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SURFACE-FLUORINATION OF POLYPROPYLENE UNDER STATIC GASPHASE CONDITIONS

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With the method of static gasphase fluorination (fluorinenitrogen mixture up to 22 %) polypropylene-surfaces (fleece or foil) can be fluorinated at room temperature. The resulting fluorinated polymer has fluorine contents up to 16.9 %.

The degree of fluorination for polypropylene with defined surface depends under static conditions on

- the fluorine content of the gas mixture
- the time of direct contact
- the relative ratio between polypropylene-surface and offered amount of fluorine.

The removal of the reaction co-product HF promotes the progress of fluorination.

We have characterized our fluorination products by increase of mass, analytical fluorine content, a.t.r.-, e.s.c.a-, and r.e.m.-measurements.

On printing with dispersed dyestuffs a significant increase of colouring strength compared with PP and FEP is observed. For fluorinated PP-surfaces we also found an increase in adhesion binding properties.