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## Abstracts

This report provides information on the latest developments in coatings; fibres for technical textiles; medical textiles; new machinery; new materials; protective apparel; smart fabrics; and yarns for technical textiles. The report includes news from the following innovative companies, individuals and organisations: Airospring Medical, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Bulwark, Cityzen Sciences, DSM Dyneema, Eastman Chemical Company, Freudenberg Nonwovens, Huntsman Textile Effects, Juba PPE, MarkForged, Milliken, ShowaBest, TJ Beall Company and University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas).

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### **MEDICAL TEXTILES**

Airospring Medical: seating cushions which help to relieve pressure on the skin  
Freudenberg Nonwovens: new material for wound dressings made from hydroactive fibres and chitosan fibres

### **NEW MACHINERY**

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### **NEW MATERIALS**

Huntsman Textile Effects and TJ Beall Company: new nonwoven material for use in diaper topsheets

### **PROTECTIVE APPAREL**

Bulwark and Milliken: new range of flame resistant (FR) protective apparel  
Juba PPE: new glove which incorporates dyneema diamond technology yarn  
ShowaBest: new biodegradable nitrile gloves called Green-Dex

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monitor the wearer's vital signs and movements

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