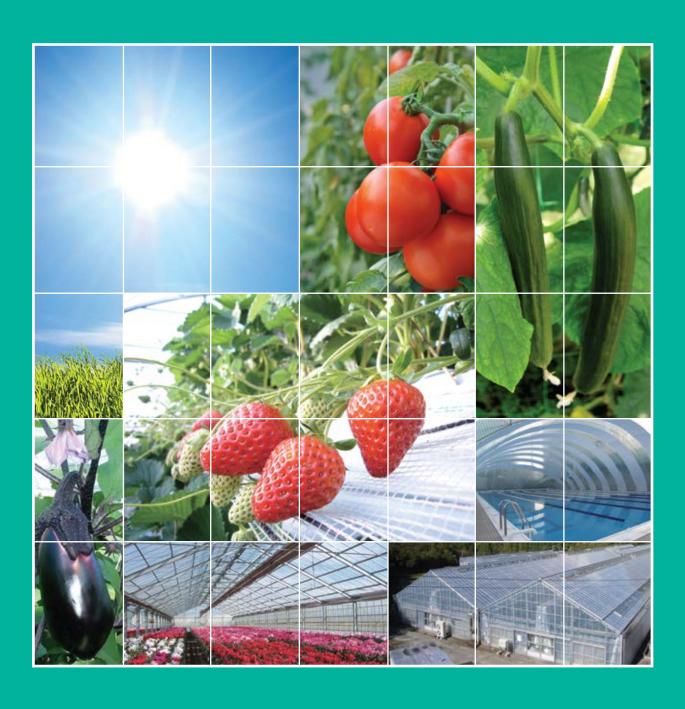




F-CLEAN®

Bringing the sunshine inside



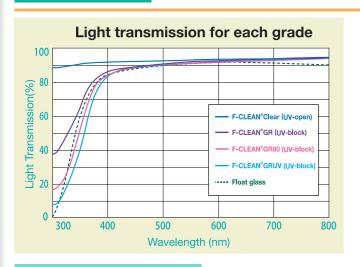
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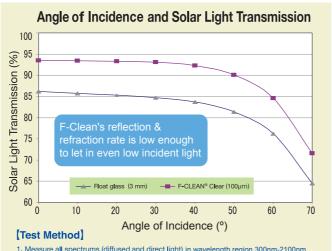
Bringing the sunshine inside

Function

- F-CLEAN® Clear enables extremely high light transmission.
- It has the highest UV transmission of all greenhouse covering materials.
- It takes the full spectrum of solar light resulting in healthy crops and vivid colours.
- It has excellent light transmission at all angles of incidence.

Performance





Excellent durability





60µm thick F-Clean® installed in the Aichi region of Japan in 1988 (photographed 2009)

60µm thick F-Clean® installed in the Ibaraki region of Japan in 1988 (photographed 2010)

Applications

- For crops requiring anthocyanin such as aubergines and strawberries
- For greenhouses growing high quality and/or high added value crops
- For compost houses (animal manure and food leftovers)
- For drying houses (e.g. salt, fish and plums)
- To improve honeybee pollination



For better colour and the prevention of internode elongation.







Seedlings

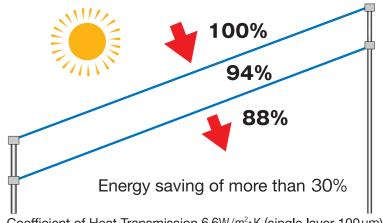
Aubergines

Strawberries

Double Layer Projects

Provides very high thermal insulation and light transmission.





Coefficient of Heat Transmission 6.6W/m²·K (single layer 100μm) $3.8\text{W/m}^2 \cdot \text{K} \text{ (double layer } 100\mu\text{m} + 60\mu\text{m})$

*Measurements based on AGC's test method

Projects for non-agricultural applications





Fermenting houses for composting

Hothouses for drying fruit

Hothouses for drying plums

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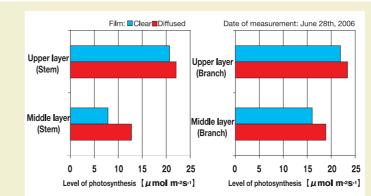
F-CLEAN® Diffused Series

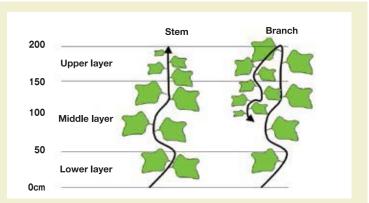
Tests done by independant research institute



Cooperation: Wageningen University (Dutch agricultural research organization)

Comparisons between levels of photosynthesis (Crop: Cucumbers)





Opinion of diffused film customers

Q: Would you choose F-CLEAN® Diffused again?

Survey date: 2008

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Undecided 13%

Greenhouses with diffused film recorded a 4.3% increase in yield and a 7.8% increase in numbers compared to greenhouses with clear film from April to July 2006.

Photometer data

Location of measurement: Kochi, Nankoku-shi, Japan. Date of measurement: July 3rd, 2008

The light from F-CLEAN® Diffused is ideal for crops and humans. As a result, project numbers increase year on year.

87%

Photon flux density in greenhouse Clear (UV-open) Diffused (UV-oper 2500

1500 1000 → sunny sunnv 14:24 14:52 time

The photometer results show no difference in photon levels of clear film and diffused film whether the weather is sunny

Photometer: Equipment which measures light transmission of photon with an angle of incidence of 270°

Projects



Grade: 60 µm Diffused Crop: Strawberries Place: Tochiqi

Grade: 80 µm GR Diffused Crop: Chrysanthemums

Place: Ibaraki

Note: The benefits of F-CLEAN® Diffused may not be maximized with certain conditions or crops. For more information, please contact your local sales office.

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Grade: 80 µm GR Diffused

Crop: Tomatoes Place: Aichi

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F-CLEAN® Diffused Series

A fluorine film which diffuses light evenly

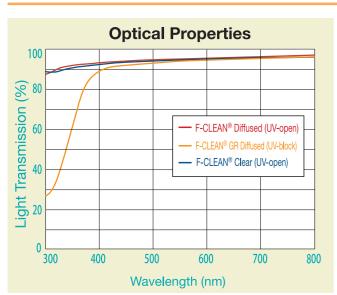
Function

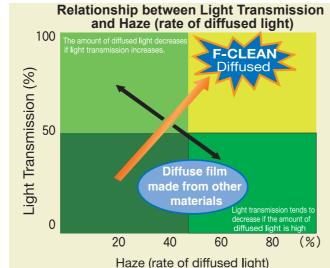
- F-CLEAN® Diffused Series diffuses light evenly, eliminating shadows.
- The haze of F-CLEAN® Diffused is extremely high at 60-70 %. (If condensation appears on the matte surface, the direct light tends to increase.)
- F-CLEAN® Diffused film enables more photosynthesis on every leaf.

Grades

Available in two grades: Clear and GR (mild UV cut)

Performance

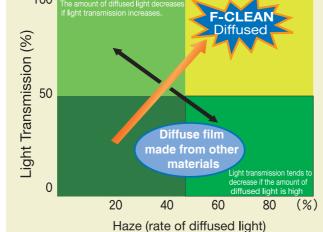












F-CLEAN® GR series

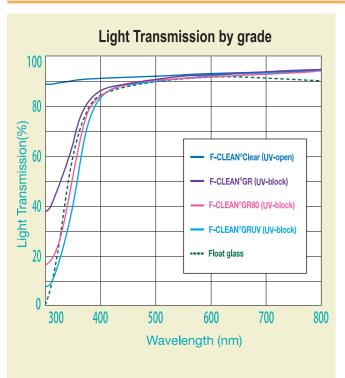
F-CLEAN® GR series

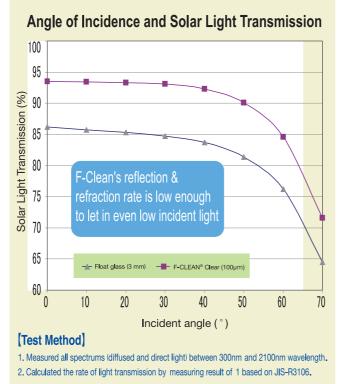
UV Cut Grades

Function

- There are three types of UV cut film available to suit the needs of different plant types.
- The UV cut grade also helps to protect materials and tools inside the greenhouse from UV damage.
- The UV cut function is long-lasting.

Performance





F-CLEAN®GR

F-CLEAN®GR provides low UV cut (Clear/Diffused)

F-CLEAN®GR80

UV cut properties similar to Glass (Clear)

F-CLEAN®GRUV

Highest UV cut in F-CLEAN series (Clear)

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Example Projects

Cyclamens GR

Melons

Grower's opinion

- ·GR cuts UV slightly, it encourages the growth of crops
- (Chiba Prefecture, Japan: pot plants
- ·Growing time is reduced.
- (Aichi Prefecture, Japan: chrysanthemums)

Tomatoes





Grower's opinion

- High light transmission in Winter enables increased yields compared to when other covering materials are used. (Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan: tomatoes)
- The UV cut is ideal for both crops and workers.

Rose House



Roses



Grower's opinion

- Increased winter yields (Oita prefecture, Japan: Roses
- ·Improved rose quality and also increased number of flower heads due to improved new shoot growth.

Trends

GR80

Level of F-Clean GR Series use: _____high







Chrysanthemum Carnation Rose Rose Gerbera **Lily** Eustoma Cyclamen Moth orchid Tomato Melon Perille frutescens Cucumber GRUV Rate of UV-cut GR **GR80**

Points

- ◆ Honeybees may behave differently under UV cut conditions. Professional bee keeping advice should be sought.
- Care should be taken when using F-Clean® GR grade films if the colour of the crop relies on anthocyanin.

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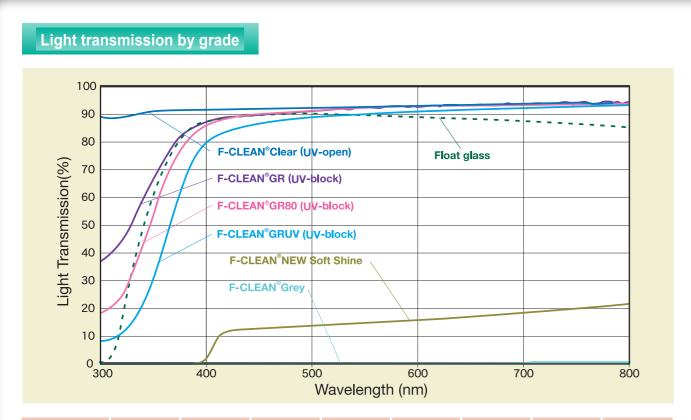
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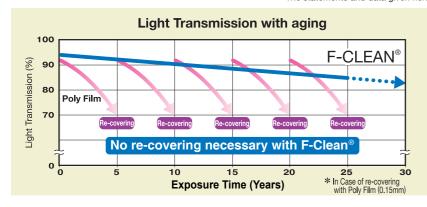
F-CLEAN® General Properties

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Film thickness	Clear 60µm (UV-open)	Diffused 60µm (UV-open)	GR 60µm (UV-block)	GR80 80µm (UV-block)	GRUV 100µm (UV-block)	GR Diffused 80µm (UV-block)	NEW Soft shine 100µm	GREY 100µm
Light Transmission(%)	94	94	93	93	92	93	14	0
Transmission(%) at 300nm	89	88	38	18	8	28	0	0

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F-CLEAN®Expected durability				
Thickness	Expected durability			
50μm	~10 years			
60 <i>µ</i> m	10~20 years			
80µm	12~22 years			
100µm	15~25 years			
160µm	over 25 years			

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Mechanical Properties

Items	Test Method	Unit	F-CLEAN® Clear 100µm	PET 150µm	Poly Film 150µm	PV 100µm
Tensile Strength	JIS K7127	MPa	60	230	35	25
Tensile Elongation	JIS K7127	%	406	81	600	340
Elmendorf's Tear Resistance	JIS K7128	N	21	1	10	9
Right Angle Tear Resistance	JIS K7128	N/mm	214	387	128	76

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Properties

Chemical Formula	- (C ₂ H ₄) m- (C ₂ F ₄) n-	Chemical Name	ETFE (Ethylene Tetrafluoroethylene copolymer)
Specific Gravity	1.75	Continuous Service Temperature	-100°C to +150°C
Melting Point	260℃	* Coefficient of Heat Transmission	6.6W/m ² ·K(1 layer 100 μ m) 3.8W/m ² ·K(2 layers 100 μ m+60 μ m)
Coefficient of liner Expansion	0.01%/℃	Fire Proof Test	JIS A 1322 Class 1 (Flame Proof)
Water Contact Angle (Surface Property)	100°	Chemical Resistance	F-Clean is not affected by strong acidity or strong alkalinity.

*Test method used by AGC

Grades

Grade Names	Characteristics			
F-CLEAN [®] Clear	F-CLEAN® CLEAR takes full spectrums of solar light and provides light conditions the same as outside the greenhouse.			
F-CLEAN [®] Diffused	F-CLEAN® Diffused provides highly diffused light while maintaining high light transmission.			
F-CLEAN [®] GR series	F-CLEAN® GR series offers three grades with different rate of UV-cut as required.			
F-CLEAN [®] GR Diffused	F-CLEAN® GR Diffused combines the properties of diffused film and UV cut film.			
F-CLEAN [®] Grey	F-CLEAN® GREY cuts solar light up to 99%.			
F-CLEAN®NEW Soft Shine	F-CLEAN® New Soft Shine cuts infrared rays but transmits light.			

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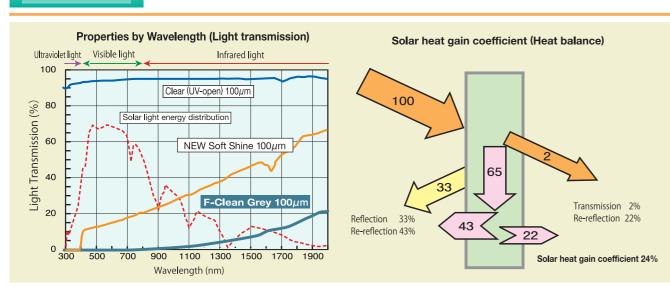
F-CLEAN® Grey

Grey film has a high light-filtering function to provide a cool environment in hot weather

Functions

- Cuts over 99% of visible light
- Blocks heat energy from solar light and prevents the internal temperature from rising. (solar heat gain coefficient 24%, equivalent to F-CLEAN®New Soft Shine)
- Has excellent weatherability and chemical resistance.
- Absorption of infrared light is extremely high.
- •More snow resistant than F-Clean® Clear.

Performance



Applications

- Animal housing
- Warehousing
- Pergolas, Shelters
- Mushroom cultivation
- Sports facilities
- Greenhouses
- Sewage disposal facilities



Typical application



Examples



Irrigation room



Animal housing
*covered with alternating clear and white film



Mushroom cultivation



Machinery Warehouse



Fish farm facility



Sewage disposal facility

Specification

•100μm x 1300mm x 50m with anti-dripping treatment (Special repair tape is available for Grey film)

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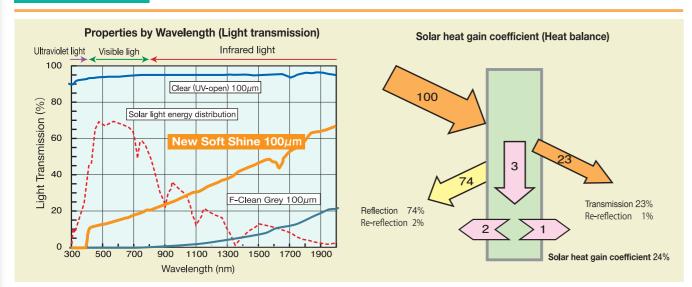
F-CLEAN® New Soft Shine

F-CLEAN® New Soft Shine cuts infrared rays while still transmitting light

Characteristics

- Enables light transmission of about 14%, whilst simultaneously blocking heat energy from solar light to prevent temperature build-up inside (Solar heat gain coefficient 24% equivalent to F-CLEAN®Grey)
- Excellent weatherability and chemical resistance
- Cuts UV completely

Performance



Applications

- Animal housing
- Sheds/Warehouses
- Pergolas/Shelters
- Mushroom Cultivation
- Greenhouses
- Sports facilities



Typical application



Examples



Mushroom cultivation



Shading for stores



Swimming pool *covered with alternating clear and white film

*These images show projects using original Soft Shine



Animal housing

*covered with alternating clear and white film



Delivery facility



Delivery facility (Germany)

Specification

•100µm x 1300mm x 50m with anti-dripping treatment

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F-((∈∩\)® Handling & Installing

Please read before installing F-CLEAN®

Caution



- DO NOT dispose of F-CLEAN® by burning. This may release hazardous gases and fumes.
- Dispose of F-CLEAN® in cooperation with your local waste processing company. Check disposal methods with the appropriate regulatory authorities.

Pre-installation notice

- The side with the anti-dripping treatment should be installed towards the inside of the greenhouse and is marked with the text "INSIDE". Please note when installing.
- Do not stand a box containing F-CLEAN® on its end.
- Take personal safety precautions when lifting or moving F-CLEAN[®].
- 1) If F-CLEAN® is loosely fixed over a greenhouse, it may flap in windy conditions and come into repeated contact with the structure of the greehouse. This may cause tearing after a period of time.
- ② Fix F-CLEAN® to fixing profiles stretching the film tightly like the skin of a drum.
- 3F-CLEAN® should be applied using very high tension at low temperatures (as film tension may reduce as temperatures rise).
- Any rough or sharp part of structure that comes into contact with F-CLEAN® must be covered to avoid damaging F-CLEAN®.
- Please ask greenhouse constructors about profiles (e.g. aluminium bars, rafters and screws) before making a choice.
- Try to avoid touching the side of F-CLEAN® treated with anti-dripping treatment as it may reduce the ant-dripping properties.
- Do not store flammable materials close to F-CLEAN® due to the possibility of static electricity.

Film maintenance and advice

- Damaged F-CLEAN® can be repaired using F-CLEAN® repair tape.
- Make sure the space around the damage is clean and dry (use a soft cloth) before repairing.
- Heating the area with hot air after applying the repair tape (i.e. using an industrial dryer) could strengthen the adhesivity of the repair tape. (F-CLEAN® Repair Tape Specification: 50mm wide x 10m per roll)
- The anti-dripping characteristics of F-CLEAN® may reduce after years of use. If this happens it is possible to re-treat with a special spray to renew the anti-dripping coating.

Please use five to six 500ml bottles of F-CLEAN® anti-dripping treatment per 1,000m₂ greenhouse. Soft water is required for dilution. Dilution rate is 1:150.



- F-CLEAN® may need to be cleaned depending on greenhouse location or internal conditions.
- If using spray shading liquid, please contact the manufacturer regarding suitability of use with F-CLEAN®.
- Attaching could be difficult if shading liquid is applied to F-CLEAN® immediately after installation.
- Materials which contain titanium oxide (TiO₂) have a strong photocatalyst effect which may damage F-CLEAN®.
- Lens effect happens when solar light passes through drops of rainwater on film. This can cause a spark or melting of materials inside. Remove residual rainwater especially on ventilation windows.



Photocatalyst

F-CLEAN® repair tape

Anti-dripping treatment

for F-CLEAN®



 F-CLEAN® was designed for horticultural and industrial use. Please contact us if you are considering the use of F-CLEAN® ETFE film for other applications.

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