The Wide Spectrum of Melt-Blown Nonwovens and Filtration Applications

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Production and Price of Non-Wovens (NW) in Japan

Domestic production levels off.
Price is increasing.

(Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)
Export and Import of NW in Japan

Import NW is growing continuously.

Unit Price (@2018)
Export: 1,402 JPY/kg
Import: 379 JPY/kg

NW supplier in Japan is strongly requested to provide NWMB showing higher performance and better quality

(Ministry of Finance)
Grouping of NW

- NW
  - Filament
    - Melt-Blown
  - Short Fiber
    - Chemical Bond
    - Needle Punch
    - Spunlace
    - Stitch Bond
  - Dry Type
  - Wet Type
Melt-Blown (MB) Technology

Process Step

1. Resin is melted and extruded.
2. Resin is blown with hot air
3. Resin fiber is formed
4. Fiber is collected and winded.
Unique Characteristics of MBNW

- Widely controllable of fiber diameters and basis weight
- Various raw material (thermoplastics)
- No binder for web forming
- Soft texture
- Simple production machine
- Lower dynamic strength (less orientation)
Image of Filtration

NW Filter Media

Requirements for Filter Media
+ High Collection Efficiency
+ High Flow Capability
+ Longer Life
+ Less Elution (liquid filtration)
+ Durability
Good Matching of MBNW Features and Filtration Material

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Appropriate Material for Filtration Application
Brief Introduction of Tapyrus Co., Ltd.

Tapyrus Co., Ltd.
Founded in 1987
Changed capital relationships in 2003
Production and Sales of MBNW and its related products

Tapyrus(Thailand) Co., Ltd.
Founded in 2011
Various Applications of TAPYRUS
Various Fiber Diameters

Process Optimization

Various Fiber Diameters
Variety of Raw Material

Theoretically, all thermoplastic raw material can be fabricated.

Appropriate Raw Material Selection

- PPS
- PA
- PBT
- PP
- PEEK
- PES
- PMP
- PE
- PLA

Good Heat Resistance
Nano-MBNW

**Fiber diameter distribution**

- **Very narrow distribution can improve filter performance**

- **Nanofiber 1**
- **Nanofiber 2**
- **Fine fiber**
- **Competitor**

**Improvement of the Specialized NW Machine**

**Realization of Nano-MBNW**
Design for Longer Life (1)
(Control of Fiber Diameter Distribution)

Bimodal Fiber Diameter Distribution
Design for Longer Life (2)
(Control of Fiber Diameter Distribution)

Particles are trapped at both surface and inside.  
Particles are mainly trapped at surface.
Summary

• MBNW is widely applied and has a large potential as the filter media.
• Fiber diameter and its distribution of MBNW strongly influence the filtration performances.
• The suitable selection of raw material is also key factor for filter design.
• From the view point of MBNW supplier, the followings are the key technology.
  + The control of fiber diameter and its distribution
  + MBNW forming of the various thermoplastic raw material
  + Effective and durable electret method
• Tapyrus will continue the MBNW development for the filtration industry.