

LANXESS at ACLE 2012, September 4 - 6, Shanghai, China,
New International Expo Center, Hall E2, Stand E2/E03

Proven premium products and new technologies

Complete range of sustainable, environmentally friendly and innovative chemicals from a single source

Leverkusen – German specialty chemicals company LANXESS is showcasing its products and systems for innovative shoe, furniture and automotive leather at the All China Leather Exhibition (ACLE) taking place in Shanghai, China, between September 4 and 6, 2012. The focus is on the new modular finishing system UP for upholstery leather, on a new cationic finishing range and last but not least on the X-Lite technology for producing lightweight leather. Furthermore, LANXESS will be presenting a comprehensive range of proven inorganic and synthetic tanning materials, preservatives, fatliquoring agents, dyestuffs, tanning and finishing products. Jürgen Hackenbroich, head of Marketing for the Asia Pacific region in the Leather business unit, comments: “We see it as our duty to offer tanneries innovative products with which they can produce leather of outstanding quality to meet the requirements of tomorrow – including with respect to profitability and environmental protection.”

Lightweight leather for the megatrend “green mobility”

Weight reduction is one of the basic prerequisites for new forms of mobility. Lightweight construction is even set to become a critical factor in the success of electric mobility. Essentially, this is because lower weight means both lower emissions and fuel consumption, and given the heavy batteries, a longer range for electric cars. LANXESS is presenting its X-Lite technology for the production of significantly lighter upholstery leather for automobiles but also for planes and trains at the ACLE. It is based on expandable microcapsules that are introduced into the fiber structure during the retannage and which are activated via an innovative process. After thermal expansion, it

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produces upholstery leathers that are no different from normal leather in terms of appearance, texture or wear resistance, but are up to 20 percent lighter, leading to greater fuel efficiency, higher load capacity and lower CO₂ emissions for cars, planes and trains.

Less is more

The new UP (from “upholstery”) range enables leather manufacturers to satisfy the individual wishes of each customer without the need for complicated procedures. Finishes that are simple to formulate and easy to handle enable a wide range of different surface appearances and touches.

The innovative UP range consists of two compounds for base coats and four different top coat components to set the exact gloss level and surface touch required. As regards the two base coat compounds, Euderm Compact UP-SC is a general-purpose product that is especially suitable for full grain leathers, while Euderm Compact UP-E is the product of choice for corrected grain or embossed leathers. All the components of the UP range are NMP-free, simple to use, compatible and environment-friendly.

Natural elegance

LANXESS is presenting a new cationic prebottom range for the production of soft, natural and elegant leather for shoes, handbags and garments. “The particular advantage lies in the fact that these products are perfectly matched,” says Bianca Verstegen, head of Global Product Management Finishing in the Leather business unit. Finishes with a variety of effects, high transparency and a natural feel can be achieved through the combination of various cationic polyurethane dispersions, waxes, oils and protein binders. When used together, these products offer very good hiding power for small to medium-size defects.

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Detailed information on LANXESS' portfolio of leather chemicals can also be found on the Internet at www.lanxessleather.com.

The Leather business unit is part of LANXESS' Performance Chemicals segment, which posted sales of EUR 2.13 billion in fiscal 2011.

LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 8.8 billion in 2011 and currently around 16,800 employees in 30 countries. The company is at present represented at 49 production sites worldwide. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of plastics, rubber, intermediates and specialty chemicals. LANXESS is a member of the leading sustainable indices Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) World and FTSE4Good.

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