

Cellulose Nanofiber Reinforced PA for 3D Printing

Biobased Filler-reinforced Polyamide for Achieving Excellent Formability and High Strength



Cellulose Technology

For more than 90 years Asahi Kasei has been using cotton linter, a byproduct of the cotton yield, as raw material for various products. Building on this rich know-how, the company is now adapting this material as for 3D printing.

The unique viscosity properties of cellulose nanofibers (CNF) reinforced polyamides make them suitable for material extrusion 3D printers. Furthermore, compared to glass fibers, CNF boasts a superior material recyclability.

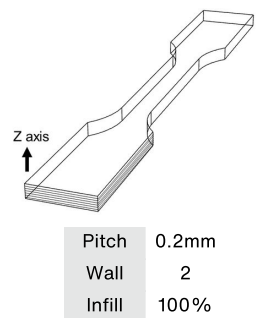
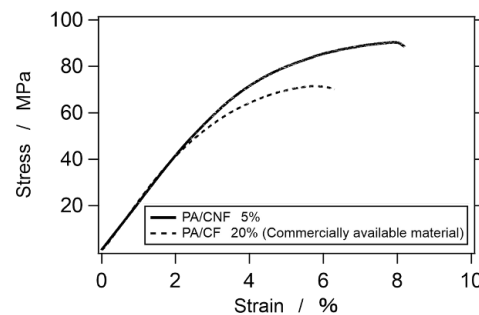
Application Fields

Material extrusion 3D printing for prototypes, industrial products, etc.



Key Properties for 3D Printing

- Good formability
- High modeling accuracy
- Smooth appearance
- Excellent mechanical properties
- Color-variable



Sustainability

- The raw material of CNF is cotton linter derived from non-edible plants
- Mechanical recyclability of CNFRP is superior to that of GFRP
- Can be combined with various types of PA
 - e.g., Combining our biomass polyamide (PA610) with 10% CNF gives a biobased material ratio of 65%