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A pet grooming glove is a wearable tool typically made from rubber or soft plastic. The glove fits one hand and adjusts to different hand sizes. It removes loose fur, reduces shedding, detangles matted hair, and provides gentle massage during grooming. Effective pet grooming gloves require advanced materials such as thermoplastic elastomers that combine softness, flexibility, durability, and grip.

KRAIBURG TPE, a global manufacturer of advanced TPEs and specialized material solutions, offers the THERMOLAST® K Series for pet grooming gloves. Because grooming gloves remain in direct contact with the hand during use, they require materials that provide comfort and control. THERMOLAST® K Series combines a soft-touch surface, abrasion resistance, adhesion to polypropylene (PP), and processing efficiency. The material provides a secure grip, durability, and consistent performance for pet grooming glove applications.

How does TPE improve user comfort?

THERMOLAST® K Series features a soft, velvety surface with low surface friction, providing a comfortable grip and pleasant tactile feel during pet grooming. The material adheres to polypropylene (PP), making it suitable for durable multi-component designs with secure bonding between rigid and soft-touch components. THERMOLAST® K Series also offers excellent abrasion resistance and optimized compression set properties, maintaining flexibility, appearance, and mechanical performance after repeated use. These properties make the material suitable for grip areas, handles, and other

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functional components where comfort, ergonomics, and durability are required.

Design flexibility for product innovation

THERMOLAST® K Series is available in a translucent color and can be customized with a wide range of color options, providing greater flexibility for product differentiation and branding. The material produces refined surface finishes and soft-touch textures for pet grooming surfaces and other functional components. These properties make THERMOLAST® K suitable for products that require distinctive design and high-quality finishes.

Efficient manufacturing via flexible Processing

THERMOLAST® K Series is suitable for injection molding and extrusion processes used in pet grooming glove manufacturing. Optimized demolding characteristics improve production efficiency and maintain consistent product quality. THERMOLAST® K Series is produced at KRAIBURG TPE manufacturing sites in Germany, Malaysia, and the United States, ensuring reliable supply for regional and international markets.

Recyclability for circular manufacturing

THERMOLAST® K Series is suitable for in-process recycling, reducing production waste and improving manufacturing efficiency. ISCC PLUS-ready solutions based on the mass balance approach are available for sustainable sourcing and carbon reduction initiatives. The material is certified by Cyclos HTP as compatible with HDPE and PP recycling streams, improving recyclability and circularity.

THERMOLAST® K Series complies with Regulation (EU) No 10/2011, US FDA CFR 21, GB 4806.7-2023, MERCOSUR requirements, and EN 71-3

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standards. These certifications make the material suitable for consumer applications such as pet grooming gloves, household articles, cosmetic packaging, food packaging, care product packaging, grip components, and other consumer goods.

Sustainability from the get-go

At KRAIBURG TPE, sustainability drives our innovation. Our portfolio includes bio-based TPEs and compounds with post-consumer (PCR) and post-industrial (PIR) recycled content. Selected TPEs are certified under GRS and ISCC PLUS. We also provide Product Carbon Footprint (PCF) data upon request to support sustainability decisions.

We proudly earned the EcoVadis Gold Medal in 2025 and are committed to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), aligning our goals with global climate action.

From reducing emissions to increasing circularity, our sustainable TPEs deliver reliable performance and are available worldwide to support your applications while advancing your sustainability goals.

Get in touch today to learn how KRAIBURG TPE can support your sustainability and product development journey.

Discover More with TPE： From smart pet tracker to chew toys, TPE materials provides manufacturers with a versatile TPE solution that combines soft-touch comfort, abrasion resistance, efficient processing, regulatory compliance, and sustainable material options.

Disclaimer: *The applications mentioned are illustrative of material capabilities only. Final product suitability and regulatory compliance must be assessed and validated by the customer.*

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KRAIBURG TPE (www.kraiburg-tpe.com) is a global manufacturer of custom thermoplastic elastomers. KRAIBURG TPE was founded in 2001 as an independent business unit of the KRAIBURG Group and is now the industry's competence leader in the field of TPE compounds. The company's goal is to provide safe, reliable and sustainable products for customer applications. With more than 718 employees worldwide and production sites in Germany, the USA and Malaysia, the company offers a large product portfolio for applications in the automotive, industrial and consumer goods industries, as well as for the strictly regulated medical sector. The established THERMOLAST®, COPEC®, HIPEX® and For Tec E® product lines are processed by injection molding or extrusion and offer manufacturers numerous advantages not only in processing but also in product design. KRAIBURG TPE is characterized by its innovative strength, global customer orientation, customized product solutions and reliable service. The company is ISO 50001 certified at its headquarters in Germany and holds ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certifications at all its sites worldwide.