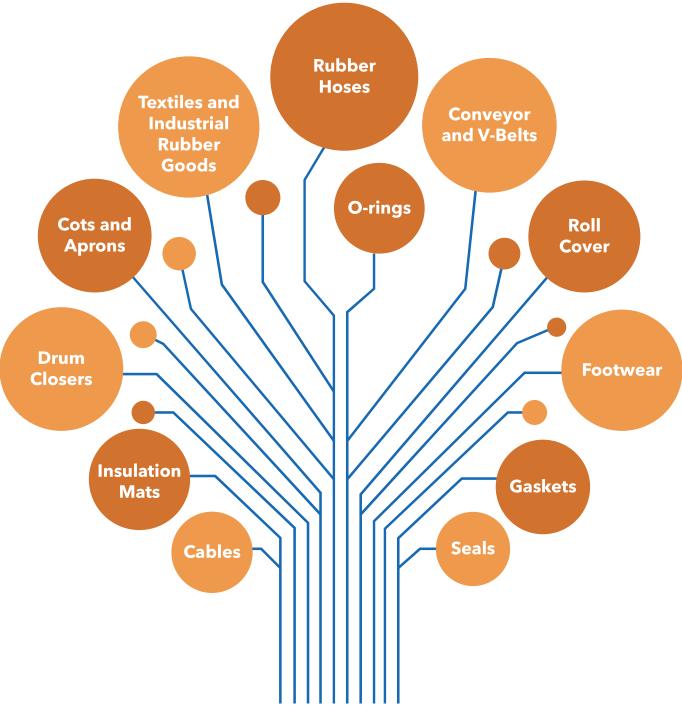
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FUNCTIONAL PRECIPITATED SILICA

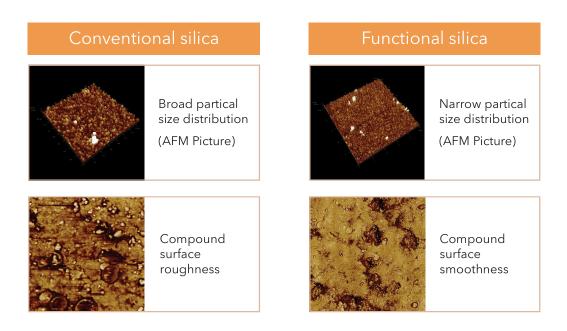
TAFOSILTM

Functional Silica for Rubber applications

Silica is an important white filler to impart reinforcement in rubber compounds. However conventional silica has limitation on dispersion inside rubber matrix due to high filler - filler interactions which leads to uneven filler distribution throughout polymer matrix. To overcome this issue, Tata Chemicals Ltd. has developed TAFOSILTM grades with functional modification of silica surface chemistry. TAFOSILTM is easy dispersible precipitated silica with low to high surface area and narrow particle size distribution, essentially developed for rubber products to improve physical & mechanical properties like abrasion, tear, tensile etc. and provides longer product life.

Products Offered	Features	Surface area (BET, m ²/g)	Application
TAFOSIL™ LS	White Powder of highly dispersible functional silica with low surface area	120 ± 15	 Rubber hoses Conveyor & V-Belts O-rings Seals Drum Closers Gaskets Textiles and industrial rubber goods Roll cover Cots & aprons Cables Footwear Floorings Insulation Mats and many more technical rubber goods.
TAFOSIL™ LS GR	Soft granules of highly dispersible functional silica with low surface area	120 ± 15	
TAFOSIL™ MS	White Powder of highly dispersible functional silica with medium surface area	150 ± 15	
TAFOSIL™ MS GR	Soft granules of highly dispersible functional silica with medium surface area	150 ± 15	
TAFOSIL™ HS	White Powder of highly dispersible functional silica with high surface area	180 ± 15	
TAFOSIL™ HS GR	Soft granules of highly dispersible functional silica with medium surface area	180 ± 15	

The dispersion level and surface smoothness of conventional silica versus functional silica is demonstrated in below comparative pictures -



Unique features of TAFOSIL™ in Hose, Roll Cover, Cots & Aprons etc. application -



- Superior dispersion ensures high polymer to filler interaction
- Improves abrasion resistance & tear strength
- Increases ply to ply adhesion & enhances heat resistance
- Improves mechanical, high impulse, low bend radius, reduces chances of coupling failure of hoses
- Low hysteresis & high rebound resilience in roll cover, cots & aprons
- Reduced compound moony, faster mixing, extrusion, calendaring, moulding, less electrical power consumption
- Faster curing cycle than conventional silica hence cost reduction and productivity increase
- High degree of mould filling, scrap generation due to short mould filling reduces significantly

Unique features of TAFOSIL™ grades in Conveyor and V-Belt, Sindle Tape, Insulation Mat etc. application -

- Superior dispersion ensures high polymer to filler interaction
- Better reinforcement, improved mechanical properties
- Improves abrasion resistance, heat resistance & tear strength
- Increases layer to layer, rubber to fabric adhesion
- Better flex cracking resistance and high deformation resistance of belts, insulation properties of mats
- Reduced compound moony, faster mixing, extrusion, calendaring, moulding, less electrical power consumption
- Faster curing cycle than conventional silica hence cost reduction and productivity increase
- High degree of mould filling, scrap generation due to short mould filling reduces significantly



Unique features of TAFOSIL™ grades in O-ring, Seal, Shoe Sole, Molded Goods etc. application -



- Superior dispersion ensures high polymer to filler interaction
- Improves abrasion resistance, heat resistance & tear strength
- Improves mechanical properties, better flexing and cut growth resistance in dynamic application
- Reduced compound moony, faster mixing, extrusion, calendaring, moulding, less electrical power consumption
- Faster curing cycle than conventional silica hence cost reduction and productivity increase
- High degree of mould filling, scrap generation due to short mould filling reduces significantly
- In shoe sole, it does not impart any floor mark and hence better aesthetic

TAFOSIL™ application in different rubber goods





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