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## **Repreve takes a uniform approach**

**BRENTWOOD – [28.05.09] Perfection Uniforms has chosen Repreve, the 100% recycled fibre by Unifi, for its latest collection of uniforms and workwear.**

The manufacturer of police, fire, and EMS uniforms, which was recently designated as one of Apparel magazine's 'Top 50 Most Innovative Companies', has selected the Repreve family of polyester yarns, which have been independently certified for 100% recycled content by third-party auditor Scientific Certification Systems (SCS). The company will be working with mill partner SwiftGaley to produce fabrics made with the yarns from 80% pre-consumer waste and 20% post-consumer waste from PET bottles.

According to Unifi, Repreve conserves valuable natural resources by offsetting the need to produce virgin synthetic fibres. On average for every pound of Repreve that is manufactured, the equivalent to 0.5 gallons of gasoline is conserved. By 2010, through the production of Repreve, Unifi says it will conserve the equivalent to 10 million gallons of gasoline.

"Quality and integrity are important in introducing a line of environmentally responsible uniforms, which is why we selected Repreve," said Steve Gilkeson, Perfection's vice president. "Manufacturing uniforms made from Repreve is simply the right thing to do and it encourages the responsible use of public funds in the purchase of agency uniforms; it's an investment in serving the greater good."

"It is not surprising that they (Perfection Uniforms) are the first customer to work with us on developing a fabric utilizing recycled polyester," added Matt Thornton, vice president of New Business Development at SwiftGaley. "This 'green' technology shows a commitment from the leadership of Perfection Uniforms to have a positive impact on the environment."

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