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Kuraray is a world leader in specialty chemicals and functional materials. We are committed to developing products that ensure quality and value while helping our customers differentiate themselves from their competition.

The history of Kuraray's Elastomer Division started in 1972 with the production of polyisoprene rubber and the development of new rubber materials based on Isoprene in the Kashima Plant. From the

first production line, the Elastomer Division continuously grew and invented new products such as KURARAY LIQUID RUBBER, ISOBAM™, SEPTON™, HYBRAR™, and KURARITY™.

Kuraray strives to develop new and innovative high performance products for customers around the globe. If you would like to know more about Kuraray's Elastomer products please also visit our website www.elastomer.kuraray.com

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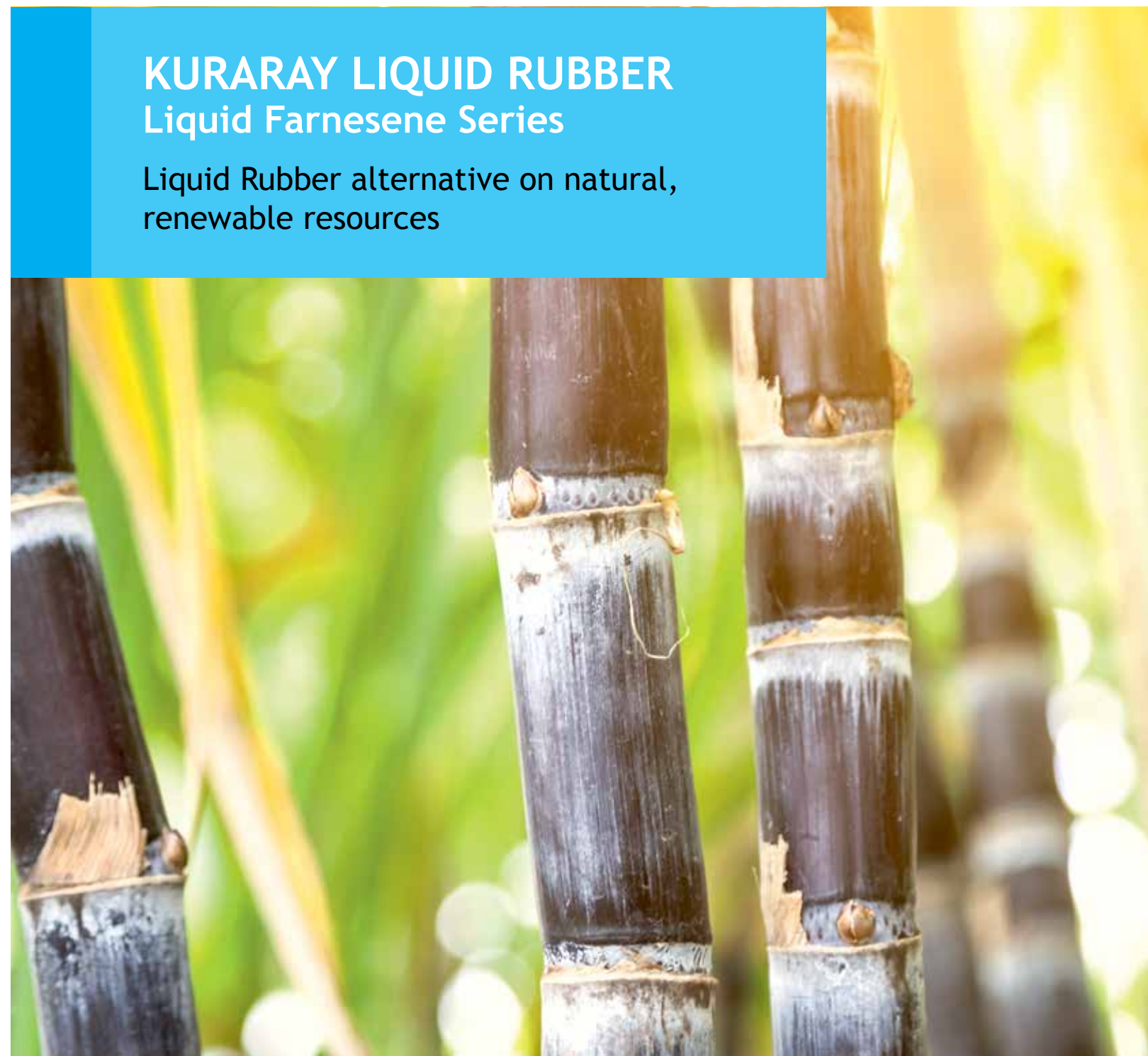
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KURARAY LIQUID RUBBER Liquid Farnesene Series

Liquid Rubber alternative on natural,
renewable resources



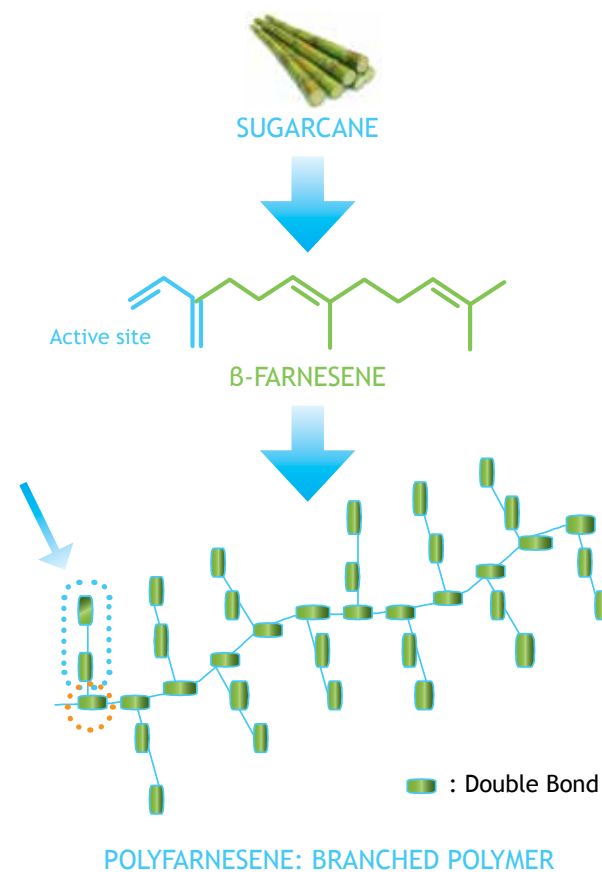
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What is Liquid Farnesene Rubber?



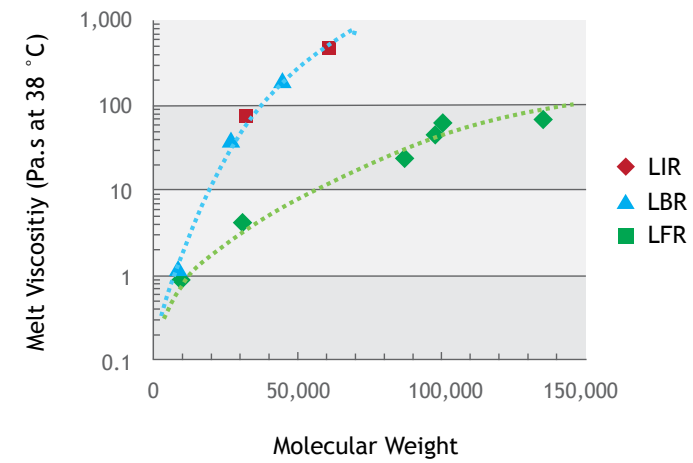
Kuraray developed a new member of their liquid rubber materials (LIR, LBR, L-SBR), called Liquid Farnesene Rubber (LFR). LFR expands the range of Kuraray's liquid rubber materials with a product based on natural and renewable raw materials. It contains a polymerized form of β -farnesene, a renewable monomer. Through established fermentation processes, proprietary yeast strains convert sugar sources such as sugarcane, into β -farnesene.

PROCESS CHAIN FROM SUGARCANE TO LFR



Key Advantages of LFR

- Bio-based liquid rubber alternative - on natural, renewable resources
- Lower viscosity than Liquid Isoprene Rubber (LIR) and Liquid Butadiene Rubber (LBR) because of less entanglement
- Fast vulcanization of LFR compared with LIR & LBR
- High reactivity of branched double bonds
- Co-vulcanizable characteristics prevent migration
- Improves processing properties and efficiency
- Glass transition temperature (T_g) control enables grip control in a wide temperature range
- High molecular weight & low viscosity



LFR is a product of the KURARAY LIQUID RUBBER series. Kuraray's liquid rubber grades function as reactive plasticizers but have far higher molecular weight than normal plasticizers. They are co-vulcanizable and reduce migration significantly, which improves the durability of rubber compounds. Using KURARAY LIQUID RUBBER during the rubber compounding phase significantly reduces processing time while maintaining the rubber compounds' physical properties. This results in lower processing costs.

Grades & Typical Properties

Grade	Type	Molecular Weight	Viscosity (Pa.s at 38 °C)	Glass Transition Temp. (°C)
L-FR-107L	Farnesene Homopolymer	130,000	69	-70
L-FBR-742	Farnesene/Butadiene Random Copolymer	30,000	12	-78
L-FBR-746	Farnesene/Butadiene Random Copolymer	100,000	603	-78

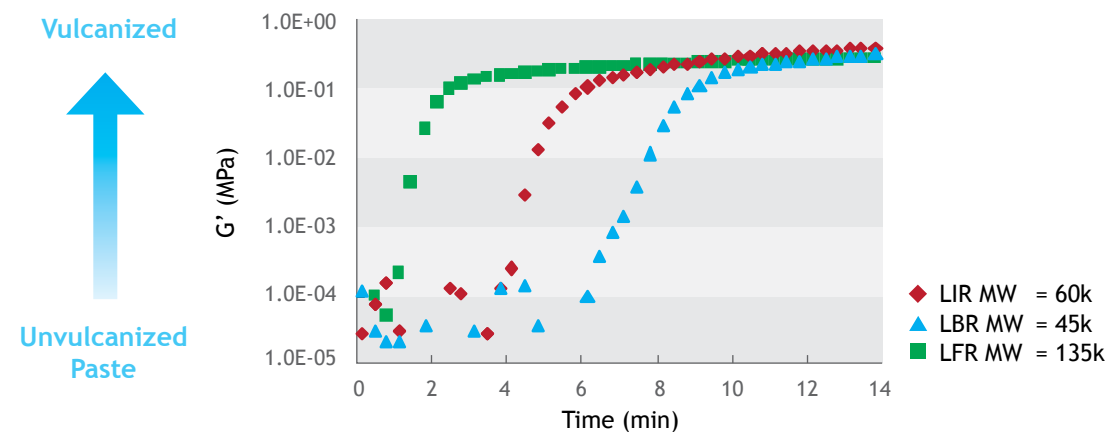
LFR in Tires



LFR is a favored component in the production of high performance tires

The polymerized form of bio-based farnesene has unique properties. Its viscosity is much lower compared to current liquid isoprene rubber. When used as an additive in rubber compounds, it imparts high plasticity. In addition, it maintains excellent flexibility even at low temperatures and improves ice grip performance.

Thanks to its optimum molecular weight, LFR reacts completely with the solid rubber during vulcanization. In contrast to oil, which migrates to the rubber's surface over time and thus prevents it from softening, LFR remains fixed in rubber compounds. Therefore, the performance of the tire stays stable for a very long time.



Formulation
Liquid Rubber 100,
ZnO 2, SA 1, AO 1,
S3, DM 1.5, DT 0.5

DMA conditions
Frequency: 10 Hz
Strain: 5.0 %
Temp: 125 °C

- LIR MW = 60k
- LBR MW = 45k
- LFR MW = 135k