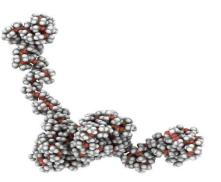
## A Unique Class of Fluoroalkyl Silicones with Synergistic Behavior

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# Challenges from Staining, Fouling, Graffiti, Fingerprints, Chemicals....



# Comparison of Selected Properties of Silicone and Fluoropolymers

### Silicone

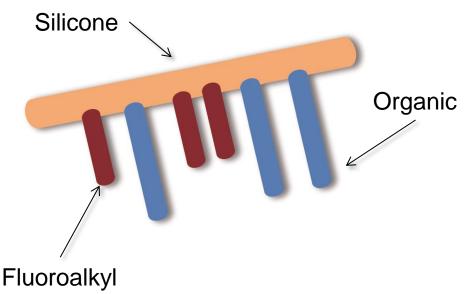
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- ✓ Marginal oil resistance-swelling
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#### Fluoropolymer

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- ✓ Marginal thermal flexibility
- ✓ Very good chemical resistance
- ✓ Very good oil resistance
- ✓ Good water resistance
- ✓ Low abrasion resistance
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# Fluoroalkyl Silicone Variants

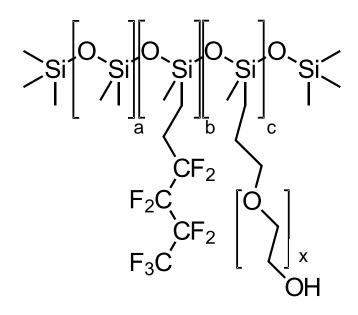


- Silicone provides slip, surface tension reduction, mar resistance, water resistance, flexibility.
- Fluoroalkyl provides these and oleophobicity, stain and chemical resistance.
- Organic provides miscibility.

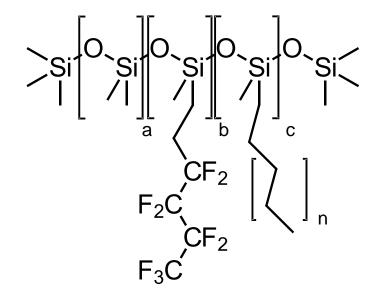
By varying the number, length and type of fluoroalkyl and/or organic substituents covalently bound to the silicone we can control properties.



#### Soluble Non-PFOS Fluorosilicones



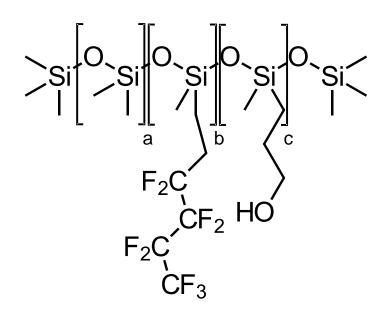
- Condensation Reactive
  - Solvent Soluble
  - Water Soluble



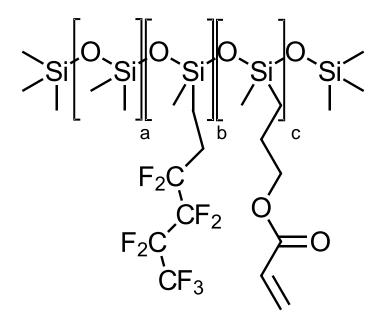
Non-ReactiveSolvent Soluble



#### Reactive non-PFOS Fluorosilicones



- Condensation Reactive
  - Urethane
  - Epoxy
  - Polyester

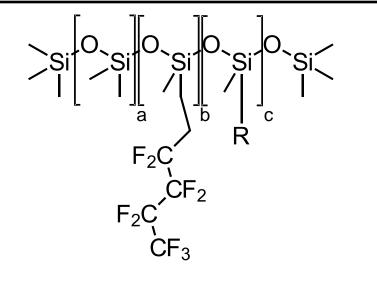


- UV and Free Radical Reactive
  - Acrylate
  - Vinyl
- Condensation Reactive



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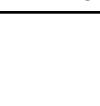
	С	b	R
FPE	>0	>0	$(CH_2)_3(OC_2H_4)_d(OC_3H_6)_e OH$
FS	0	>0	None
AFS	>0	>0	$C_n H(2_n) R'$
AS	>0	0	C <sub>n</sub> H(2 <sub>n</sub> ) R'





#### **Comparison Silicones Design**

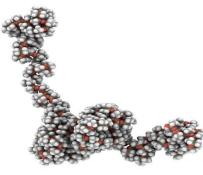
Silicone	Wt % Silicone	Wt % CF <sub>2</sub>	Wt % organic	Reactive Site	MW	Туре	
FPE 2010	L	L	Н	OH	3000	fluoroalkyl polyether silicone	
FPE 2110	L	L	Н	OH	7000		
FS D2	М	Н	0%	no	2000	fluoroalkyl	
FS J1 5	н	Μ	0%	no	14000	silicone	
AFS G2-F	н	L	Μ	OH	3000	alkyl, fluoroalkyl silicone	
AFS E3.5-F	М	L	L	OH	2000		
AFS C7–F	н	L	L	OH/ACR	2000		
AFS H418	М	Μ	Μ	no	5000		
AS OH C50	VH	0%	L	OH	12000	alkyl	
AS OH J10	Н	0%	Μ	OH	8000	silicone	





#### Experimental Design and Methods:

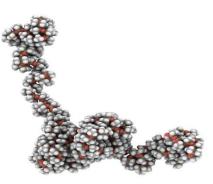
- Various silicones are evaluated for slip, COF, defects and mar, stain, and fingerprint and chemical resistance.
- The overall design used four systems:
  - SB 2k Urethane
  - UV cured urethane acrylate
  - UV cured epoxy acrylate
  - Commercial flat white paint (post addition)





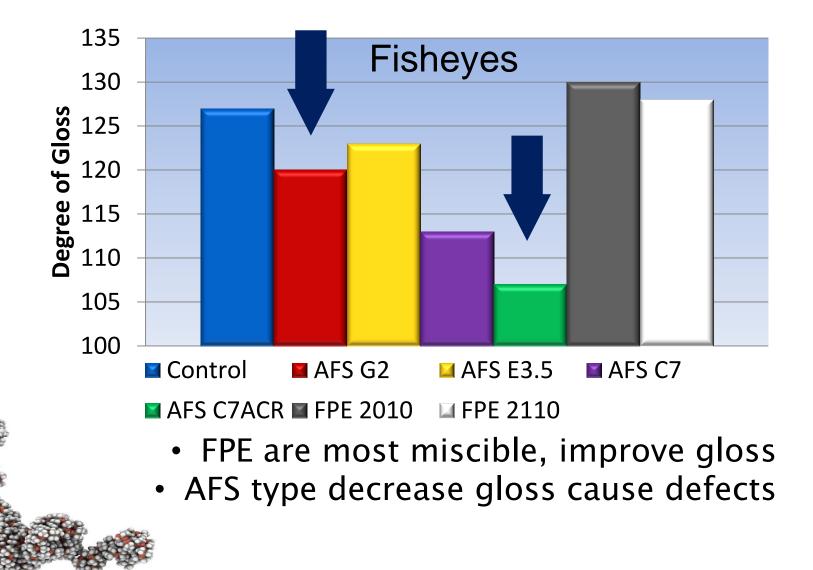
#### **Test Methods Utilized**

- CoF (sled method)
- Gloss (gloss meter)
- Fingerprint (internal test method)
- Stain (variations on standard and internal test methods)
- ASTM D543 (chemical resistance)
- ASTM D1308 (chemical resistance)
- ASTM D870 (water absorption)



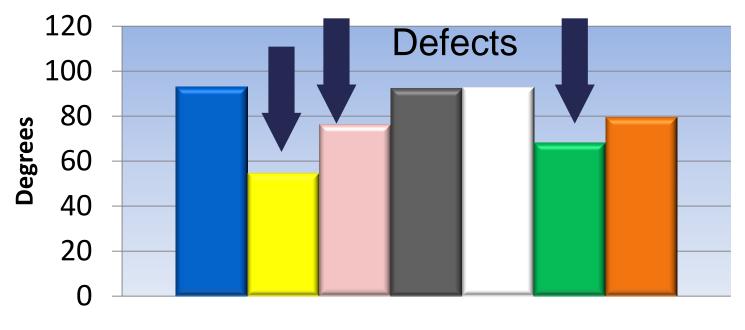


# **Gloss: SB Urethane**





# **Gloss: Urethane Acrylate**

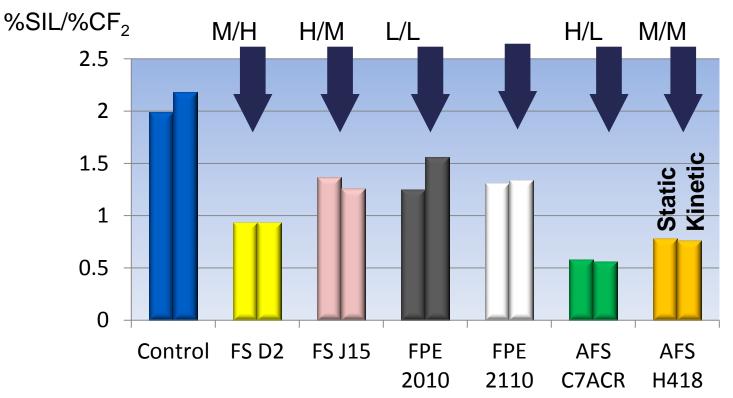


■ Control
 ■ FS D2
 ■ FS J15
 ■ FPE 2010
 ■ AFS C7ACR
 ■ AFS H418

- FPE are most miscible, keep gloss
- AFS, AS and FS types decrease gloss



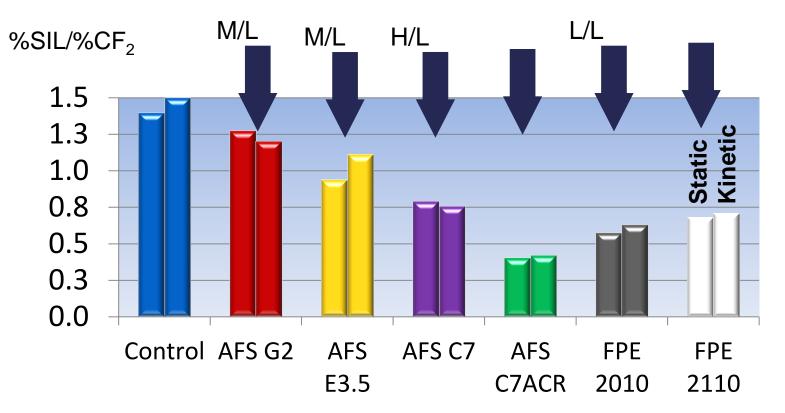
# Slip: Urethane Acrylate



All improve COF
AFS C7 is best



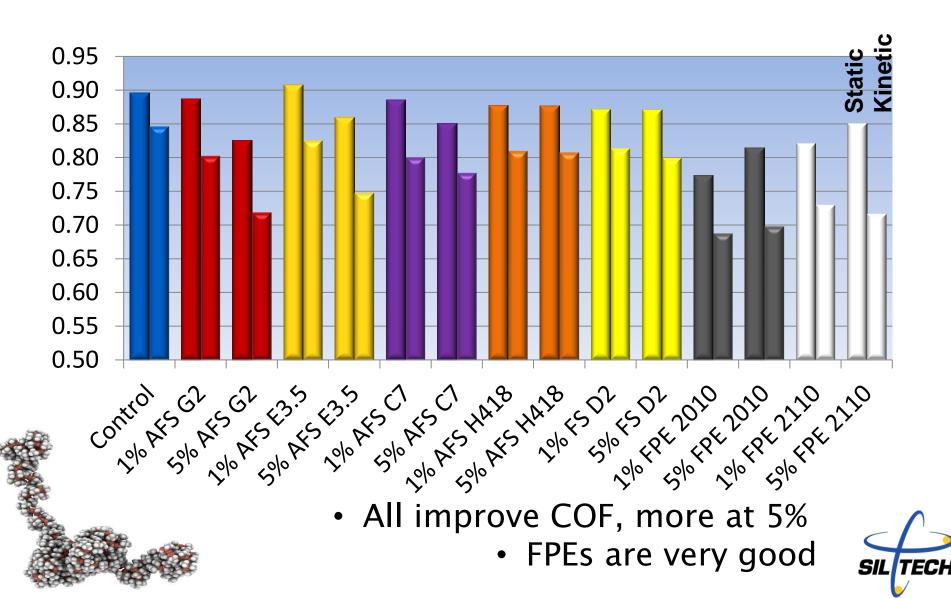
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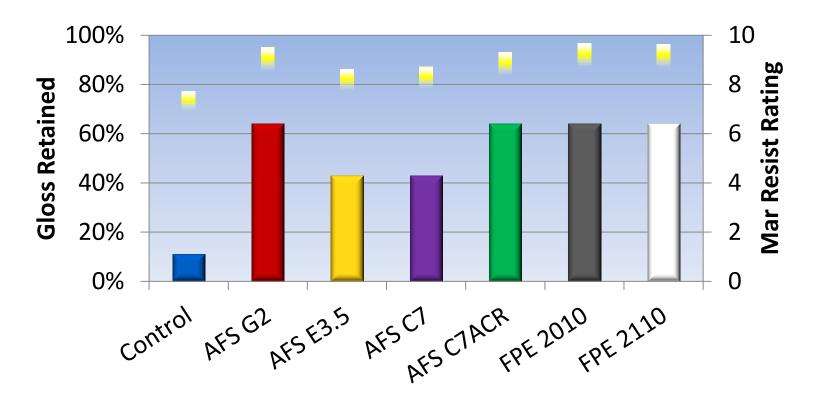
All improve COF
AFS C7 structures are best
ACR better than OH



# Slip: Post-added to Paint



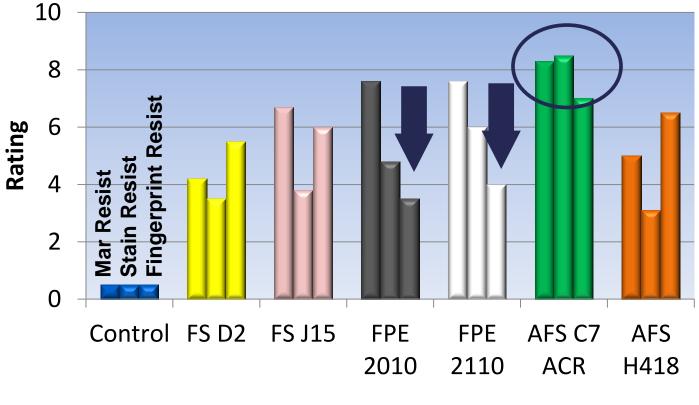
## Mar Resist: SB Urethane



All improve mar resistance FPE are better than expected



#### UV Epoxy Acrylate: Mar, Stain, Print

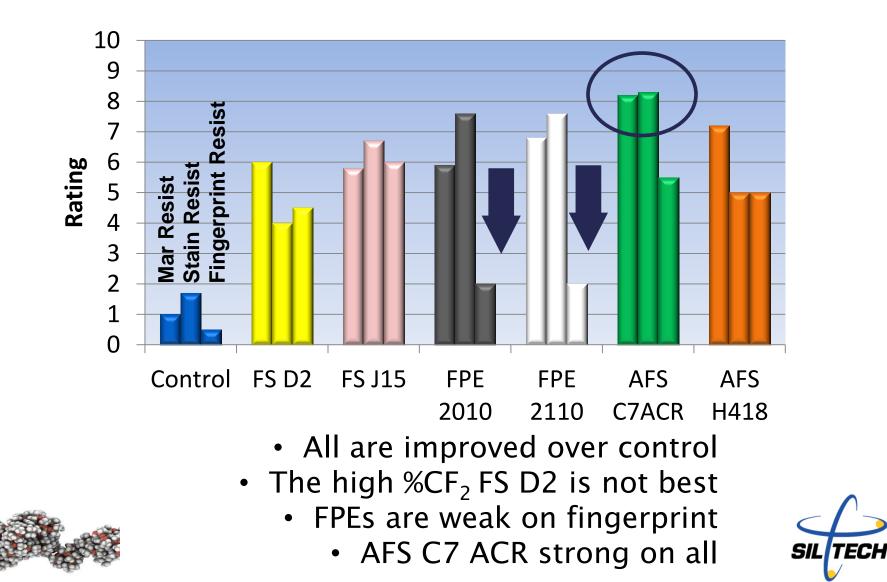


• All are improved over control

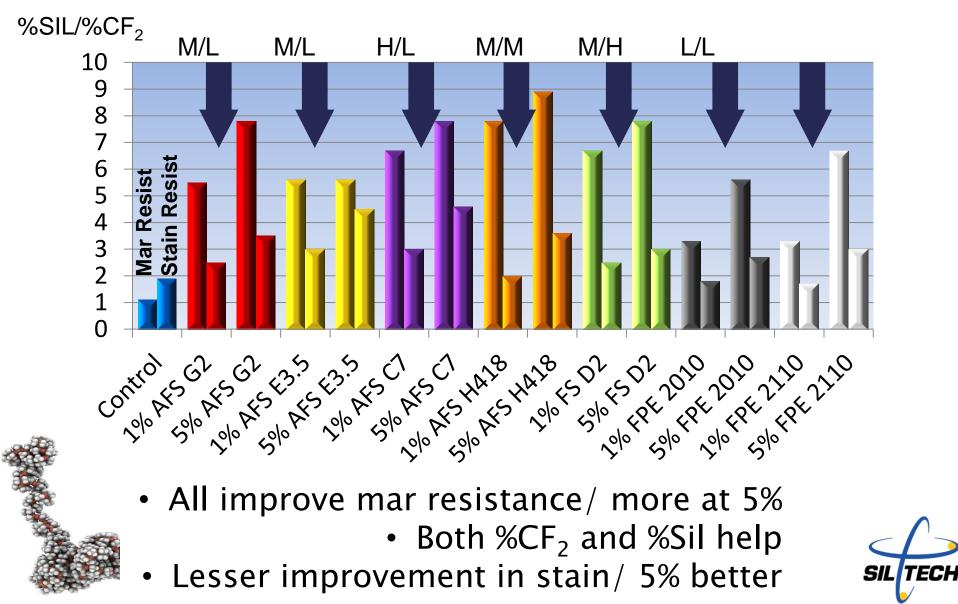
- The high %CF<sub>2</sub> FS D2 is not best
  - FPEs are weak on fingerprint
    - AFS C7 ACR strong on all



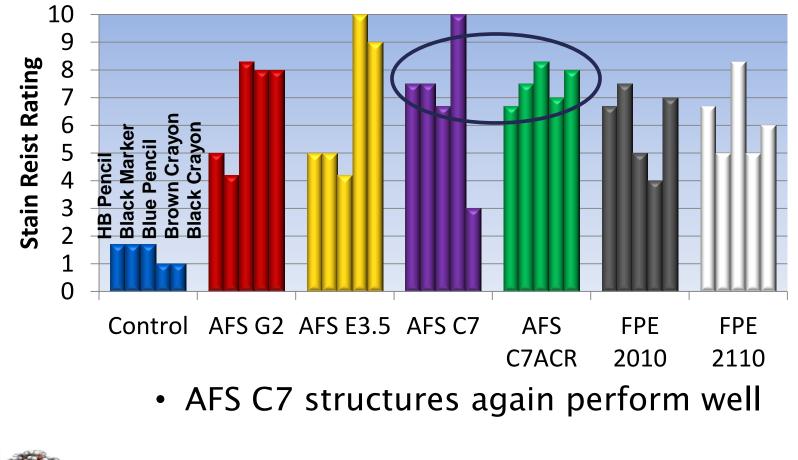
# UV Ureth Acryl: Mar, Stain, Print



#### Mar and Stain: Post-added to Paint

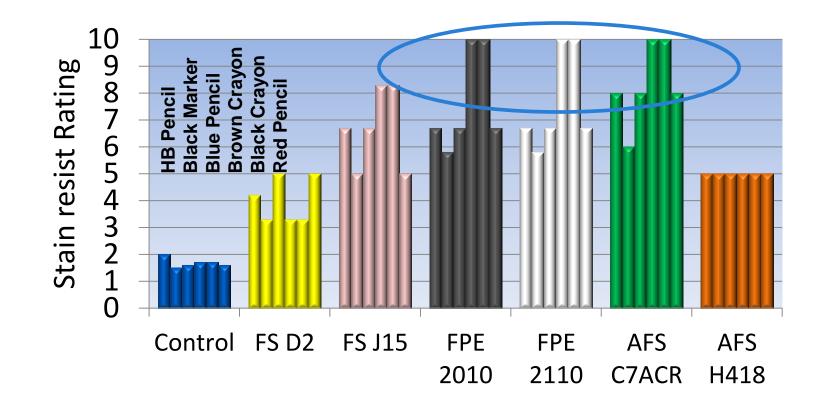


## Stain Resist: SB Urethane





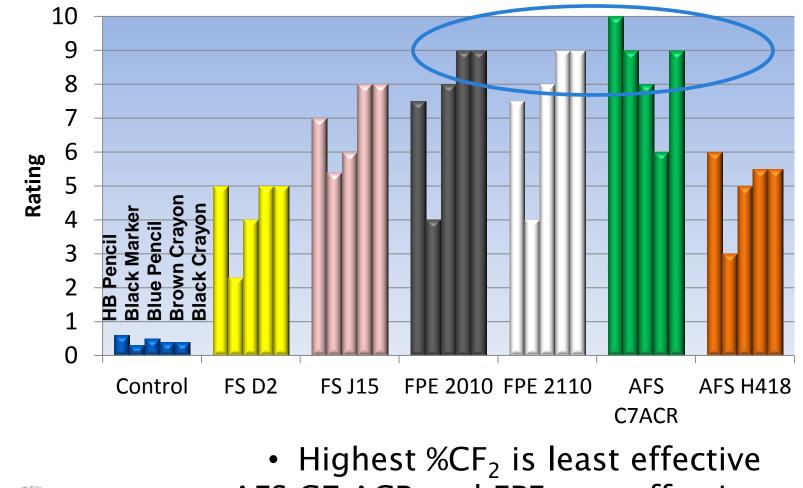
## Stain Resist: Urethane Acrylate



• AFS C7 ACR and FPEs are effective



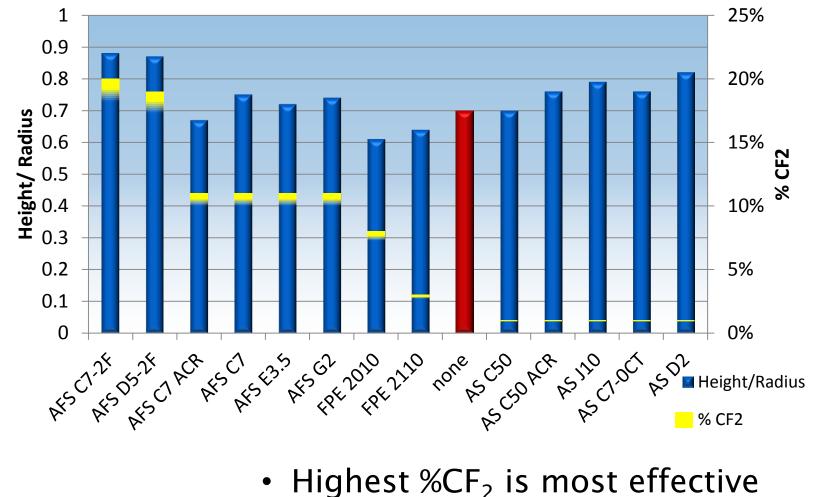
# Stain: UV Epoxy Acrylate



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### Water Repellency: SB Urethane



• AS type alone are very effective



#### Chemical Resistance: SB Urethane

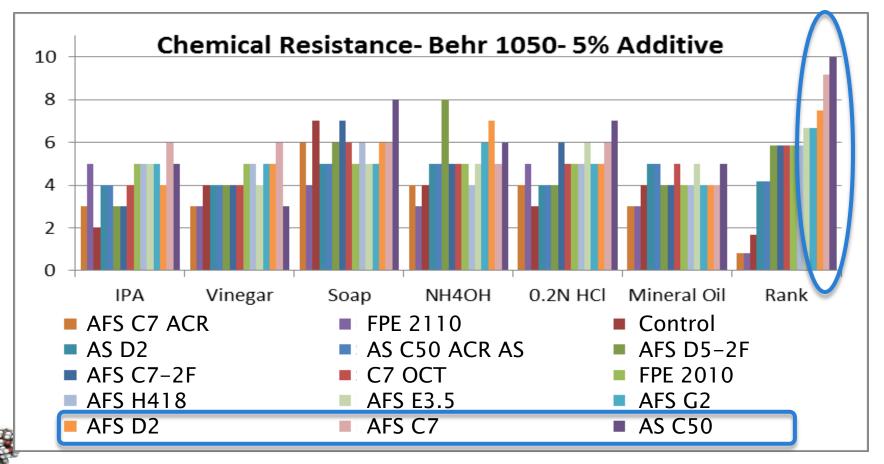
							Normalized
Additive (1%)	IPA	Vinegar	Soap	NH₄OH	HCI	Average	Rating
AFS E3.5	5	2	3	2	2	2.8	1.0
FPE 2110	6	1	4	3	2	3.2	2.0
AFS C7	6	4	5	2	3	4	4.0
AS C7–OCT	6	2	4	6	4	4.4	5.3
FPE 2010	7	3	5	1	6	4.4	5.3
AFS G2	8	2	4	5	5	4.8	6.7
AS C50	8	3	4	5	5	5	7.3
AS C50 ACR	7	7	6	3	2	5	7.3
C7-2F	6	5	5	5	4	5	7.3
Control	8	4	5	5	4	5.2	8.0
AS D2	8	2	7	6	5	5.6	9.3
AS J10	7	6	6	6	3	5.6	9.3
AFS C7 ACR	8	7	6	5	3	5.8	10.0

AFS C7 ACR and two AS types gave an improvement here

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# Summary Chemical: Post add



- AS C50 is best.
- AFS C7 and FS D2 are next best
- AFS C7 ACR is worst.



## Results

- All AFS additives improve COF, mar and stain resistance and to a lesser degree fingerprint.
- The FPE type are the most compatible. Surprisingly, they are also among the best for slip and mar resistance, but not for fingerprint resistance.
- The very incompatible FA types are not as effective as expected for slip and mar. Formulation should help.
- Increasing % CF<sub>2</sub> is often not the best in performance.
- Low CF<sub>2</sub> content AFS structures are usually the best
- Post-added AFS have little effect on slip and gloss but do affect mar and stain resistance.
- Use levels needed were up to 5% and more is usually better.



## Results

- Higher use level is better for mar and stain.
- Best stain results are for waxy stains.
- Water repellency can be improved with high CF<sub>2</sub> or high silicone content additives.
- For chemical and water resistance performance varied more depending on the coating system and use level.
- AFS H418 which has a balance of % Sil, %CF<sub>2</sub>, & %CH<sub>2</sub> gives a very good balance of properties.
- ▶ AFS C7-F is often the best for slip, mar and stain resistance.
- FS J15, AFS H418 and AFS C7 give the best finger print resistance



# Thank You





## Recommendations

- Fluorosil 2010 and Fluorosil 2110. These are very good for all but fingerprint resistance
- Fluorosil ACR C7-F or Fluorosil OH C7-F are best overall including fingerprint resistance. They are not always compatible.
- Use levels are up to 5% and more is better in most cases.



