

## Evonik develops new PEEK powders for tribological coatings

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Greater efficiency thanks to lower friction: The innovative polyether ether ketone (PEEK) powders VESTAKEEP® developed by Evonik significantly reduce the wear and tear of components in demanding industrial applications.

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### PEEK powders for demanding applications

The PEEK powders of Evonik's VESTAKEEP® brand are particularly suitable for applications that are subject to extreme mechanical, thermal and chemical requirements. The coating material is able to withstand permanent operating temperatures of up to 250°C and is characterized by its unique ability to resist abrasion and chemicals.

Thanks to the excellent tribological performance of coatings made from specially developed VESTAKEEP® powders, the friction between sliding surfaces is significantly reduced, which in turn increases efficiency and economy of operation – for example lower fuel consumption and lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in combustion engines, extended service life of bearings, or higher turbine speeds. These special VESTAKEEP® coatings also allow for employing more cost-efficient substrate materials for components used in applications with sliding friction.

### High performance in powder form

The various VESTAKEEP® PEEK powders are comprised of particles with average particle sizes ranging from 5 to 110 µm. They can be applied by flame and electrostatic spraying methods, or as aqueous dispersions. With electrostatic application, layer thicknesses can range from 20 and 300 µm; dispersions are suitable for thinner layers.

Based on over forty years of experience, Evonik has been a leader in the development and production of high performance polymers. VESTAKEEP® PEEK powders are part of the high-temperature polymers product portfolio offered by the Resource Efficiency Segment.

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***Caption:** New VESTAKEEP® PEEK powders for tribological coatings.*

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#### **Company information**

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#### **About Resource Efficiency**

The Resource Efficiency segment is led by Evonik Resource Efficiency GmbH and supplies high performance materials for environmentally friendly as well as energy-efficient systems to the automotive, paints & coatings, adhesives, construction, and many other industries. This segment employed about 8,600 employees, and generated sales of around €4.3 billion in 2015.

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