

Graphene Classification & Standards

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# The Graphene Council Represents the Global Graphene Sector

The Largest Trade Association The Most Trusted Over **35,000** Materials Professionals

The largest independent organization championing the graphene industry, catalyzing opportunities, and powering growth. The most comprehensive source of information on graphene research, development, and commercialization. The unified, unbiased voice that represents over 35,000 materials professionals worldwide who are engaged with graphene.

#### The Graphene "Hype Cycle"



#### Note:

The evolution of a "hype cycle" is not uniform and is a gradual process where stages often overlap.

The dates indicated are based on our observations of the global graphene research and production environment.

Some geographic markets and industry sectors move faster than others and are therefore at different stages accordingly.

Source: The Graphene Council

### Materializing the Future

Graphene applications are redefining and positively impacting almost every industry, laying the foundations for a low-carbon economy.

**Application Areas for Graphene** 

#### Additive Manufacture Aerospace Automotive Barrier Properties Coatings Composites Concrete and Cement Conductive Ink Corrosion Resistance

Electrochemical Electronics Energy Generation Energy Storage Hall Effect Sensors Lubricants Magnets Medical Applications Optical Modulators Opto Electronics Photodetectors Pizoelectric Devices Plasmonics Plastics Polymers Pressure Sensors Opto Electronics Photodetectors Rubber and Synthetics Semiconductors Sound Transducers Structural Materials Thermal Management Transistors Touch Screens Water Filtration and much more...

### **Graphene Properties**



**Thermal Conductivity** Highest ever measured at ~4000 Wm<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>



**Strength** Graphene has a strength of 130 GPa, higher than steel



**UV Resistance** Blocks harmful UV rays by up to 70%



**Electron Mobility** As high as 200,000  $cm^2/V \cdot s$ , much higher than silicon



Electrical Resistance Graphene electrical resistivity of just  $0.2x10^{-6}\Omega \cdot cm$ 



**Flame Resistant** 

Graphene significantly reduces flammability if added to polymers



**High Surface Area** As much as 2,630 m<sup>2</sup>/g, very high surface area



**Flexibility** Graphene can stretch up to 25% of its original length



Transparent

Single layer graphene transmits approximately 97.2% of light



Impermeability Blocks all other elements, even hydrogen



**Thinness** A single layer of graphene is just 0.345Nm



#### Stiffness

Young's modulus 0.95 to 1.1 TPa, some of the highest ever measured

#### **Graphene Classification Framework**



It is imperative to systematically classify types or forms of graphene and related 2D materials so that;

the materials are regulated and registered in a consistent and predictable manner,

producers / buyers can operate in a transparent, trusted market,

bad actors and non-compliant materials are more easily identified.

#### **Graphene Classification Framework**



The Graphene Classification Framework (GCF) consists of;

- A. List of material characteristics and properties that have been deemed most relevant for commercial use and application,
- B. Identification of the preferred method of testing for each of the material characteristics and properties identified in the GCF, and where applicable, acceptable alternative test methods,
- C. Where applicable, a range of measurement values for each of the material characteristics and properties that in turn may be used to define distinct types or forms of graphene materials,
- D. A syntax to be used for the consistent naming and description of different forms and types of graphene materials, and
- E. Template of a Technical Data Sheet that conforms to the GCF structure and format.

#### Graphene Council Graphene Verification Program

The only <u>in-person</u> inspection of graphene production facilities and processes. Includes a detailed characterization of the material and products produced.

Exclusively administered by The Graphene Council world-wide and based on international standards and best practices using first class measurement laboratories and experts.









### **Graphene Classification Framework**



The **Graphene Classification Framework (GCF)** has been provided (licensed) to ISO to convert into an official international standard.

Currently in the final stages of review by ISO TC 229 and Working Group form before being submitted for final balloting and publication in 1H 2024.

The Graphene Council in the meantime is already applying the principles and approaches through our material testing and characterization services, as well as our Verification Program.

### **Technical Data Sheet Inventory Project**

SAMPLE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET		
SUPPLIER		
COMPANY NAME AND CONTACT INFORM	ATION	
CAS NUMBER	PRODUCT	
ID NUMBER	TRADE NAME	
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	SYNTAX FORMAT	
PRODUCTION INFORMATION		
PRODUCTION METHOD		
RAW MATERIAL		
FORMS OF MATERIALS		
COMMENTS		

CHARACTERISTIC	TEST METHOD	VALUE (*D90)
SP2 Bonded Carbon		
Structural Deffects		
Number of Layers		
Z-Axis Dimensions		
Primary Particle Shape		
Lateral Dimensions		
Aspect Ratio		
Tapped Bulk Density		
Chemical/Elemental Composition		
Oxygen Content %w		
Impurities %w		
Functionalization (type and %w)		
Surface Particle Charge		
Graphene Orientation	Only applicable to bi-layer up to 5 layer sheets	
Specific Surface Area (SSA)		
Crystallinity		

The Graphene Council and a group of volunteers has collected and categorized more than 500 Technical Data Sheets (TDS) for commercially available graphene and related 2D materials.

These TDS' will be grouped into different types and forms of graphene with similar characteristics (carbon layer count, chemical composition, primary particle morphology, etc.).

The intent is to develop a graphene material standard specification under ASTM so that engineers and users can specify a specific form of graphene.

This will make it easier to use graphene commercially.





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