**PRESS RELEASE**

**Stronger and smoother: new Evolon® Ultra Smooth complements the Freudenberg range of technical packaging textiles**

**Weinheim, Germany, June 13, 2023. Freudenberg Performance Materials (Freudenberg) is launching its latest innovation to serve the specific packaging needs of technical industries. When converted into reusable textile containers, Evolon® Ultra Smooth provides premium surface protection and enhanced mechanical properties. Additionally, a 100% European, condensed supply chain brings logistics benefits.**

**Evolon® Ultra Smooth fabrics are extremely low-linting, strong and hard-wearing. The new materials are designed for industrial parts and components which require low-friction, sliding behavior during the part packing and handling procedures. Furthermore, they are durably hydrophobic and available in different weights. The reusable textile containers made of Evolon® Ultra Smooth can be used in various industries to pack and transport even very heavy and sensitive parts without damage.**

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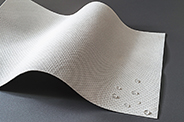
**Logistics benefits**

**Evolon® Ultra Smooth materials protect the surfaces of industrial and automotive parts by avoiding micro-scratches or lint contamination. By using Evolon® Ultra Smooth reusable packaging to transport parts with highly-sensitive surfaces, customers reduce the number of damaged parts and the reject rate. The innovation is available worldwide. As Evolon® Ultra Smooth is 100% made in Europe, European customers benefit from even greater flexibility in the supply chain and quick go-to-market.**

**Photos:**



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