

Nanotech-based Odor-quelling Textile from Japan



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A textile that quells the sources of odors? Yes, you read it right. Toray Industries Inc. announced recently that it has developed Mushon 4X that removes odor through nanotechnology.

[Toray Industries Inc.](#) applied proprietary nanotechnology in combining several functional processing techniques to deliver odor prevention and elimination, antibacterial and antioxidant performance.

Toray will commercialize the textile this November for diverse applications needed to control unpleasant odors, the company said in a news release.

It can be used in innerwear, dress shirts, denim, chinos, and other regular apparel, as well as futon covers, sheets, and other bedding, and in work, service, medical, and school wear, and other uniforms.

Toray targets initial sales of around 200,000 meters in fiscal 2021, increasing to 500,000 meters in fiscal 2025, the news release said. The company developed Mushon with the [Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency](#) in 2008 to deodorize ammonia from perspiration.

The material has won accolades for its performance in regular innerwear, uniforms, sportswear, and other items. Mushon 4X augments the deodorizing capabilities of Mushon with odor suppression.

A rising number of sweltering summer days has increased the need to control and eliminate perspiration odors.

Toray used its Technorama GII and Technorama GIII weather simulation chambers to reproduce a range of temperature and humidity conditions and reconfirm and assess odor

causes. This work revealed the oxidative decomposition of sebum as an odor cause, it said.

Mushon 4X overcomes ammonia odors. It prevents stains by stopping sebum from accumulating in the fabric.

It suppresses the growth of bacteria causing mildew odors. It also acts as an antioxidant in inhibiting the oxidative decomposition of sebum, the news release said.

Toray's nanotechnology-based post-finishing treatment made it possible to deliver these benefits without harming washability.

This general-use textile is suitable for diverse applications and can combine with sweat-wicking and stretch fabrics to enhance wearer comfort. Mushon 4X is eco-friendly because it is free from fluorine-based compounds in functional processing.

Toray will help materialize comfortable work environments by developing high-performance materials and products for uniforms to help optimize work efficiency, comfort, and safety while minimizing environmental impact, the news release said.

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