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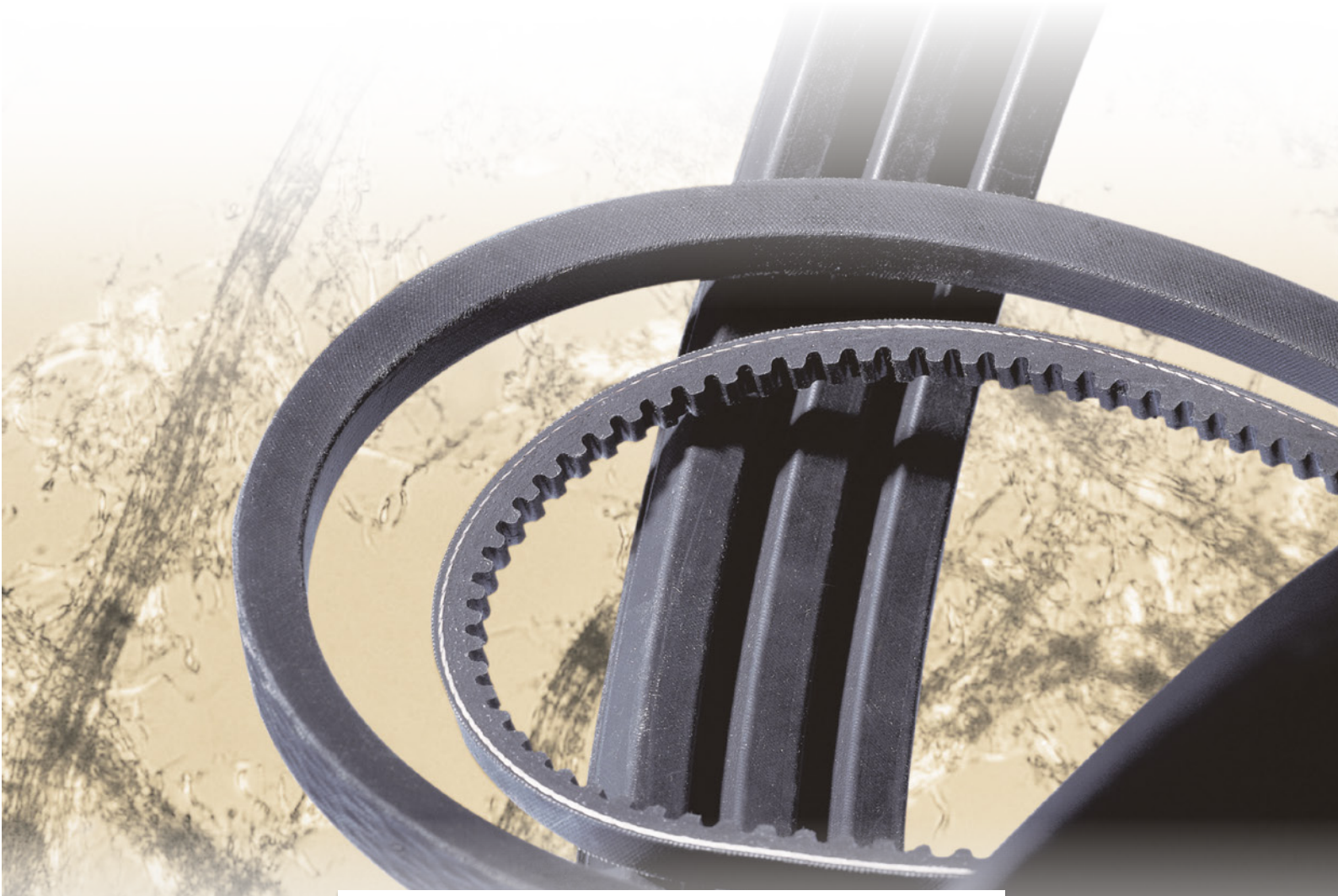

Short fiber reinforcement for rubber

Rhenogran® P / Rhenogran® WP




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SHORT FIBER
REINFORCEMENT FOR RUBBER

Short fibers such as glass, carbon, aramid or natural fibers have been embedded into many types of polymers to improve and modify certain mechanical properties of the matrix polymer for specific use and to reduce the cost of molded articles. Application areas include V-belts, hose, tire components and miscellaneous molded goods.

- **Reinforcement**
  - Cost reduction in manufacturing
  - Increased quality and service life of rubber articles
  - Improved resistance on exposure to high temperatures, media and pressures
  - Easy curing due to dimensional stability

Property		Stiffness	Reinforcement	Flexibility	Degradation
Fiber	**Density (g/cm³)**	**Youngs modulus [GPa]**	**Tensile strength [GPa]**	**Elongation at break [%]**	**Decomposition temp. [°C]**
Cotton	1.5 – 1.6	6 – 13	0.3 – 0.6	3.0 – 10	> 150
Sisal	1.3 – 1.5	9 – 38	0.4 – 0.7	2.0 – 3.0	> 180
Flax	1.4	60 – 80	0.1 – 1.5	1.2 – 1.6	> 160
Cellulose (wood)	1.4	30 – 60	0.4 – 1.0	0.1 – 0.4	> 180
Carbon (PAN)	1.8 – 2.0	160 – 450	3.5 – 7.0	0.7 – 2.0	> 3700
E-glass*	2.6	72	1.5 – 3.0	1.8 – 3.2	825 melting
Nylon/Polyester	1.1 – 1.4	n.a.	0.9 – 1.1	10 – 25	260 melting
Twaron® aramid	1.4 – 1.5	60 – 120	2.4 – 3.6	2.2 – 4.4	> 500

* Fibers break down during mixing

Selected advantages in applications:

- Tire innerliner: reduced cord strike-through during cure
- Wire-reinforced hose: wire braiding step eliminated
- Hand-wrapped hose: increased strength of rubber sheet in building
- Tire chafer: increased strength to accommodate tire building process
- Roofing materials: increased green strength for unvulcanized sheeting

Application	Quality improvement
Belts (V-belts, toothed belts, drive belts, conveyor belts)	Service life, wear, noise reduction, material fatigue, tooth hardness, creep, load capacity, fracture tendency
Hoses	Thermal stability, rigidity, dimensional stability also at curing, replacement for fabric, solvent swell resistance
Tires	Abrasion resistance, puncture stability, rigidity, running properties, stability
Shoes, treads	Green strength, dimensional stability, abrasion resistance, cutting resistance
Membranes	Puncture resistance, rigidity
Gaskets, leathering	Thermal stability, shrinkage tendency, replacement for fabric, solvent swell resistance
Cables	Modulus, cutting resistance, dimensional stability
Tank pads	Abrasion resistance, cutting resistance
Roller covers	Printing properties, service life

RHENOGRAN® P91/P95
ARAMID FIBERS

Under high mechanical, dynamic and thermal stresses, an excellent reinforcement performance can be achieved in the finished product with Rhenogran® P91-40, which incorporates the highly resilient and very lightweight Twaron® aramid short-fiber pulp evenly in the rubber compound. Rhenogran® P91-40 is suitable for many rubber grades including NR, IR, BR, SBR, EPDM, CR, NBR and HNBR.

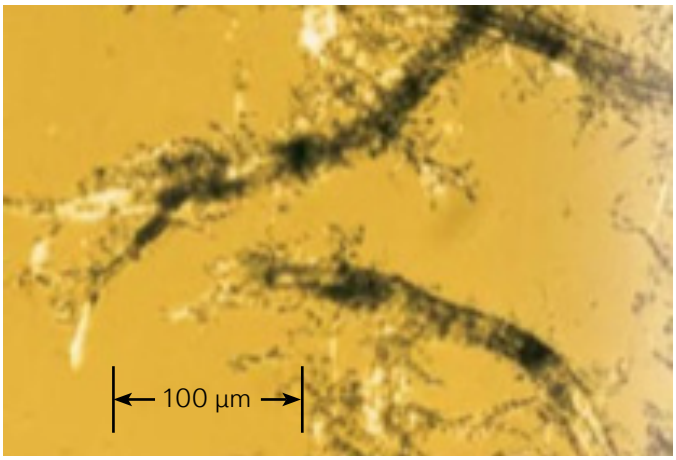
Fiber:
Twaron®, Teijin Aramid's para-aramid high-performance fiber, commonly used in ballistic protection, optical fiber cables, heat and cut protection, oil and gas as well as the automotive industry.

Fiber pulp generation:
Step 1: Polymerization of monomers to para-aramid grains
Step 2: Dissolving grains and spinning of filament yarn, orientation parallel to the axis
Step 3: Cutting of filament yarn to specific length, suspension in water
Step 4: Fibrillation (mechanical) to specific surface area, followed by drying

Rhenogran® masterbatch:
Pure fiber pulp predispersed in rubber matrix. No treatment necessary to disperse and bind in compound matrix.

Properties:
- Excellent reinforcement, high flexibility
- Extremely durable; heat, cut and chemical-resistant
- Lightweight applications
- Non-conductive
- No melting point, low flammability

Pulp



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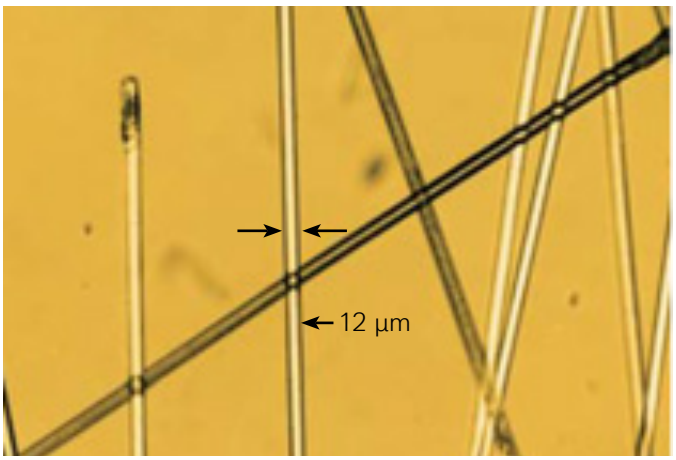


RHENOGRAN® WP
CELLULOSE FIBERS

In Rhenogran® WP, cellulose fiber pulp enables the reinforcement of finished products made of polymers such as EPDM, SBR, NR and PVC. This is an economical solution for increasing the quality and service life of end products that are exposed to high temperatures, media and pressures.

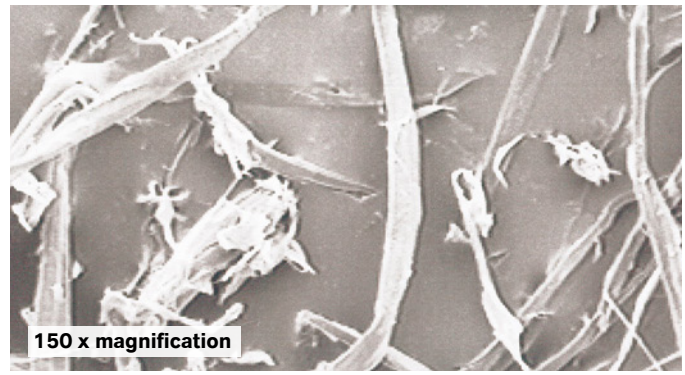
Fiber:
Naturally occurring non-regenerated cellulose from hardwood, commonly used in paper industry or (bio-) composites

Fiber pulp generation:
Step 1: Preparation of wood chips from trees
Step 2: Pulping of chips (chemical or mechanical breakdown and refining)
Step 3: Drying of pulp to approx. 10 % moisture

Rhenogran® masterbatch:
Cellulose pulp plus resorcinol-based resin. Additional methylene donor (e. g. Cohedur A 200) should be used to maximize bonding to rubber matrix.

Properties:
- Effective reinforcement, less flexibility
- Bio-degradable material
- Higher reinforcement than cotton or sisal
- Low conductivity
- Cost-efficient

Pulp



Fiber

RHENOGRAN® FIBER MASTERBATCH
TYPES AND GRADES

Rhenogran® fiber pulp masterbatches offer all the advantages of predispersed additives: increased process safety, dust-free properties and thereby reduced loss of material and lower cleaning effort. Rhenogran® fiber masterbatches can simplify processing and provide substantial improvement to the properties of final products.

We offer comprehensive technical support, starting with recommendations for formulations and continuing with the development of application-specific fiber pulp masterbatches.

The advantages of Rhenogran® fiber masterbatches compared to continuous cord or pure fiber pulp:

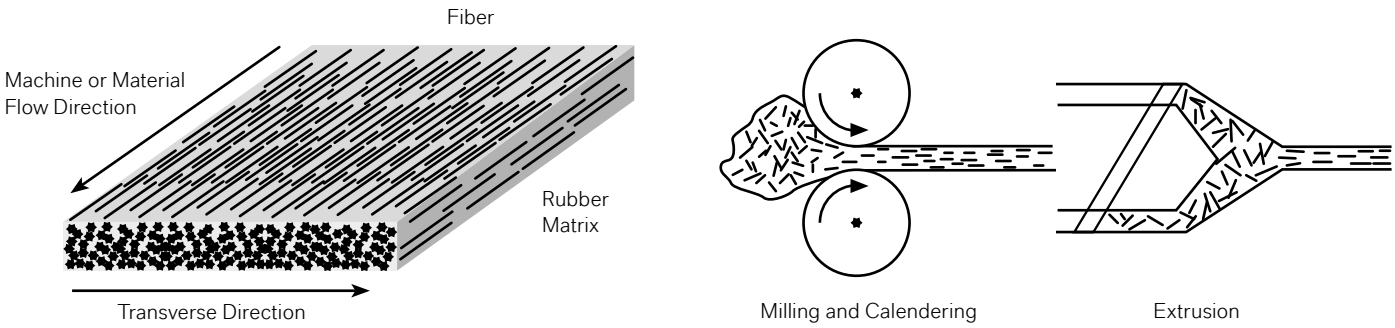
- No pre-treatment and manual preparations
- Mixing and processing using common elastomer equipment
- Shorter mixing cycles
- Better dispersion in rubber compound
- Better uniformity in products
- Higher anisotropy at equal concentration

Fiber orientation

Fiber	Product*	Active content	Polymer binder	Color
Aramid (Twaron® 1091)	Rhenogran® P91-40/EPDM	40%	EPDM	Yellow
Aramid (Twaron® 1091)	Rhenogran® P91-40/NBR	40%	NBR	Yellow
Aramid (Twaron® 1091)	Rhenogran® P91-40/NR	40%	NR	Yellow
Aramid (Twaron® 1095)	Rhenogran® P95-50/EPDM	50%	EPDM	Yellow
Wood pulp	Rhenogran® WPD-70/SBR	70%	SBR	Black
Wood pulp	Rhenogran® WPDX-73/SBR	73%	SBR	Black
Wood pulp	Rhenogran® WPH-65/EPDM	65%	EPDM	Black
Wood pulp	Rhenogran® WPW-77/PVC	77%	PVC	Gray

*Available on request: Rhenogran® P91-40/CR, Rhenogran® P91-50/HNBR, Rhenogran® P95-50/NBR

Rhenogran® fibers strongly affect mechanical properties such as strength, dimensional stability, compression modulus, creep, and cut growth characteristics depending on the orientation of the fibers. During calendering or extrusion, the fibers will orient in the direction of shear; thus, one can obtain a product which is, for example, relatively stiff in one direction and flexible in the other.



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