

Heat Shrink Innovations (HSI) granted licence to use Junkosha's innovative peelable heat shrink tubing (PHST) technologies

Pioneer of peelable heat shrink tubing sector initiates licence agreement with Heat Shrink Innovations enabling further proliferation of Junkosha's PHST technologies across the wider medical device marketplace

Materials specialist and pioneer of peelable heat shrink tubing (PHST) technology, Junkosha Inc., has initiated a licence agreement with Texas-headquartered Heat Shrink Innovations LLC to enable it to manufacture PHST solutions using their patented technologies. This new agreement reinforces Junkosha's technology position at the forefront of this expanding sector at a time when precision engineered, miniaturised micro catheters and guide wires are becoming a necessity for an increasing amount of procedures.

Junkosha's PHST solution is the industry's first peelable FEP heat shrink tubing that answers medical professionals' needs for an easy, cost-effective way to remove the outer lining from catheters and guide wires without harming the underlying substrate. Following the granting of this new licence agreement, Junkosha is not only enhancing its market leading position, but also enabling PHST to proliferate into the wider medical device sector. This is part of Junkosha's wider licensing programme designed to enable diffusion of this technology more broadly across the global medical device market.

Joe Rowan, President and CEO of USA and Europe for Junkosha, is responsible for driving the global expansion of the company in strategic markets, including medical products.

"The market is creating its own momentum, within which an increasing number of customers are leveraging this valuable technology," explains Rowan. "It is no longer a product only used by 'early adopters', but rather has now entered the mainstream. Indeed, we are continuing to innovate in this category which we have pioneered. Backed by our

unmatched experience and innovative track-record in materials science and fluoropolymers, our patented solutions are increasingly in demand by customers and competitors alike.”

“For example, at MD&M West between 6th – 8th February, we discussed our newest solutions within the PHST sector, the first ultra-small (0.009” REC ID) and high-shrink ratio (2:1) PHST on the market. These products have been created based on customers’ unmet needs, further supporting the wider industry belief that peelable heat shrink tubing is a strong consideration for both new designs and upgrading of legacy designs.”

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About Junkosha

Junkosha, founded in Japan in 1954, are pioneers of sophisticated fluoropolymer application technologies across medical device and microwave interconnect sectors. With three operations in Japan including its headquarters, as well as sites in the US, UK and China, it is one of the best kept global advanced technology secrets outside of Japan.

The company provides high quality, high performance and high durability tube and fitting, wire and cable, moulding and component, and film products for a variety of sectors including health care, telecommunications, ocean and space, environment and energy, and precision machinery and robot markets. Product types include tube and fitting products, such as generic resin tubes, fluoropolymer tubes, high-barrier tubes, flexible multi-layered tubes, industrial hoses, degassing modules, heat-shrinkable tubes, and the market leading peelable heat shrink tubes. It also provides wire and cable products, including microwave interconnects, robot cables, high data rate cables, Camera Link[®] cable assemblies, ultrafine coaxial cables and assemblies, cables for clean environments, and general wires and cables.

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