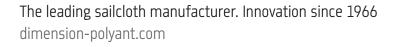


weight disciplines and marks a class of its own.

The result is a composite product addressing an overlapping concern for both racers and cruisers, looking for a rugged sailcloth skin with an increased durability. Lite Skin® comes as a sheet of random array composed of non-woven filaments. It has an eye-catching look, as our experts have further accented it with an opaque finish that virtually eliminates the traditional paneled sail appearance. Instead owners and crew will enjoy the new sleek visual look. In comparison to standard film/film and taffeta products Lite Skin® stands out, is available in six different





GPL Lite Skin®

is available in the following weights:

GPL05 LS®

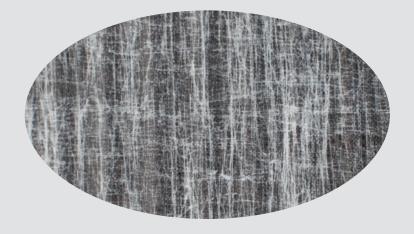
GPL10 LS®

GPL14 LS®

GPL18 LS®

GPL21 LS®

GPL28 LS®





Lite Skin[®] is a random array of non-woven polyester filaments laminated into a flexible composite structure designed to increase sail life by reducing film shrinkage, increasing abrasion resistance, improving UV performance and minimizing moisture absorption. Lite Skin[®] has an opaque appearance which virtually eliminates the traditional look of a tri-radial layout and allows for panels to be flipped for ease of production. The UVt[®] finish coating allows for Ultra-Bond[®] and Q-Bond[®] panel assembly if desired.

GENERAL NOTE

All suggestions are based on our worldwide experience with sailcloth applications. Please note that the recommendations are meant as guidelines. You should consider, when making your choice, if the sail will be used in a particular heavy or light wind area.

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ABRASION RESISTANCE

The Lite Skin® is designed specifically for the high end sailor who is looking for better life expectancy in his sail. The Lite Skin® provides superior abrasion resistance compared to the film/film styles while protecting the inner scrim construction.

WEIGHT

The Lite Skin® is 1.3 sm-oz (56g/sqm) lighter than the double taffeta and about the same weight as the internal taffetas. The weight reduction results in more performance and a more durable race product and if used in a cruising application, the sail handling far exceeds other taffeta backed styles.

WATER ABSORPTION

Compared to standard external taffetas, water absorption is significantly less with quicker drying due to faster evaporation of moisture.

FABRIC APPEARANCE

Cosmetically, Lite Skin® offers the same appearance from side to side and the opaque finish allows for easier sail trim and virtually invisible seams, eliminating the traditional paneled sail appearance. Panels may be flipped for ease of production and a consistent look across the Dimension-Polyant fabric range.

CONSTRUCTION

The Lite Skin® fabrics allow for glued seams, resulting in less stretch under load. The unique Lite Skin® composite also creates a softer hand, minimizes creasing and prevents film shrinkage.



