

Crumb Rubber & Fleece Bonding System A development with Reliant Machinery Ltd.



Fusetex – Company Profile



 ✓ Fusetex are a specialist in cross-linkable highperformance thermoplastic powders and powder coatings which are marketed as the Curabond range of products.



✓ Due to its high specific adhesion, Curabond is an ideal choice as a binder for rubber crumb, or indeed other recycled particulate or short staple fibre materials delivering outstanding results.



✓ Whereas most conventional thermoplastic powders do not meet the necessary requirements of this application such as not 'cracking' when flexed, a technically excellent product has been achieved using a powder to rubber crumb ratio as low as 10% - 15%. This is due to the excellent cohesive strength of Curabond along with a heat stable binding system.



The target

Economical and environmentally friendly system to produce rubber and fibre sheets or continuous rolls from recycled car and truck tyres.





Product properties of rubber & fleece mat

✓ Highly flexible

✓Noise dampening

✓ Shock absorbing

✓Insulating

✓ Protecting

✓ Sealing





Some applications for rubber & fleece matt

✓Building

✓Roofing

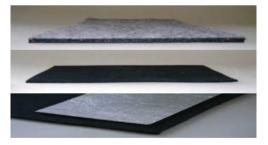
✓Flooring

✓Plumbing

- ✓Civil Engineering
- ✓Public transportation
- ✓Automotive
- ✓Packaging
- ✓ Sport Surfaces









The system

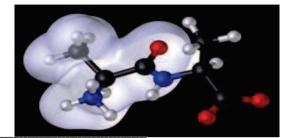
To convert crumb rubber and fibre fluff into sheets and continuous roll goods.



✓Eco technology

✓Consolidated hot melt adhesives

✓ Several equipment installations.









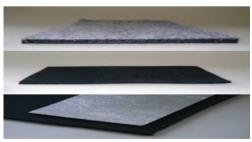
The bonding process

Ground rubber and fibre fluff

- ✓ Step 1: blend with Fusetex adhesive
- ✓ Step 2: scatter, press, heat and cool, and laminate if needed, in continuous process for sheets or rolls.

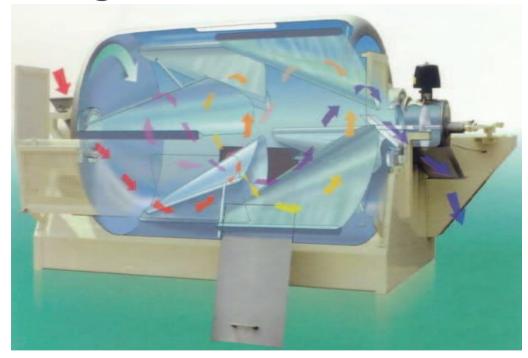








Stage 1 - Blending





The rubber crumb powder and Fusetex adhesive is mixed in the correct ratios

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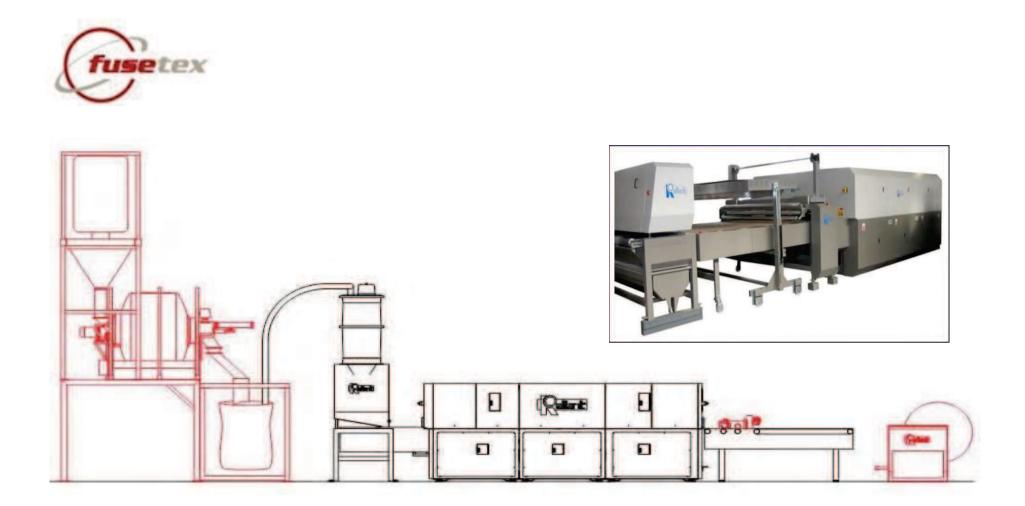
The base polymer of FX 2030 melts around $100 - 110^{\circ}$ C and on additional heating the melt viscosity increases to a point of infusibility. The ideal temperature for cross-linking the product is $165 - 170^{\circ}$ C. Depending on temperature/time, it is possible to react FX 2030 enough to withstand temperatures up to 250° C.

The polymer chain has a large proportion of polar chemical groups which facilitate excellent adhesion to a wide variety of substrates including metallised foils and glass fibre. It also exhibits excellent adhesion to Kevlar and carbon fibre and substrates with difficult finishes such as Teflon® and silicone.



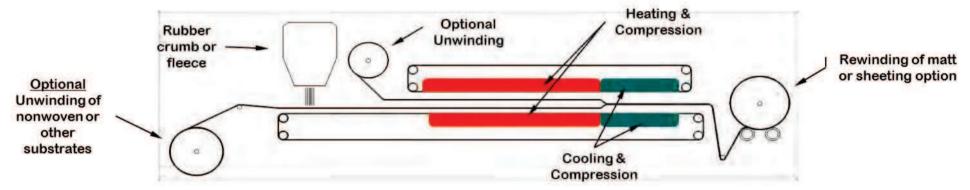
Reliant Powerbond HPC-RT

Rubber & Fleece Bonding Production System: Including scattering, compression, bonding & laminating production line, together with blending system & optional sheet cutting & rewinding systems





Reliant flexible rubber bonding laminating process



- Accurate scattering of powder and fibre can be achieved for weights from 8gsm to 20,000gsm
- Reliant Powerbond HPC-RT modular system allows 1.5m sections of heating and cooling to be assembled to fit the process parameters required
- ✓ Processing widths from 600mm to 3000mm available
- ✓ Thickness capacity for 0-150mm in 0.1mm increments can be achieved
- ✓ Consistent pressure is applied throughout the heating and cooling stages

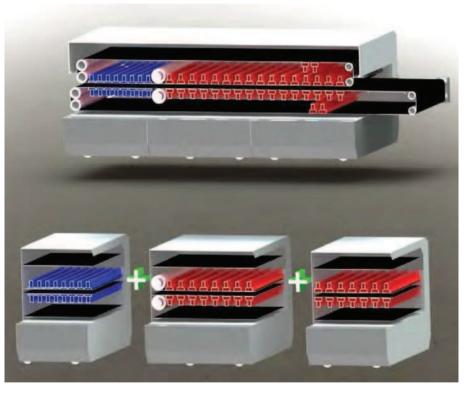


- ✓ Continuous mat can be produced in thickness of 1mm-10mm with density of up to 15kg per square metre
- Recycled rubber and fibre mat can be bonded and laminated to other materials in one pass



Reliant Powerbond HPC-RT modular system

- Reliant Powerbond modular system allows
 1.5m sections of heating and / or cooling to be assembled together in any combination
- Modular system allows capacity of machine for fit the process parameters required
- Options for different levels of power rating and compression within each 1.5m are available
- Large range of standard widths available from 600mm to 3000mm





Tunnel opening capacity up to 150mm in 0.1mm increments
 Product variations:

Rubber sheets

Density: 0.7- 1.0 t/m3

Thickness: 1 - 10 mm

Fibre sheets

Density: 0.3 – 0.4 t/m³

Thickness: 1 – 10 mm





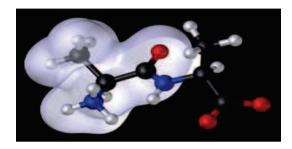




Benefits compared to today systems

Flatbed PUR Solvent

| Continuous process | Yes | Νο | Νο |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Process steps | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Instant handling | Yes | Νο | No |
| Special fire precaution needed | Νο | Yes | Yes |
| Clean system – no pollution | Yes | No | No |









Rubber mat production thickness possibilities.

| | Flatbed | PUR |
|--------|---------|-----|
| 1mm | Yes | No |
| 2mm | Yes | No |
| 3-10mm | Yes | Yes |



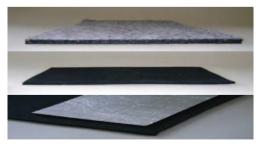
Comparison of binders for rubber & fleece

Curabond PUR Solvent

| Binder & disposal | Yes No | No |
|----------------------------|--------|----|
| Remelting waste | Yes No | No |
| Environmentally friendly | Yes No | No |
| Harmless at production | Yes No | No |
| 12 months shelf & pot life | Yes No | No |
| Easy recycling | Yes No | No |



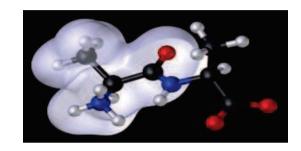






Your production output costs

✓1500-3000 t/a sheets per 8 hour shift
✓€1m for blender & press
✓Cost savings approx. 15% vs. PUR
✓Added value not achievable with PUR
✓Saving of fleece disposal costs
✓Added value of fleece matt production
✓Saving of air cleaning costs









Your chance today for Fusetex to help you:

✓ Open new growth markets

✓ Secure lasting & higher profits

✓ Offer an affordable, continuous, instant and green bonding system





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