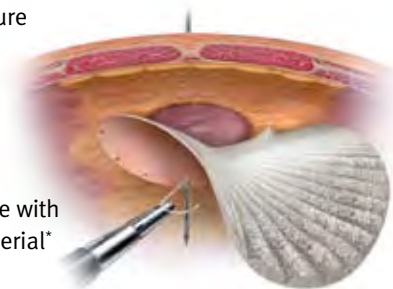


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- Results proven in clinical literature
- Long-term compliance
- No risk of polypropylene exposure to bowel
- Minimal foreign body reaction
- Antimicrobial protection available with GORE DUALMESH® PLUS Biomaterial*



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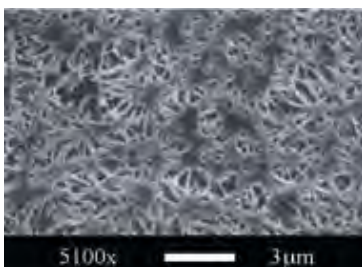
Material

100% Gore ePTFE

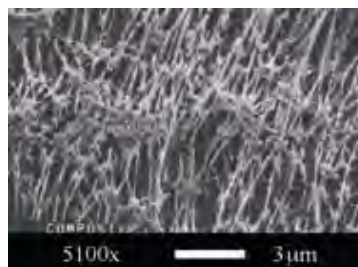
Composite PP/ePTFE

“The methods of manufacturing the ePTFE differ between the [GORE DUALMESH® Biomaterial] and Composix . . .”¹

SEM of ingrowth-resistant side of GORE DUALMESH® Biomaterial with porosity of <3 μm.



SEM of the ePTFE side of the BARD® COMPOSIX® Mesh is more open.



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BARD® COMPOSIX® E/X Mesh holes created in the ePTFE portion of BARD® COMPOSIX® E/X Mesh, by a tack, exposing the polypropylene mesh to the bowel.



*Different ePTFE manufacturing methods create differences in tear resistance***

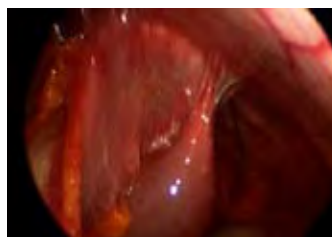
“The proposed benefit of reduced adhesions to ePTFE is obviously lost when the PP [polypropylene] becomes exposed.”²

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Visceral Protection

"The pure ePTFE [GORE DUALMESH® Biomaterial] mesh did not induce adhesions."¹



"The ePTFE/PP group (Composix) had statistically significant higher rates of adhesions formation than did the [GORE DUALMESH® Biomaterial]. ... Between the Composix and [GORE DUALMESH® Biomaterial], a difference in the manufacturing of the ePTFE must play a role."¹

Compliance

"In the current study, we discovered that pure ePTFE mesh had significantly better compliance than any of the polypropylene-based meshes."¹

"The polypropylene mesh demonstrated inferior compliance, which may ultimately have a negative effect on patients' quality of life."¹

"ePTFE is the strongest, has the best fixation-retention strength, has the best durability, is the most inert, has the least inflammatory response, has the least foreign body response, has the least infectibility, has minimal adhesions, and has no reported bowel erosions or fistulizations. I believe the best biomaterial in the intraperitoneal position is ePTFE GORE DUALMESH® PLUS Biomaterial."³

—Frederick K. Toy, MD

Leading surgeons around the world recognize the clinical benefits of GORE DUALMESH® Biomaterial. Gore's proprietary expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (ePTFE) provides a proven solution in soft tissue repair and reconstruction. More than a quarter million GORE DUALMESH® Biomaterial products have been implanted worldwide.

SIZES AVAILABLE

GORE DUALMESH® Biomaterial Catalogue Number (1 mm thickness)	GORE DUALMESH® PLUS Biomaterial Catalogue Number (1 mm thickness)	Nominal Width x Length
1DLMC02	1DLMCP02	8 cm x 12 cm
1DLMC03	1DLMCP03	10 cm x 15 cm [†]
1DLMC04	1DLMCP04	15 cm x 19 cm [†]
1DLMC05	1DLMCP05	7.5 cm x 10 cm
1DLMC06	1DLMCP06	18 cm x 24 cm
1DLMC07	1DLMCP07	20 cm x 30 cm
1DLMC08	1DLMCP08	26 cm x 34 cm [†]
1DLMC09	N/A	12 cm [‡]

[†]oval shaped [‡]circular shape

Also available in 2 mm thickness

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*See IFU for Contraindications

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