New KURARAY POVAL™ Grades available

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Kuraray is the market leading global manufacturer of polyvinyl alcohol selling products with the following brand names: $KURARAY POVAL^{m} / ELVANOL^{m} / MOWIFLEX^{m} / EXCEVAL^{m}$. Our top priority is to provide quality products and services to our customers.

We are pleased to announce that the following two grades have been added to our product range:

KURARAY POVAL™ 3-88

Grade name		Viscosity 1) [mPa•s]	Degree of hydrolysis [mol%]	Non-volatile ²⁾ content [%]	Ash ³⁾ content [%]	рН
KURARAY POVAL TM	3-88	3.2-3.6	87.0-89.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4	5.0-7.0

Kuraray Europe GmbH has recently started the production of **KURARAY POVAL™ 3-88** for the European market. We have recently seen an increasing demand for this type of product and we are keen to service the market from local production. Main benefit is the lower viscosity for adhesives, emulsion polymerization, etc.

KURARAY POVAL™ 6-96

Grade name		Viscosity 1) [mPa•s]	Degree of hydrolysis [mol%]	Non-volatile ²⁾ content [%]	Ash ³⁾ content [%]	рН
KURARAY POVAL TM	6-96	5.0-7.0	96.0-97.5	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5	4.5-7.0

We have also launched a new partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol, **KURARAY POVAL™ 6-96**, with properties close to that of a fully hydrolyzed grade. This product complies with the Chinese standard GB 9685-2016 without the limitations that fully hydrolyzed grades have for food contact material for wet food.

KURARAY POVAL™ 6-96 can also be used as an OBA carrier: Its properties and especially its water resistance are equal to what is normally achieved with a fully hydrolysed product.

KURARAY POVAL™ - Polyvinyl alcohols made by Kuraray

KURARAY POVAL™ is the brand name for the polyvinyl alcohols produced at the Kuraray Group's sites globally. The portfolio of KURARAY POVAL™ homopolymers is supplemented by a wide range of speciality copolymers. Kuraray Europe is responsible for marketing KURARAY POVAL™ in Europe and Africa.

About Kuraray:

The Kuraray Group is an expanding, stock exchange listed specialty chemicals company headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, with around 10.000 employees and annual sales of about EUR 4,8 billion. Kuraray Europe GmbH is a wholly owned subsidiary headquartered in Hattersheim am Main and has around 800 employees. Kuraray is one of the largest suppliers of polymers and synthetic microfibres and an international leader in the development and use of innovative high-performance materials for many industries.

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