# **GRIPFOLD™**



Mitten cloth for precision cleaning in special applications

Made in Germany

The GRIPFOLD™ is a precision cleaning cloth which has been optimised by means of a special design to meet two specific requirements. First, the aim was to create a cleaning cloth that would be better at cleaning hard-to-reach places on cleanroom equipment than normal wiping cloths. The second goal was to make gripping and holding the cloth easier, thus increasing the cleaning effectiveness of the cloth.

The GRIPFOLD™ cloth fulfils both requirements. The successful use in cleaning plasma etching chambers in semiconductor production and the proven reduction of cleaning time for surface contaminants make this clear. The increased cleaning effectiveness of this wiper results from the enlargement of the effective cleaning surface of the outstretched hand in comparison to a "clutched ball shape" of the cloth (see the reference literature: Labuda, Siegmann "Cleaning Cloth Handling Variants and Effective Surface during Cleaning Procedures" [in German only]).

### **Characteristics**

knitware from microfilamentyarn, flat packs

#### **Features**

adapted form for better handling, reduced cleaning time through extended contact areas

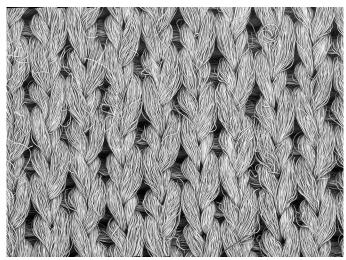
## **Application**

for cleaning difficult to access areas inside machinery like isolators or angulared chambers

# General technical specification

| Textile construction   | knitware            |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Mesh / cm <sup>2</sup> | 540                 |
| Cutting                | ultrasonic          |
| Treatment              | nonionic surfactant |
| Decontaminated         | yes                 |
| Washable               | possible            |
| Sterilisable           | possible            |
| Stat. Quality control  | yes                 |

GRIPFOLD™ is basicly made up of SONIT® HDM. The image on the right taken with our scanning electron microscope clearly shows the fineness of the yarn used to make this knitted wiper. The cloth is close-meshed, which makes it especially suitable for picking up small-dimensioned particles. Polyester yarns have a high tensile strength even in these small diameters, so that fibre breakage during cleaning work is rare in comparison to wiping cloths consisting partly of cellulose. This knitted wiper adapts closely to the topography of the machine or technical surfaces, enabling efficient precision cleaning in relatively little time.



SEM photo Yuko Labuda, image width 3 mm



| General technical data  |   |                        |              |  |  |
|---|---|------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Mechanical parameters   | Value   | Unit                   | After method |  |  |
| Thickness   | 0.60  | mm                     | ISO 9073-2   |  |  |
| Surface weight  | 185   | g/m²                   | ISO 9073-1   |  |  |
| Break load dry, longitudinal direction  | 424   | N                      | ISO 9073-3   |  |  |
| Break load dry, lateral direction   | 459   | N                      | ISO 9073-3   |  |  |
| Elongation at break, longitudinal direction   | 86.2  | mm                     | ISO 9073-3   |  |  |
| Elongation at break, lateral direction  | 117.5   | mm                     | ISO 9073-3   |  |  |
| Particle release data   | Value   | Unit                   | After method |  |  |
| Labuda-Cleaning efficacy based on oil film<br>MULTIDRAW KTL N 16                              | 83.2  | %                      | C&C-W-RE     |  |  |
| Particle residue (Particle > 0.5 μm)<br>after wiping on surface Rz 5 μm                       | 3.0   | k-Part/cm <sup>2</sup> | C&C-W-PF-S   |  |  |
| Particle residue (Particle > 0.5 μm)<br>after wiping on surface Rz 39 μm                      | 6.8   | k-Part/cm <sup>2</sup> | C&C-W-PF-S   |  |  |
| Air particle release (at 40% relH)<br>by Labuda Fulling Simulator Mk1                         | 275   | Part 0.5 µm/<br>min    |              |  |  |
| Cleanroom class according to ISO 14644-1  | Cleanroom consumables cannot be specified for air puclasses (see VDI 2083 - sheet 9.2). |                        |              |  |  |
| Water absorption (DI water)   | Value   | Unit                   | After method |  |  |
| Total   | 431.2   | g/m²                   |              |  |  |
| Average absorption rate in 5 s  | 0.44  | g                      | C&C-W-AK-R   |  |  |
| Average absorption rate in 60 s   | 0.7   | g                      | C&C-W-AK-R   |  |  |
| Drop absorption time  | 151   | ms                     | C&C-W-EZ     |  |  |
| DI-Water after wet wiping   | 6   | %                      | C&C-W-RF     |  |  |
| Chemical resistance Charge of break-load (long) after 2.5 min immersion into various solvents | Value   | Unit                   | After method |  |  |
| Dry   | 424   | N                      | C&C-W-CF     |  |  |
| Water   | -4  | %                      | C&C-W-CF     |  |  |
| Isopropyl   | +11   | %                      | C&C-W-CF     |  |  |
| Acetone   | +5  | %                      | C&C-W-CF     |  |  |

Ammonium

0.05

Barium

Calcium

0.101



Strontium

| <b>Triboelectricity</b> at 40% relH and room temperature  Discharge after 60 s |                 | Valu          | Value Unit 50.0 % |               | After method |  |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
|  |                 | 50.           |                   |               | CC-W-TE      |  |
| Anion and c  | ation inventory | y in ppm meas | surement with     | capillary ele | ctrophoresis |  |
|  |                 |               |                   |               |              |  |
| Chloride   | Fluoride        | Nitrate       | Nitrite           | Phosphate     | e Sulphate   |  |

Lithium

Magnesium

Sodium

0.231

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Potassium

0.156

| Order and packing information / single packs GRIPFOLD™ |                  |           |                       |                  |                   |                         |                            |  |
|--|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Туре   | Dimensions in cm | Folding   | Content<br>pcs / pack | Packs per carton | Pieces per carton | Weight per carton in kg | Dimensions p. carton in cm |  |
| CC144  | 13 x 22          | flat pack | 10                    | 50               | 500               | 6.5                     | 50 x 30 x 30               |  |