

Press Release



Leverkusen,
May 7, 2019

Covestro AG
Communications
51365 Leverkusen
Germany

Contact
Dr. Frank Rothbarth
Telephone
+49 214 6009 2536
Email
frank.rothbarth
@covestro.com

“Material Solutions inspired by Sustainnovation”

Textile coating of furniture

Create lasting value with the water-based INSQIN® technology

The [INSQIN® technology](#) from [Covestro](#) is a water-based textile coating that does not use any solvents. At the [Techtextil](#) trade fair from May 14–17, Covestro will demonstrate that it can open the way to new consumer worlds, using the example of a refrigerator that is protected by a water-based polyurethane textile coating.

“It is an unusual eye catcher, that shows what is possible with INSQIN®, and it should inspire the industry to develop new concepts,” says Thomas Michaelis, head of Textile Coatings for the Europe, Middle East, Africa and Latin America (EMEA/LA) region.

At the same time, the textile-coated refrigerator fits perfectly with a current trend: The border between the kitchen and the living room is becoming increasingly blurred, creating integrated living spaces. “Accordingly, more consumers are asking for customized household appliances and furniture that are elegant and appear valuable,” says Thomas Michaelis.

Demand for high-value look and feel

It goes without saying that household appliances are still almost always coated in white or have a stainless steel look. Why shouldn't these and other home furnishings also be equipped with cozy and high-quality materials, as long as they are robust and environmentally friendly? The global warming potential of textile coatings made using the INSQIN® technology is 45 percent lower than that of solvent-based systems. In terms of chemical and mechanical resistance, the more environmentally compatible products achieve the same excellent level as solvent-based systems.



The INSQIN[®] technology stems from Covestro's conviction that innovation and sustainability go hand in hand. Accordingly, Covestro's motto at Techtexil 2019 in Frankfurt am Main, hall 3.0, stand D 22, will be: "Material Solutions inspired by Sustainnovation."

About Covestro:

With 2018 sales of EUR 14.6 billion, Covestro is among the world's largest polymer companies. Business activities are focused on the manufacture of high-tech polymer materials and the development of innovative solutions for products used in many areas of daily life. The main segments served are the automotive, construction, wood processing and furniture, and electrical and electronics industries. Other sectors include sports and leisure, cosmetics, health and the chemical industry itself. Covestro has 30 production sites worldwide and employs approximately 16,800 people (calculated as full-time equivalents) at the end of 2018.

This press release is available for download from the Covestro press server at www.covestro.com.

Find more information at www.covestro.com.

Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/covestro>

ff/ro (2019-059E)

Forward-looking statements

This news release may contain forward-looking statements based on current assumptions and forecasts made by Covestro AG. Various known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors could lead to material differences between the actual future results, financial situation, development or performance of the company and the estimates given here. These factors include those discussed in Covestro's public reports which are available at www.covestro.com. The company assumes no liability whatsoever to update these forward-looking statements or to conform them to future events or developments.