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# Benefits of X4zol<sup>™</sup>-J in Fabrics



Thinner, stronger and more durable

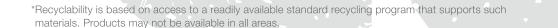
Comfortable stretch

Breathable, faster drying and cooling sensation

Balanced 360° stretch for enhanced fit

Sustainable benefits – solvent free, lower process temperatures and recyclable\* fiber

Chlorine and UV resistance







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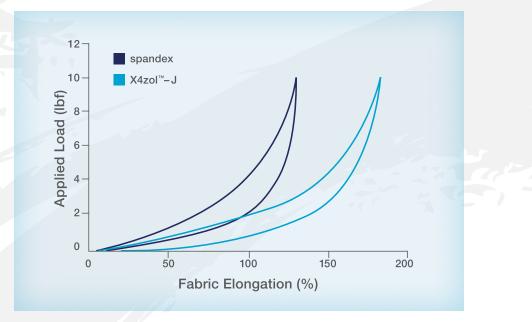
## X4zol<sup>™</sup>-J Fiber

#### A Revolution in Comfort

Lubrizol's innovative new fiber takes apparel fit to the next generation as it provides balanced 360° comfortable stretch and support, cooling sensation, breathability and sustainable benefits.

#### The Technology

Lubrizol X4zol™-J, a thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) fiber, is an elastomeric monofilament that is manufactured differently from spandex, resulting in unique qualities that provide comfort above and beyond traditional stretch fibers. X4zol™-J is created through solvent-free melt extrusion, which is a cleaner process that produces a finer and stronger elastomeric fiber than traditional spandex.

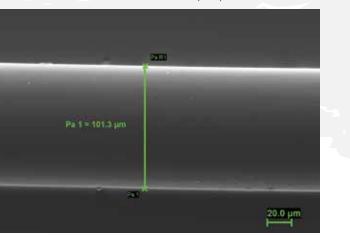


#### Performance: X4zol™-J vs. spandex

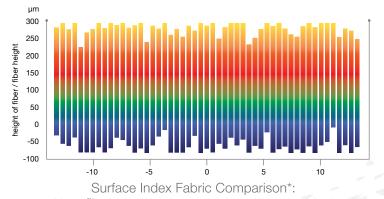
Most spandex fibers exhibit a steeper stress/strain curve, illustrating low initial resistance to stretch, or elongation; and then a rapid increase in resistance to the point of full elongation, or breakage. The stress/strain curve of the fabrics containing X4zol™-J illustrate a softer, more consistent stretch up to the point of full elongation — tracing a J-shape that translates into comfortable compression for the wearer.

#### X4zol<sup>™</sup>- J: Size, Shape and Softness

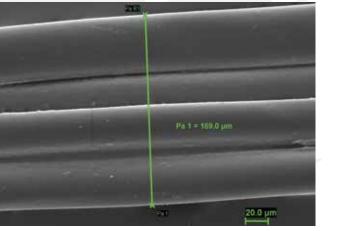
X4zol<sup>™</sup>-J is a monofilament compared to multi-filament spandex. X4zol<sup>™</sup>-J also has a higher molecular weight. The combination of these two properties translates to a thinner, stronger/durable and softer fabric.



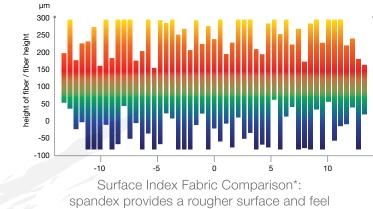
Micrograph showing transverse view of X4zol™-J - 70 Denier



X4zol<sup>™</sup>– J provides a smoother surface and feel



Micrograph showing transverse view of spandex – 70 Denier

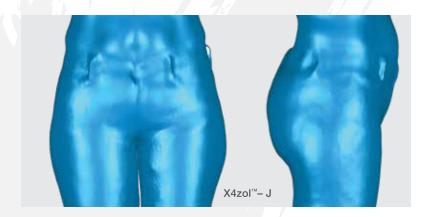


he surface index test describes the smoothness or hairiness of a textile via a camera that captures a textile cross-section. Scientists use this cross-section to calculate the quantity and size of the rotruding fibers to judge whether a textile will scratch or feel smooth. (Information via The Hohenstein Institute).

#### X4zol™- J: Comfort and Enhanced Fit

Body scans of denim fabrics (The Hohenstein Institute®) – improved sculpting, contouring and shaping with X4zol™-J.





Female model, age 40-50 wearing X4zol™-J stretch denim vs. denim made with spandex.

### X4zol™- J: Moisture Management and Cooling

Fabrics containing X4zol™-J can provide improved body temperature control vs. those containing spandex.



