



FACT SHEET
DuPont™ Capstone™ Products
For the Leather Tanning industry

DuPont™ Capstone™ products are a sustainable, performance-driven line of fluorotelomer products that meet or exceed market performance requirements for the leather industry, while delivering a step-change improvement in fluorine efficiency. They provide a durable and invisible barrier to water, oil, dirt and stains when used in leather drum tanning and spray coating applications.

From footwear and apparel to furnishings and accessories, DuPont™ Capstone™ products are expected to perform equally to or better than existing DuPont™ Teflon®, Zonyl® and Foraperle® leather products to help protect the natural look of suede and leather goods.

Benefits include:

- Invisible, long-lasting protective barrier against liquids, oils and dry soils
- Superior stain protection
- Fewer cleanings required
- Maximum durability
- Will not change the look, quality, hand or color of the leather

FEATURES

- Based on short-chain molecules that cannot break down to PFOA in the environment
- Reduction in PFOA below the limit of detection*
- 95 percent or greater reduction in PFOA precursors and higher homologues
- High performance without an increase in product use rate

OVERALL BENEFITS

- Conversion to Capstone™ products minimizes environmental footprint, without compromising performance.
- Capstone™ products are expected to work in tanneries similarly to traditional products.
- Capstone™ products are listed on existing global regulatory clearances, including the United States (TSCA) and Europe (EINECS), and meet the goals of the voluntary U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2010/15 PFOA Stewardship Program.
- Fluorotelomer chemistry is not made with PFOA, nor is PFOA added during the manufacture of DuPont fluorotelomer-based products. Capstone™ products are based on short-chain molecules that cannot break down to PFOA in the environment. This change, when combined with the technology for LX Platform products, yields fluorotelomer products with negligible PFOA and PFOA precursor content.**

PRODUCT LAUNCH DETAILS

- DuPont will provide a complete line of Capstone™ water-, oil- and soil- repellent products for leather drum tanning and spray coating applications.
- Capstone™ products are available for the leather tanning industry today, and additional products will be introduced in 2009. Capstone™ products will be priced competitively.
- As the largest global manufacturer and supplier of fluorotelomer products, DuPont holds a strong global supply position for Capstone™ products.

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* *Below the limit of detection for PFOA based on the published analytical method found in the Journal of Chromatography A, 1110 (2006) 117-124.*

** *Regarding marketing claims, DuPont believes that no one can substantiate statements that fluorotelomer products are "PFOA Free" or have "Zero PFOA" even if test results are below the limit of detection. DuPont feels such a claim must be made with scientific accuracy, and analytical methods continue to advance to ever-lower detection limits.*