Food & Specialty Packaging

Accelerating Innovations in Flexible Packaging

Collaborate. Innovate. Accelerate.
Dear Packaging Professional:

It’s never been more exciting to be part of the packaging industry! Every day companies are challenged to find new and innovative ways to engage consumers, and packaging has become a critical component in that effort. Simultaneously, packaging has to meet the on-the-go lifestyle of today’s consumer and extend shelf life to reduce food waste, all the while being more sustainable in the effort to minimize packaging waste.

At Dow, we’ve experienced these challenges first hand and believe the development process can be smarter, easier, and faster.

We strive to do this through three core strengths:

1. **Experts with Answers** – providing access to a vast network of experts across the entire value chain from polymer chemists, plastic converters, equipment manufacturers, and even brand owners and retailers.

2. **Basics to Breakthroughs** – offering a broad portfolio of solutions – from adhesives & coatings to polyethylene resins. We’re committed to raising the bar for materials used in packaging.

3. **Collaborate to Innovate** – providing a new and exciting take on what it means to collaborate in the 21st century: Pack Studios, a new collaboration facility where we take great ideas and turn them into packaging reality.

This brochure aims to introduce you to our business. Whether it’s a slight product improvement or a complete overhaul, we look forward to introducing you to our team and bringing your next idea to life.

The Food & Specialty Packaging Team
The Dow Chemical Company
Successful development in the flexible packaging market segment begins with collaboration. Dow goes beyond our material science expertise to bring packaging converters a suite of tools and solutions that make innovation easier and faster.

As Dow continues to push forward, we’re more dedicated than ever to our customers around the world – responding to your needs through active collaboration in search of fresh ideas, and with responsive sales and technical resources that are committed to earning your trust and aiding your success.

**Experts with Answers**

Dow has the technical and market specialists, resources, and industry relationships to deliver innovative ideas and solutions to our customers. Years of hands-on experience qualify Dow’s Technical Service and Development (TS&D) professionals to help you solve your problems quickly. Additionally, we offer considerable help and training in a variety of industry-related issues, including specialized polyolefin resin and adhesive training, sustainability issues, FDA and regulatory assistance, screw design, extrusion and fabrication assistance, rheology design and modeling, and more.

**Collaborate to Innovate**

Dow collaborates across the value chain and around the globe. Proactive engagement with customers, the marketplace, stakeholders and industry experts enables us to help develop the best packaging solutions for customers. We truly value the collaborative spirit of our customers and take an active approach to making connections across the value chain.

We also actively participate in industry alliances as well as global advocacy groups that are dedicated to promoting the sustainability of plastic. These activities help our team stay on the leading edge of market trends which drive innovation.

Focusing exclusively on food and specialty packaging applications allows a thorough understanding of the distinctive challenges and specific performance requirements that impact today’s packages.
Pack Studios accelerates packaging innovations for customers by leveraging Dow’s know-how, industry relationships, broad product portfolio, and application and testing capabilities.

Pack Studios puts professionals from across the value chain at your disposal – experience, knowledge, and insights accessible from virtually anywhere in the world.

This powerful combination of collaboration and capabilities promises the potential for considerably faster go-to-market timelines and a consistent pipeline of high performance products that enables growth for Dow customers.
For Dow’s North American customers, Pack Studios-Freeport in Freeport, Texas, offers arguably the industry’s finest facilities, including:

- Collaboration Room
- Sensory Science Lab
- Extrusion Coating Line
- Three Lamination Lines (plus slitting capabilities)
- Alpine 7-Layer Line
- Shrink Tunnel Packaging Line
- Vertical Form Fill Seal Packaging Line
- Blow Molder
- Physical and Analytical Testing Labs
Basics to Breakthroughs

Dow’s spectrum of film resins and adhesives has been developed to meet the ever-increasing demands of the flexible packaging industry, with particular focus on the food and specialty packaging marketplace. Dow has extensive experience serving the needs of the following applications:

- Bag-in-box applications
- Case-ready packaging
- Collation shrink
- Dry food packaging
- Flexible extrusion coating
- Freezer-to-microwave packaging
- Fresh-cut produce packaging
- Frozen food packaging
- Liquid packaging
- Meat & cheese packaging
- Medical packaging
- PE pouch packaging
- Peel-seal adhesives
- Retort pouch
- Shelf-stable packaging
- Stand-up pouch
- Unitization packaging

Figure 1: Relative Price/Relative Performance

THIS ILLUSTRATION DEMONSTRATES THE RELATIVE PRICE-TO-PERFORMANCE SPECTRUM AVAILABLE TO YOU AS A DOW CUSTOMER. YOUR DOW REPRESENTATIVE CAN HELP YOU SET YOURSELF APART FROM THE COMPETITION BY UTILIZING THIS FULL PORTFOLIO OF SPECIALIZED PRODUCTS TO BEST MEET YOUR NEEDS FOR PERFORMANCE AND COST EFFICIENCY.

Relative Price

Relative Performance

AT = Advanced Technology
EA = Product suffix designating ethylene-ethyl acrylate copolymers
EPE = Enhanced Polyethylene
EVA = Ethyl Vinyl Acetate
EVOH = Ethylene Vinyl Alcohol
GR = Product suffix designating grafted copolymers

HDPE = High Density Polyethylene
LDPE = Low Density Polyethylene
LLDPE = Linear Low Density Polyethylene
NG = Next Generation

POE = Polyolefin Elastomer
POP = Polyolefin Plastomer
PVDC = Polyvinylidene Chloride
ULDPE = Ultra Low Density Polyethylene
VLDPE = Very Low Density Polyethylene

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<td>• Sealant in packaging for aggressive foods/environments</td>
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<td>AGILITY™ Performance LDPE</td>
<td>• LDPE and LLDPE blends and multi-layer structures</td>
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<td>AMPLIFY™ TY Functional Polymers</td>
<td>• Formulated and concentrate tie layers</td>
<td>• Excellent adhesion &amp; low gel</td>
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<td>AMPLIFY™ IO Ionomers</td>
<td>• High performance sealing in multi-layer films and metal adhesion</td>
<td>• Low seal initiation, caulkability/seal through contamination and broad packaging window and strong metal adhesion</td>
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<td>ATTANE™ Ultra Low Density Polyethylene (ULDPE) Resins</td>
<td>• High tear and puncture applications, especially those needing superior optics</td>
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<td>ATTANE™ Next Generation (NG) ULDPE Resins</td>
<td>• Abuse layers in food packaging films</td>
<td>• Tear and abuse properties a step above ATTANE™ ULDPE</td>
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<td>DOW™ Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE) Resins</td>
<td>• Lower physical performance films requiring high clarity</td>
<td>• Excellent optics and processability</td>
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<td>DOWLEX™ Polyethylene Resins</td>
<td>• Applications requiring high performance LLDPE films</td>
<td>• Better physical properties and processability versus hexene and butene LLDPE resins</td>
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<td>ELITE™ Enhanced Polyethylene (EPE) Resins</td>
<td>• Structural layers in films needing better performance or lower cost</td>
<td>• Higher modulus combined with increased toughness</td>
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<td>• Other unique property combinations including several sealant options</td>
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<td>ELITE™ High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Resins</td>
<td>• Applications requiring moisture and grease barrier, or stiffness (modulus)</td>
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<td>• High modulus with very good processability</td>
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<td>ELITE™ Advanced Technology (AT) Polyethylene Resins</td>
<td>• Seal layer in laminated or coextruded film structures</td>
<td>• Sealability (higher hot tack and broader window)</td>
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<td>FLEXOMER™ Very Low Density Polyethylene (VLDPE) Resins</td>
<td>• Applications requiring a tough film but not requiring high clarity</td>
<td>• Toughness</td>
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<td>PRIMACOR™ Copolymers</td>
<td>• Sealants and tie layers</td>
<td>• Excellent adhesion to numerous substrates, including cellulosics</td>
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<td>SARAN™ Barrier Resins</td>
<td>• High-performance barrier packaging</td>
<td>• Exceptional barrier performance across diverse environments</td>
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<td>SEALUTION™ Peel Polymers</td>
<td>• Easy-peel applications</td>
<td>• Consistent peel performance</td>
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<td>TUFLIN™ Linear Low Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) Resins</td>
<td>• Applications requiring general purpose films</td>
<td>• Intermediate LLDPE performance in many areas</td>
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<td>VERSIFY™ Plastomers</td>
<td>• Tie layer where optics is valued</td>
<td>• Distinctive combination of seal, hot tack and optics</td>
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<td>• Excellent adhesion to PE and PP</td>
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AFFINITY™ Polyolefin Plastomers

AFFINITY™ Polyolefin Plastomers offer superior sealability, great abuse resistance, excellent optics, and competitive cost to practically any packaging application.

AGILITY™ Performance LDPE

These LDPE resins are specifically formulated to offer fast and efficient processing – plus excellent optics, strength, and stability – for LDPE, LDPE blends, and multi-layer film structures.

AMPLIFY™ Functional Polymers

Easy to process with excellent adhesion to metalized polyolefins, cellulose, polyester, and PVDC, AMPLIFY™ polymers offer many advantages for flexible packaging.

AMPLIFY™ IO Ionomers

AMPLIFY™ IO Ionomers are distinctive ionomers of ethylene acrylic acid copolymers well suited for use as sealants and tie layers in packaging applications.

AMPLIFY™ TY Functional Polymers

The AMPLIFY™ TY product family includes a broad portfolio of high performance concentrate and formulated tie layer resins suitable for adhesion between PE, EVOH, Polyamide, PET, PP, etc. across a wide range of multi-layer barrier packaging formats and end-uses.

ATTANE™ Ultra Low Density Polyethylene

These resins provide exceptional puncture and tear resistance, excellent clarity, very good sealability, and good processability vs. competitive metallocene.

DOW™ HDPE Resins

For high output jobs requiring toughness and barrier protection, DOW™ High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Resins offer efficient performance in mono-layer or multi-layer structures.

DOW™ LDPE Resins

Excellent for high output jobs and consumer packaging, DOW™ Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE) Resins are a cost-effective, all-purpose resin workhorse.

DOWLEX™ Polyethylene Resins

DOWLEX™ Polyethylene Resins allow downgauging without a loss of structural integrity or processing efficiency. Good clarity and seal strength add to the package.

ELITE™ Enhanced Polyethylene (EPE) Resins

ELITE™ EPE Resins can be custom designed to upgrade desired performance features over conventional polyolefins, creating films with distinctive balances of performance, cost, and processability.

ELITE™ Advanced Technology (AT) Resins

ELITE™ AT (Advanced Technology) Polyethylene Resins offer the flexibility to tailor molecular weight distribution, short-chain branching distribution, and long chain branching specific to an application’s end-use requirements.
Every plastic package has a distinctive purpose and specific physical requirements for fulfilling that purpose. Whether fabricating mono-layer or multi-layer structures, Dow has the product portfolio and knowledge to help effectively match the plastics with the purpose to help you create efficiency and value. Figure 2 illustrates some of the options available.

Figure 2: Suggested Dow Products for Multi-layer Functionalities

Sealants:
- AFFINITY™ Polyolefin Plastomers
- AMPLIFY™ IO Ionomers
- DOWLEX™ Polyethylene Resins
- SEALUTION™ Peel Polymers

Tie Layers:
- AMPLIFY™ TY Functional Polymers
- AMPLIFY™ EA Functional Polymers
- PRIMACOR™ Copolymers

Barrier:
- ELITE™ HDPE Resins
- SARAN™ Barrier Resins
- SARANEX™ Films

High or Low Temperature Resistance:
- ATTANE™ ULDPE Copolymers
- DOWLEX™ Polyethylene Resins
- ELITE™ EPE Resins

Toughness:
- AFFINITY™ Polyolefin Plastomers
- ATTANE™ ULDPE Copolymers
- ATANE® NG Resins
- DOWLEX™ Polyethylene Resins
- ELITE™ EPE Resins
- FLEXOMER™ VLDPE Resins

Optics – For Printability & Aesthetics:
- AFFINITY™ Polyolefin Plastomers
- ATTANE™ ULDPE Copolymers
- DOW™ LDPE
- DOWLEX™ Polyethylene Resins
- VERSIFY™ Plastomers

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<td><strong>ADCOTE™ Solvent-borne Adhesives</strong></td>
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<td>Specially formulated to withstand heat and aggressive contents, ADCOTE™ adhesives are used with a wide variety of substrates for applications such as food, medical, and industrial packaging.</td>
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<td><strong>AQUALAM™ Aqueous Laminating Adhesive</strong></td>
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<td>These water-based PU dispersions are distinctly applicable for flexible films and cellulosic substrates. They provide high initial bond performance and offer very good clarity for excellent optics.</td>
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<td><strong>MOR-FREE™ Solventless Adhesives</strong></td>
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<td>These solventless adhesives offer many advantages, including fast cure, long mixed pot life, excellent bonding to numerous substrates, and they meet FDA regulations for low- to high-performance packaging requirements.</td>
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<td><strong>COSEAL™ Cold-Seal Adhesives</strong></td>
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<td>This family of water-based emulsions offers adhesion to a wide range of substrates, as well as low odor properties for use in food packaging.</td>
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<td><strong>OPULUX™ Optical Finishes</strong></td>
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<td>OPULUX™ Optical Finishes feature a breakthrough acrylic bead technology and polymer design to create packages with distinctive finishes, intriguing matte appearance, and enhanced color retention.</td>
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<td><strong>LAMAL™ Laminating Adhesives</strong></td>
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<td>Polyether urethane components of a two-component laminating adhesive system, LAMAL™ adhesives are alcohol reducible and used in numerous flexible packaging applications for food.</td>
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<td><strong>ROBOND™ Water-borne Adhesives</strong></td>
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<td>ROBOND™ L Series Adhesives meet a wide range of laminating adhesive needs, from general purpose label applications, to flexible laminations for food packaging, to applications requiring improved heat and chemical resistance.</td>
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Dow’s goal is straightforward and simple: to be your first choice for collaborative development of better packaging. For more literature, technical data sheets, or other helpful information regarding Dow products for flexible packaging in food and specialty packaging applications, or to discover more about the many other advantages Dow can offer you, please visit dowpackaging.com.

Additional contact information is listed on the back of this brochure. The Dow Food & Specialty Packaging team looks forward to working with you on your next breakthrough in packaging.

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