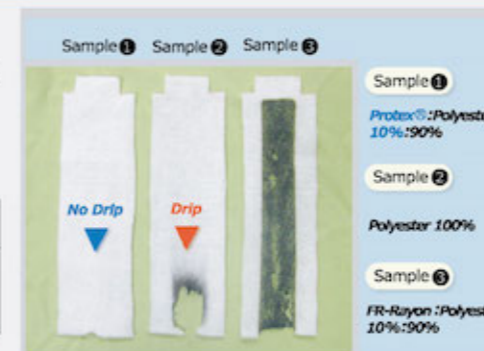
Automobile Interiors FMVSS Standard (No.302)

Exam method

The specimen is held perpendicularly in contact with the flame for 15 seconds. The speed of combustion is observed.

Criterion

non self-extinguishing	combustion-speed (between reticules) ≤ 100mm/min
self-extinguishing	combustion-distance ≤ 50mm furthermore combustion-time ≤ 60sec



Result

Sample ①
Protex®:Polyester 10%:90%
Combustion or melting was not observed in specimens mixed with Kanecaron/Protex.

Sample ②
Polyester 100%

Sample ③
FR-Rayon:Polyester 10%:90%

Summary - Combustion Analysis and FR standards

The use of Kanecaron/Protex allows for creational products to meet various FR standards around the world.

- Please consult us for a specific formula to meet each FR standard.
- For more information on many international FR standards Kanecaron/Protex has satisfied, please refer to page 13

Highly Blendable

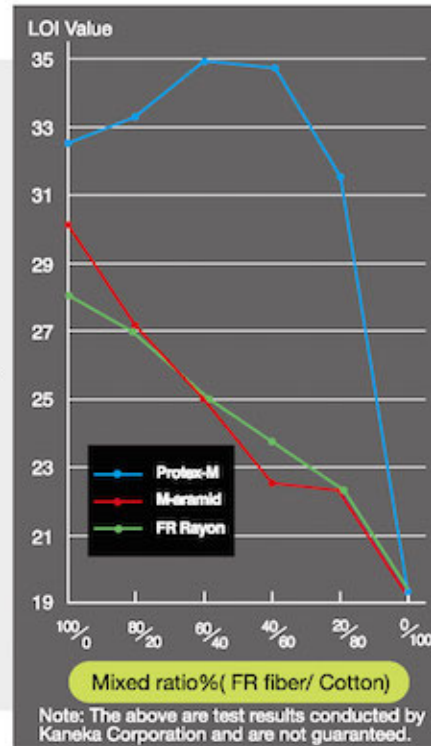
The superior properties of Kanecaron/ Protex allow for blending with flammable fibers in various combinations to achieve a high level of FR performance.

Blendability / Adaptation of cellulosic fiber

Protex-M blended with cellulosic fibers such as cotton and rayon, increases the overall FR performance.

The graph on the right shows the LOI values of cotton fiber mixed in 3 blends(Protex-M, meta-aramid, FR rayon) at various ratios.

Protex-M with its outstanding flame retardancy allows for higher blend ratios with cotton. The resulting cellulosic blend fabric is well suited for use in both ordinary and industrial environments.

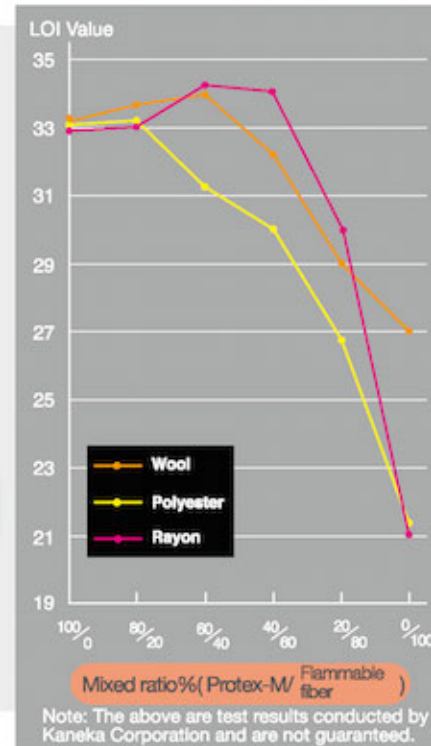
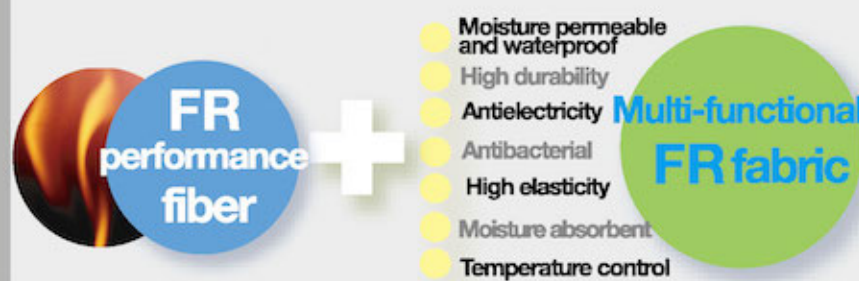


Blendability / Compound functionality

When blended Protex-M has the capacity to add flame retardancy to flammable fibers.

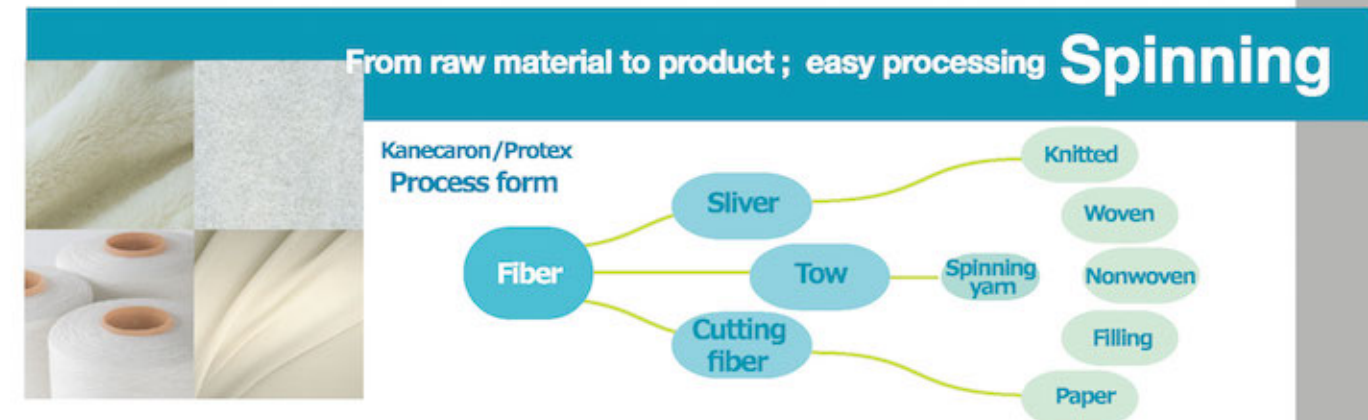
The graph on the right shows the LOI values of Protex-M fibers, each mixed with one of three flammable fibers: polyester, rayon, wool.

It utilizes the different merits of the Protex fiber, providing a multi-function FR fabric as shown below.



Easy Processing (Spining, Dyeing, Molding)

Kanecaron/Protex can be blended with other fibers for intimate blending or in various fabric combinations. Cationic dyeing makes possible expressions of beautiful and long lasting color shades. In most cases it can be processed under the same conditions as conventional acrylic fiber.



- Recommendation processing point**
- 1 Temperature and humidity: Room temperature=20-25 deg C / Humidity=50-60% RH. The same condition of cotton, polyester, acrylic can be applied but a more gentle condition is preferred because Kanecaron/Protex fiber is easy to open.
 - 2 Opening and Carding: Low tension will be required to have a better yarn quality. Regarding the ring type, a backed ring is the best to use in order to avoid the excessive friction caused by the traveler and tension control.
 - 3 Drawing, spinning and rewinding

Beautiful hues with cationic dyeing Dyeing

Beautiful and long lasting colors can be obtained with cationic dyes as with regular acrylic fibers.

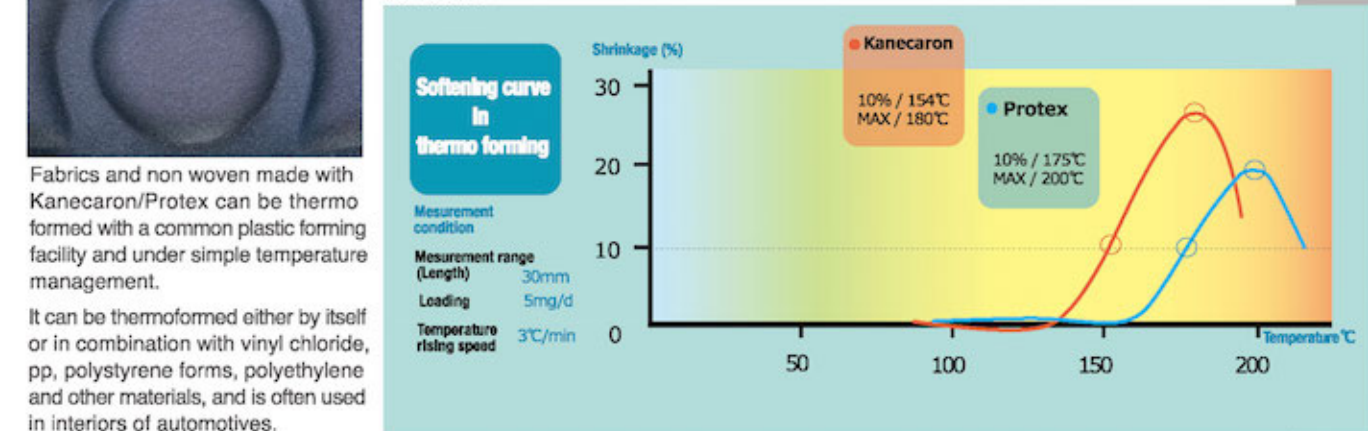
With this

- High designability
- High contrast, high visibility color expressions made possible

- Recommendation processing point In case of stock dyeing**
- 1 The step-wise and low rise control in the temperature is required around 85 deg C due to the start of migration and quick absorption rate.
 - 2 Dyeing temperature should be kept below 98 deg C, as the fabric will start to shrink at 100 deg C or higher and the fiber will become stiff. Protex allows for up to 103 deg C as a maximum dyeing temperature.
 - 3 The amount of retarder should be reduced to avoid the delay of absorption of dyes. Carriers can be used for the deep shades, but a deoxidization process will be required after dyeing.

Stable molding with short processing time Molding

Kanecaron/Protex is suitable for molding. Its elasticity is at its highest when within the temperature range of 120 to 130 degrees celcius. This allows for molding with a deep draw over 100% depth on the fabric. Kanecaron/Protex keeps a molded shape without stress unlike other common fabrics such as knit or elastomeric yarn that will revert to the original shape after tension is removed.



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Advantage 5

Soft and Light

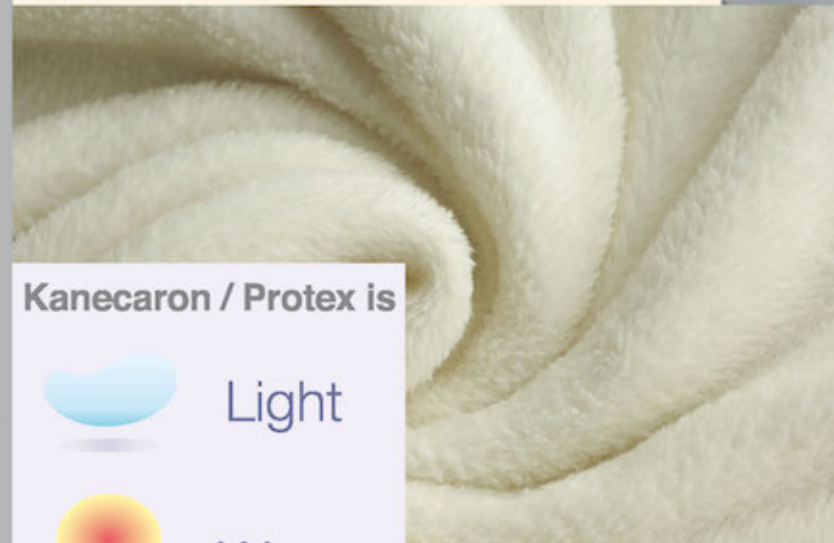
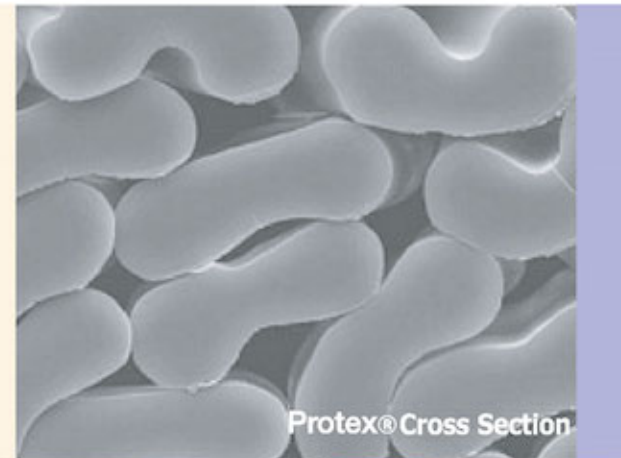
Kanecaron/Protex is light, warm, soft and flexible due to its unique fiber form.

The properties created by its unique fiber form






In addition to being a functional fiber with special properties fit for industrial use, Kanecaron/Protex also possesses unique qualities that make it a perfect fit for a wide range of clothing and interior goods applications.

Such qualities are the result of combining modacrylic's attributes and Kanecaron/Protex's original fiber-form molding.

By combining with cotton and other cellulosic or natural fibers both functionality and comfort can be achieved.



Kanecaron / Protex is

-  Light
-  Warm
-  Flexible
-  Soft
-  Pliant



Chemical Resistance : Acid and Alkali

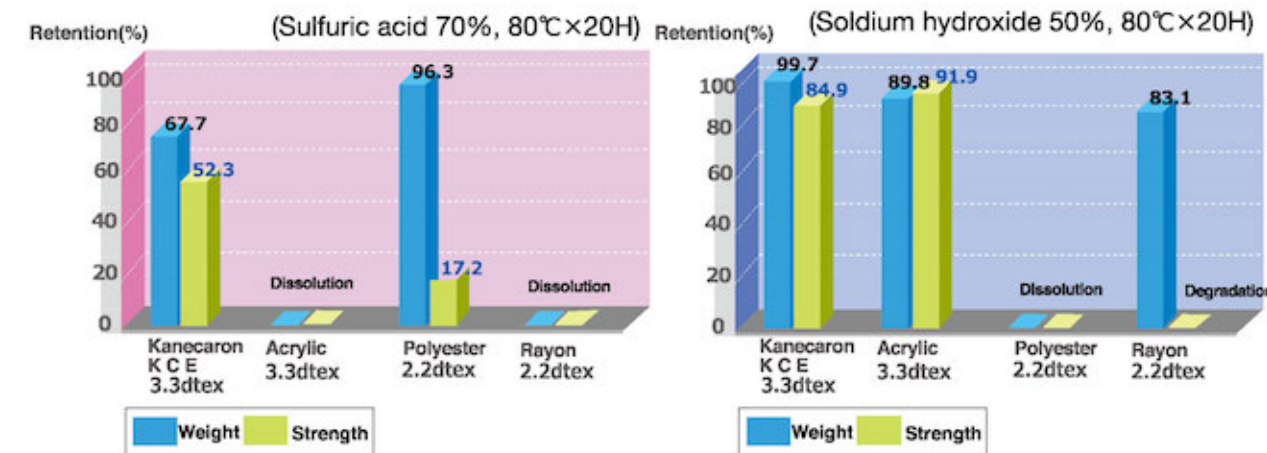
Kanecaron exhibits superior chemical resistance against acid, alkaline, organic and inorganic chemicals and is used commonly in industrial materials(*).
(*Filters, workwear, battery material, etc.

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Advantage 6

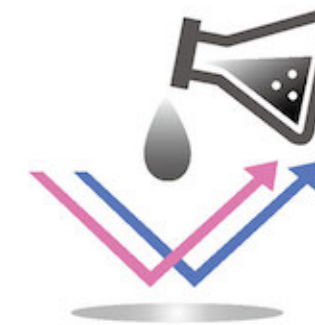
Acid resistance, Alkali resistance : High retention ratio

Acid resistance

Alkali resistance



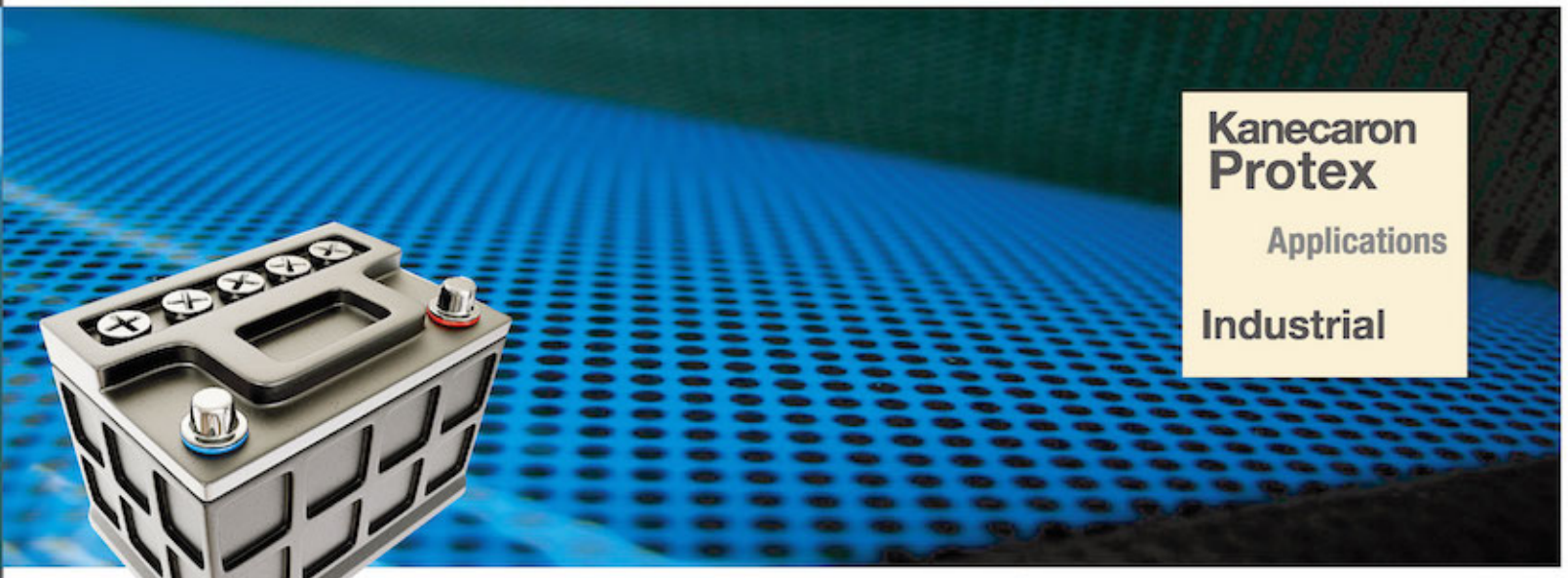
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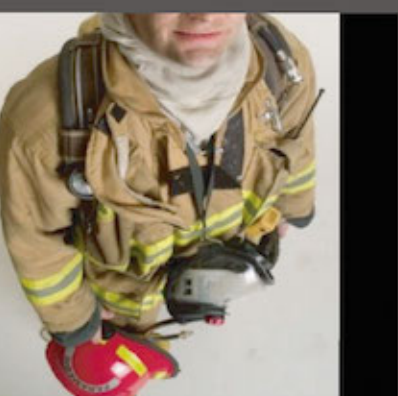
Kanecaron Protex
Applications
Clothing



Kanecaron Protex
Applications
Industrial



Protective clothing Workwear Hoods
Pinafores Arm covers Filling



Protective gear is often regulated by strict and specific national or regional law to ensure safety.
Kanecaron/Protex will meet the demands of both daily safety and industrial FR regulations.

Potential Hazards in Industrial Environment
man-made disasters

- Fire, Spark
- Radiant heat
- Molten metal
- Explosion
- Chemicals
- Electric Arc

Protecting the human body from potential injuries in dangerous industrial environments requires proper use of qualified protective clothing.

Protex as workwear

The material's natural functions

Protective function
High FR, and self-extinguishing ability, as well as resistance against chemicals, do not wear out or wash off over time.

Functionality and comfort
Protex can be mixed with other materials while maintaining its original function. Blending with cotton or cellulosic fibers in particular improves air-permeability and sweat absorbency for addition of comfort.

High quality and durability
Fabrics and clothing made with Kanecaron/Protex are durable and hold up to heavy and continuous use over time.

Product function
Industrial Laundry Capable

Protex can even protect workers against arc flash.
Arc Flash

Arc flash can cause severe damage to the human body and in recent years has become the newest challenge to protective clothing.

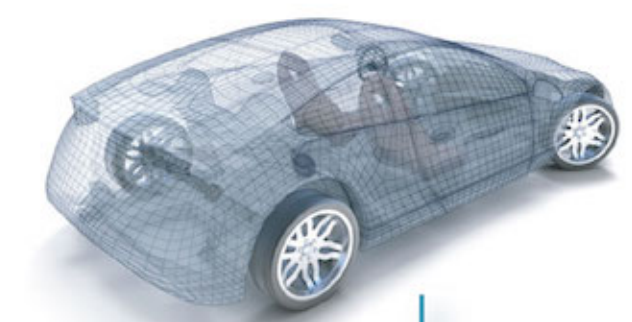
Timely self-extinguishment and thermal cooling by Kaneka's original FR mechanism.

The melt and drip resistant fabric forms carbon barrier.

Battery material

It is used in electrodes of lead-acid batteries, alkali batteries, and parts of separators.

Automotive Interior materials

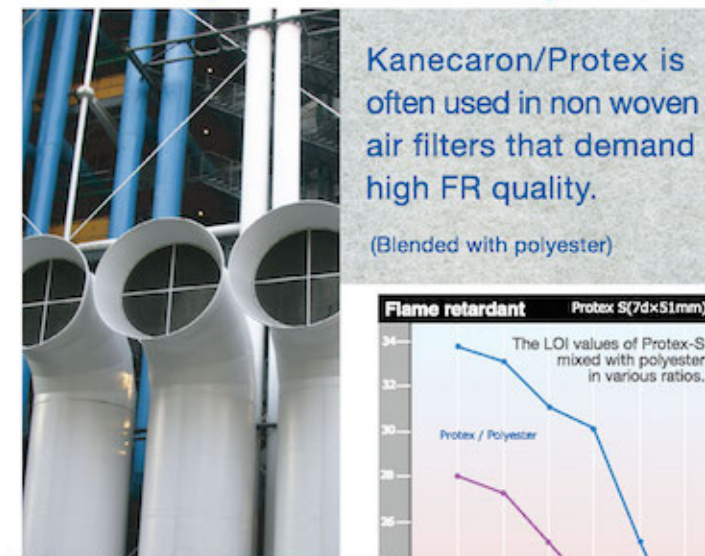


Its high FR and superior processability make Kanecaron/Protex a popular material for automotive interiors.

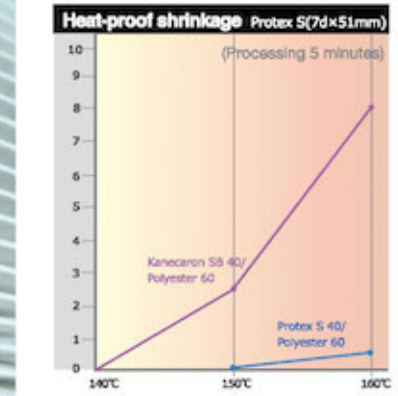
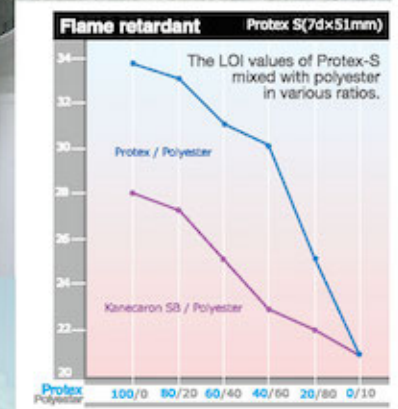
Kanecaron/Protex with its variety of unique attributes is adaptable to numerous industrial applications and has become an essential ingredient in many products.

In addition to its natural attributes, Kanecaron/Protex's ability to impact its properties to blended products opens the door to a host of new industrial applications.

Filters(Non Woven)



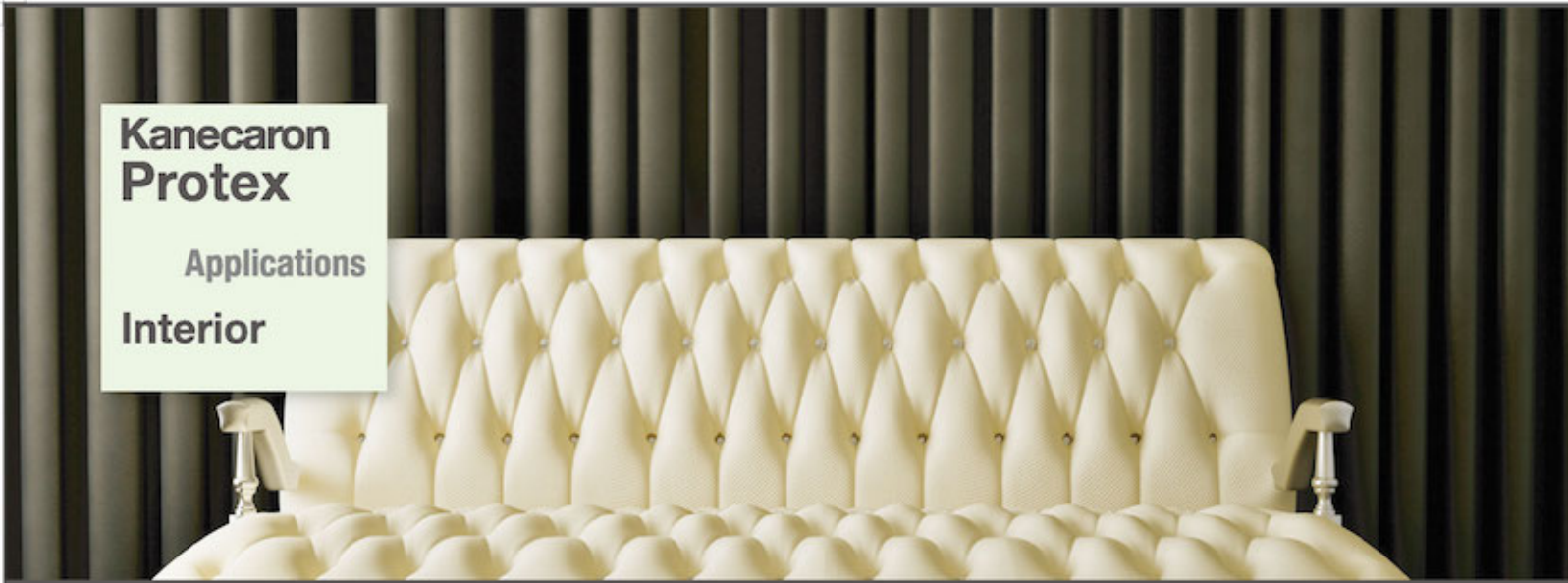
Kanecaron/Protex is often used in non woven air filters that demand high FR quality.
(Blended with polyester)



Protex's high FR is sustained even when blended with polyester. Melt, shrink, and chemical resistance makes it possible to create air filters with long-lasting structure and functionality.

Kanecaron Protex

Applications
Interior



Drapery Carpets
Partitions Upholstery
Wall covering Fabric blinds
Theater curtains and decorations



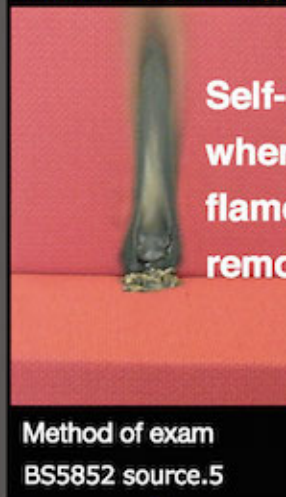
Self-extinguishing ability stops the fire from spreading.

Many large fires start small and spread onto curtains and sofas. Kanecaron/Protex lowers such possibility and minimizes the risk of greater damage.

High performance FR products.

Most countries and regions have highly specific and strict FR regulations for large facilities and tall residential buildings. Kanecaron/Protex has satisfied many of such regulations and is recognized internationally.

Kanecaron/Protex
Combustion Test
on chairs (Upholstery)



Self-extinguishes when flame-source is removed.

Method of exam
BS5852 source.5

High performance, comfortable, and attractive Interior goods



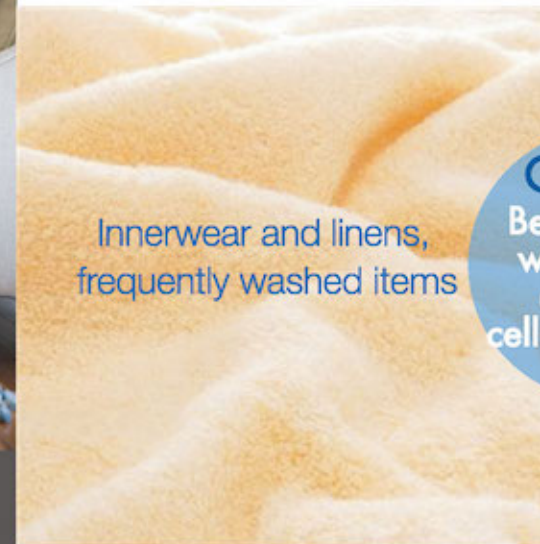
■ Kanecaron/Protex's variety of raw materials and their processability allows for creation of beautiful textiles to embellish any styles of interior design, without compromising its high FR.



Kanecaron Protex

Applications
Bedding & Home Textiles

Blankets Throws Duvet Cover
Comforters Filling Cushions
Mattresses Bed pads Bed sheets
Towels Stuffed toy



Innerwear and linens, frequently washed items

Comfort
Best blended with cotton and other cellulosic fibers

With Kanecaron/Protex beddings and bed linens can be made flame-retardant.

Kanecaron/Protex Mattress Combustion test



Self-extinguished after flame-source is removed.
Method of exam CFR1633

Kanecaron/Protex forms a carbon barrier to prevent of the further spread of fire and ignition of the mattress interior.



Warm and natural looks and textures of animal fur can be re-created with Kanecaron/Protex.



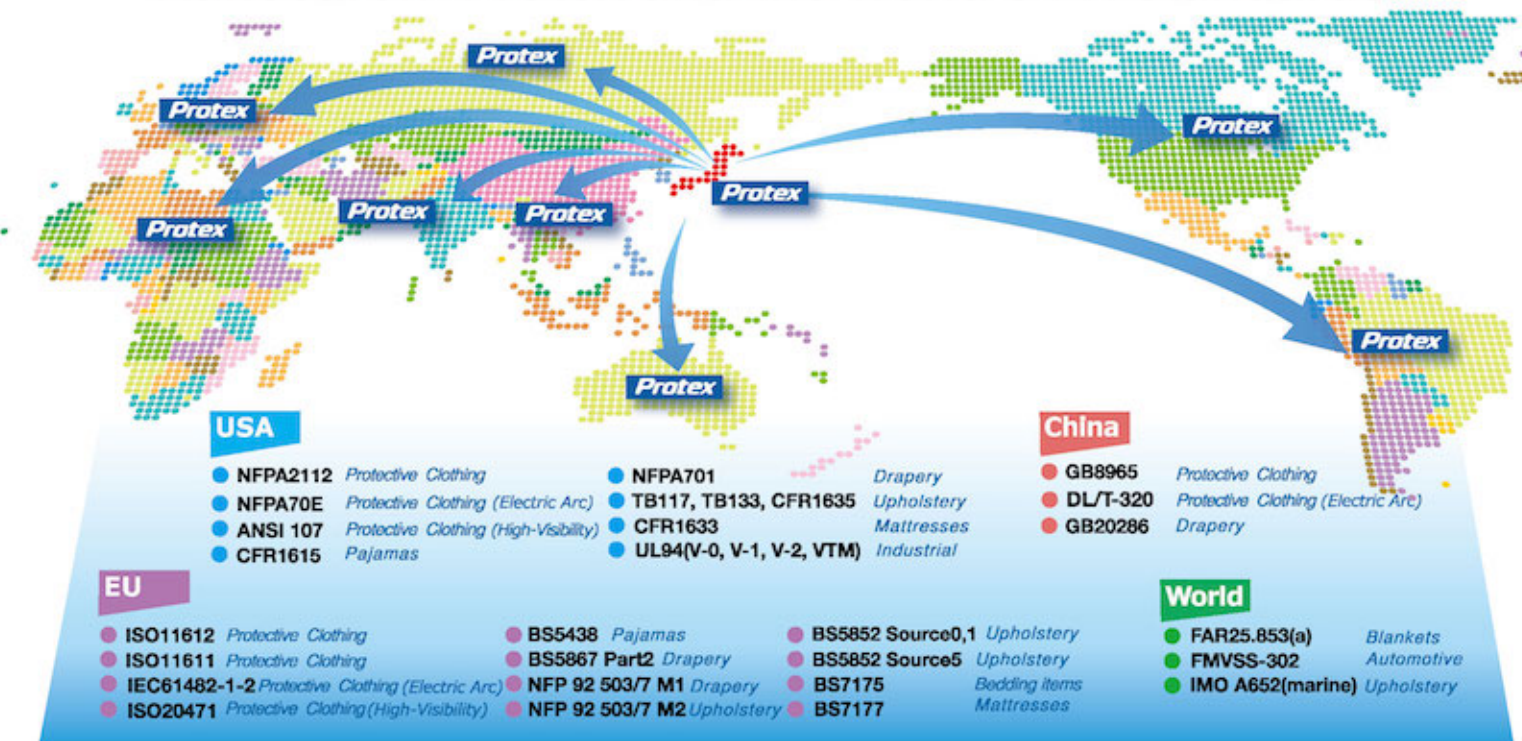
Stuffed toys made safe by high flame-and-melt retardancy of Kanecaron/Protex

With Kanecaron/Protex an entire bedroom can be made flame retardant from the bedding, linens, to even pajamas.



Kanecaron® *Protex* Fiber

Kanecaron·Protex and the world's FR standards.



Kanecaron/Protex has already satisfied numerous FR standards around the world.

In addition to FR application

Pile(Fur fabric)

The ability to recreate in fur fabrics the realistic shine and feel of animal fur is one of Kanecaron's unique advantages.



Hair extentions and wigs

Kanecaron is also used as a realistic alternative to human hair in making of hair extentions, wigs and doll hair.

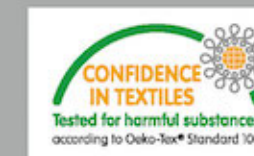


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カネカロン・プロテックス List of fiber types



TYPE	Kanecaron			Protex			Protex	
	Standard	FR		High-level FR			Oekotex	
	SB	S B Y	S Y S	Protex-C	Protex-S	Protex-M	Protex-E	Protex-Q
LOI Value	26	30	32	33	33	33	33	33
Luster	Bright	Semi-dull	Dull	Dull	Dull	Dull	Semi-dull	Dull
Length Dtex x Cut(mm)	1.7x51	1.7x38	1.9x38	1.7x38	2.2x51	2.2x38	1.7x38	1.7x38
	3.3x51	2.2x38	1.9x51	1.7x51	7.8x64	2.2x51	1.7x51	1.7x51
	3.3x64	2.2x51	3.3x51		17x64	3.3xV100		3.3xV100
	5.6x51		3.3x89					
	5.6x64		5.6x51					
	11x51							
27x51								
Tenacity (cN/dtex)	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.3	2.5	3.0	2.4
Elongation (%)	27	27	27	25	25	25	21	22

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TYPE	Kanecaron					
	Dope-dyed Black KCDY(10)	Dope-dyed Blue KDU160	Dope-dyed Gray KCD18	Dope-dyed Camel BM	High shrinkage KCE HHB	No crimp KCE TOW
LOI Value	29	30	-	-	-	-
Luster	-	-	-	-	Bright	Bright
Length Dtex x Cut(mm)	2.2x51	2.2x51	2.2x51	3.3x64	3.3x102	3.3xTOW
				5.6x64		
Tenacity (cN/dtex)	2.5	2.5	-	2.5	2.3	2.5
Elongation (%)	30	30	-	30	30	30

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