

# AGC

Your Dreams, Our Challenge



**LUMIFLON™**

Solvent-soluble Fluoropolymer resin LUMIFLON



# Introduction

LUMIFLON™ was developed and commercialized by AGC in the early '80s and was the first solvent-soluble fluoropolymer for coatings.

LUMIFLON™ can be cured at a wide range of temperatures, from ambient temperature to high temperatures.

Due to the high weatherability, LUMIFLON™ based coatings maintain their excellent appearance.

The use of LUMIFLON™ resins can substantially reduce life cycle costs, including maintenance costs, replacement costs, and re-coating, which leads to conservation of resources and a reduction in the consumption of VOCs.

Since LUMIFLON™ is a transparent fluoro-resin, it can be used for both clear and pigmented coatings.

LUMIFLON™ based coatings have been used for over 35 years all over the world in various applications, not only architectural and civil engineering projects but also in protective coating applications.

Since  
1982



Osaka Castle

Marina Bay Sands  
(Product: ALPOLIC from Mitsubishi Chemical)



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## Components of industrial coatings

LUMIFLON™, a fluoro-resin, is one of the main components of paints and coatings.

Components for coating			Volatile components
Resin	Pigment	Additives	Solvents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Synthetic resin</li> <li>● <b>Fluoro-resin</b></li> <li>● Alkyd resin</li> <li>● Acrylic silicone resin</li> <li>● Epoxy resin</li> <li>● Polyurethane resin</li> <li>● Natural resin</li> <li>● Cross-linker, Hardener</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Colorant</li> <li>● Extender Pigment</li> <li>● Metal Pigment</li> <li>● Anticorrosive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dispersing agent</li> <li>● Leveling agent</li> <li>● Deformer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Organic solvent</li> <li>● Xylene</li> <li>● Mineral turpentine</li> <li>● Mineral spirits</li> <li>● Water</li> </ul>



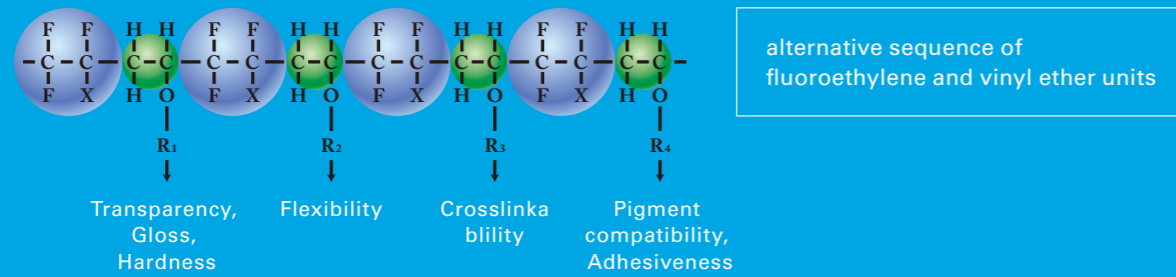
## Features

<b>Excellent weatherability</b>	LUMIFLON™ has good chemical stability typical of fluoropolymers and shows excellent weatherability compared to other conventional top coats.
<b>Curable at room temperature</b>	LUMIFLON™ offers a choice of curing conditions from ambient temperature to high temperatures.
<b>Superior appearance</b>	LUMIFLON™ is a transparent fluoro-resin suitable for use in both clear and pigmented coatings. LUMIFLON™ also can give gloss levels of 5 – 90% at a 60° angle.
<b>Product forms available</b>	Solvent grades, Waterborne grades, Flake grade (for the powder coating industry), Solid grades (soluble in various organic solvents)



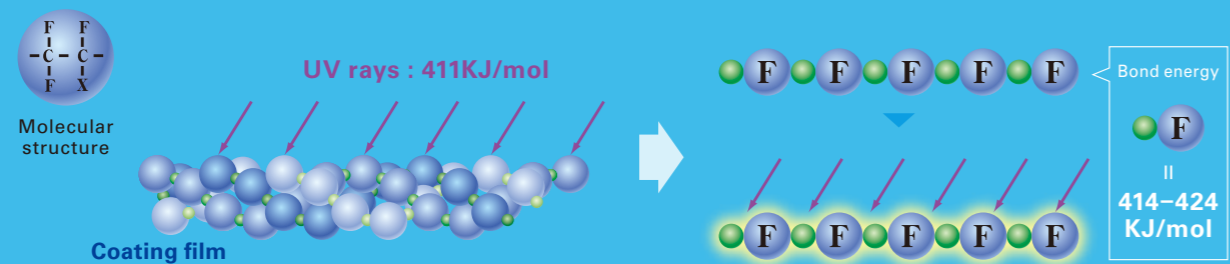
# MOLECULAR STRUCTURE

## ■ Polymer structure of LUMIFLON™



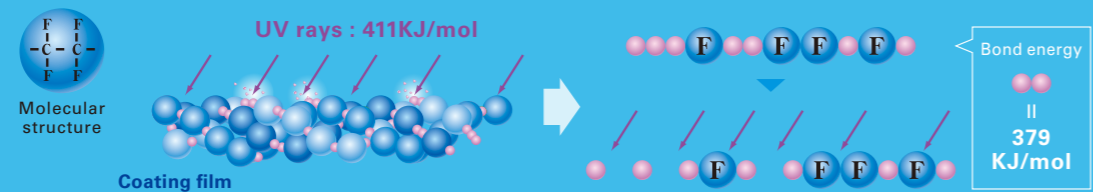
## ■ Image graphic of Fluoropolymer for coating

### 3F type FEVE resin LUMIFLON™



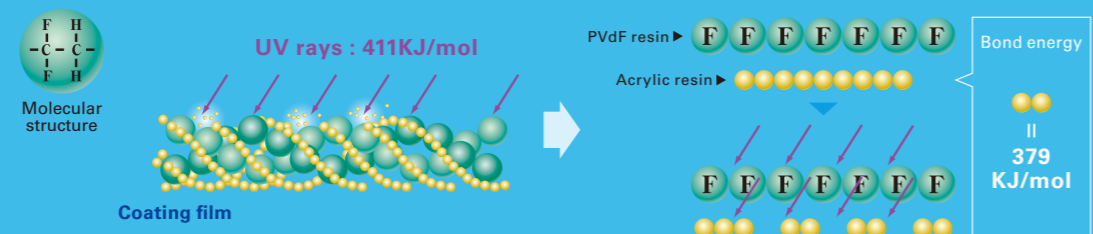
3F type FEVE resin LUMIFLON™ is a fluoroethylene (FE)/vinyl ether (VE) copolymer (FEVE) comprising of an alternating sequence of fluoroethylene and several specific vinyl ether units. It is completely amorphous. The chemically stable fluoroethylene unit protects the neighboring vinyl ether unit from attack by UV and corrosive elements. The fluoroethylene units act like a protective shield to the vinyl ether units.

### 4F type FEVEs resin



4F type FEVEs resins comprise less regular alternating sequences than the LUMIFLON™ 3F type FEVE. These inferior 4F type FEVEs have many hydrocarbon (vinyl ester)-hydrocarbon (vinyl ester) sequences. These weak bonds are susceptible to being broken by UV.

### 2F type PVdF resin



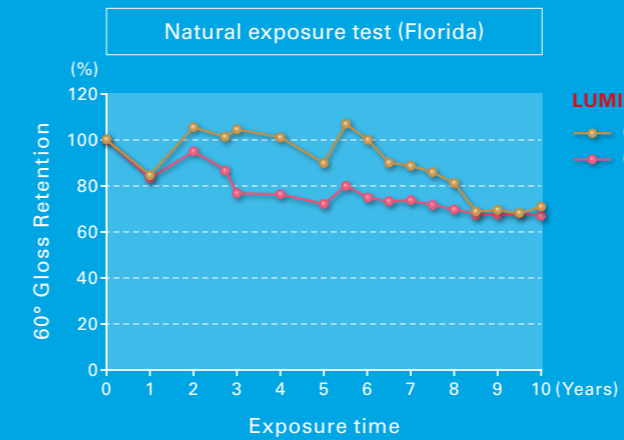
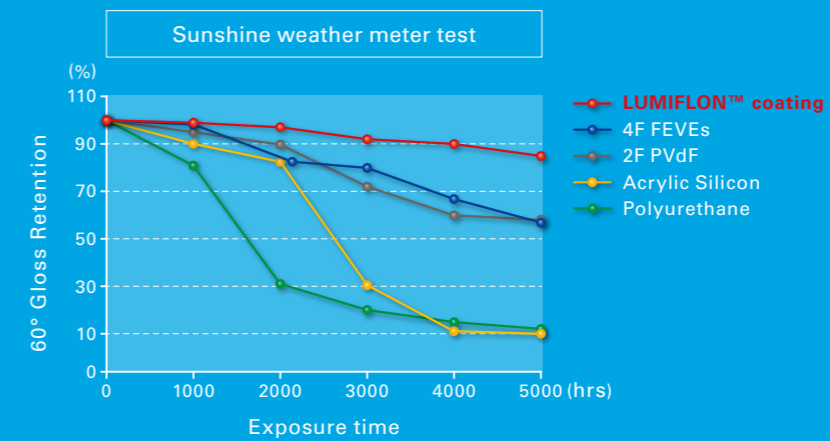
The 2F type PVdF resin itself has high stability against UV ray attack. However, it is necessary to add acrylic resin in order to formulate PVdF into coatings. Acrylic resin is easily attacked and decomposed by UV rays. The amount of acrylic resin in the formulation negatively affects the coating's weatherability.

# WEATHER RESISTANCE

Type of Resin	Weatherability	Color range	60° Gloss range (%)	Dry-Cure temp. (°C)	Recoat ability	Processability
3F type FEVE LUMIFLON™	Excellent	Wide	5 - 90	5 - 230	Excellent	Excellent
4F type FEVEs	Good	Wide	5 - 90	5 - 230	Good	Good
2F type PVdF	Good	Limited	20 - 35	250<	Poor	Poor

## ■ Weatherability data

LUMIFLON™ shows excellent weatherability compared to not only acrylic and polyurethane but also other fluororesins.







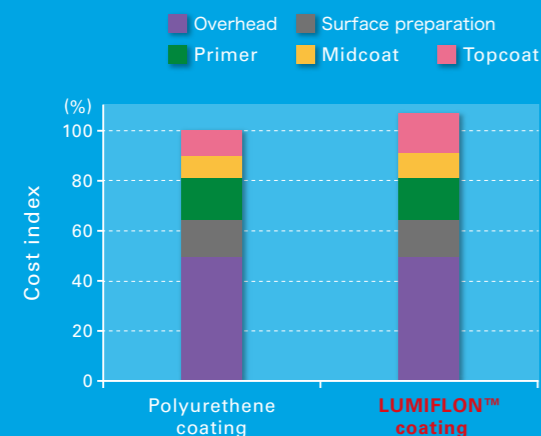
## ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY

### Life expectancy of coating

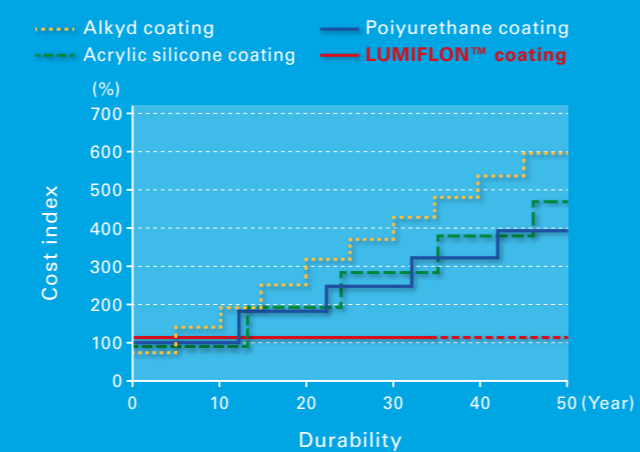
Fluororesin coatings have the longest durability.  
Of all fluororesins, **3F FEVE** molecular structure is the best.



### Coating cost image



### Life cycle costs (LCC) composition

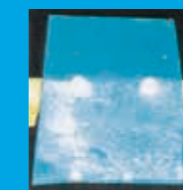


## COMPARATIVE STUDIES

### Exposure test

Duration: 5 years  
Location: Ocean shore  
New/Repaint: Repaint  
Paint system: Heavy duty

Upper half of the plates are shown after wiping.  
Bottom half of the plates are covered with salt.



**LUMIFLON™ coating:**  
Good appearance



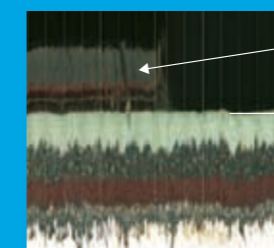
**Chlorinated rubber coating:**  
Rust at the corners



**Alkyd coating:**  
Covered with rust

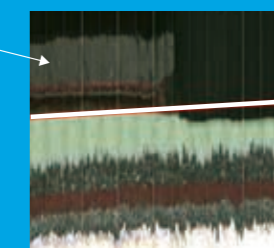
### Degree of coating film thickness reduction

In the fluoropolymer coating using LUMIFLON™, little wear was observed over the 15 year period.  
In contrast, wear of 2µm per year was observed in the polyurethane coating.



**LUMIFLON™ coating**  
(after 15 years)

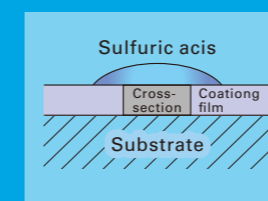
Masking part  
Film thickness reduction  
**0 to 1.1µm/15 years**



**Polyurethane coating**  
(after 15 years)

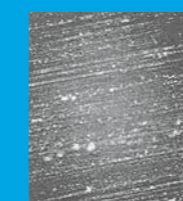
Film thickness reduction  
**22 to 28µm/15 years**

### Acid resistance test

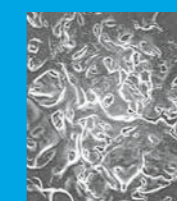


10% sulfuric acid spot  
(70°C × 1hour)

#### Surface observation

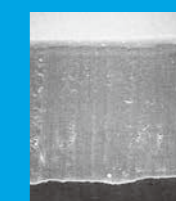


**LUMIFLON™ coating:**  
No change

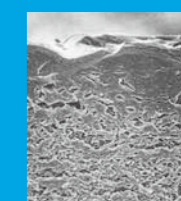


**Acrylic coating:**  
Severely damaged

#### Cross-section observation



**LUMIFLON™ coating:**  
No change



**Acrylic coating:**  
Severely damaged



# LUMIFLON™ PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



- 1. TOKYO SKYTREE™**  
Established: 2012  
Substrate: Steel
- 2. Alem Cultural and Entertainment Center**  
Established: 2012  
Substrate: Aluminum  
(Product: ALPOLIC from Mitsubishi Chemical)
- 3. Tokyo Gate Bridge**  
Established: 2012  
Substrate: Steel
- 4. Abeno Harukas**  
Established: 2014  
Substrate: Aluminum
- 5. Akashi Kaikyo Bridge**  
Established: 1998  
Substrate: Steel
- 6. National Diet Library**  
Repaint: 1986  
Substrate: Concrete
- 7. Land Mark Tower**  
Established: 1993  
Substrate: Aluminum
- 8. Shinjuku Mitsui Building**  
Repaint: 1998  
Substrate: Aluminum
- 9. Marunouchi Building**  
Established: 2001  
Substrate: Concrete
- 10. Yushima-Seido**  
Repaint: 1989  
Substrate: Concrete
- 11. Tokiwa Bridge**  
Established: 1986  
Substrate: Steel

## Product selection LUMIFLON™ SOLVENT

Aircraft



Hospital Metropolitan Álvaro Cunqueiro  
(Coating: Monopol Colors AG)



Wind Turbines



Yeongjung Bridge



Water Tank



Mode Gakuen Spiral Towers

### LUMIFLON™ Solvent grades

Grade	LF200	LF552	LF600X	LF800	LF910LM
Features	Standard	Flexible	Flexible	Mild solvent	Low VOC, High solid
Solid Content* (wt%)	60	40	50	60	65
OH Value* (mg KOH/g-polymer)	52	52	54	33	103
Acid Value* (mg KOH/g-polymer)	0	5	0	2	0
Solvent	Xylene	Aromatic hydrocarbon, Cyclohexanone	Xylene	Mineral spirits	Xylene

\* typical value

### Application areas

- Architecture
- Coil coating
- Industrial
- Heavy duty
- Automotive
- Aerospace
- Marine
- Repaint



Product selection  
LUMIFLON™ WATER BORNE

Product selection  
LUMIFLON™ FLAKE/SOLID

Okayama Castle



Industrial Tank



Aldar Headquarters  
(Product:ALPOLIC from Mitsubishi Chemical and powder coating by Akzo Nobel Coatings)



Shinjuku Toho Bulg.



The National Art Center



Shibuya Connecting Bridge



Pearl River Tower



Richmond City Hall

■ LUMIFLON™ Water borne grades

Grade	FE4300	FE4400	FD1000
Features	One component Emulsion	Crosslinkable Emulsion	Crosslinkable Dispersion
Solid Content* (wt%)	50	50	40
Ionic Character	Anionic	Anionic	Anionic
OH Value* (mg KOH/g-polymer)	10	49	85
Acid Value* (mg KOH/g-polymer)	—	—	15
MFT (°C)	30	55	29

\* typical value

■ Application areas

Architecture
Metal
Industrial
Plastic
Repaint

■ LUMIFLON™ Flake grade

Grade	LF710F
Features	High Tg, For powder paint
Solid Content* (wt%)	98.5 or higher
Tg* (°C)	51
OH Value* (mg KOH/g-polymer)	46

\* typical value

■ Application areas

Architecture
Window frames
Hydrants

■ LUMIFLON™ Solid grades

Grade	LF200F	LF916F
Features	LF200 flake type, Solvent-selectable	High hydroxyl value, Solvent-selectable
Solid Content* (wt%)	98 or higher	98 or higher
Tg* (°C)	35	35
OH Value* (mg KOH/g-polymer)	50	100

\* typical value

■ Application areas

Architecture
Heavy duty
Repaint

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