



# Using Flexible Technology for Process Containment and GMP, Weigh & Dispense, and Product Protection (RiskMaPP\*)

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\* RiskMaPP is a published ISPE guide





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# ILC Dover LP – Pioneers of Flexible Technology



► Famous for  
Space Suit  
Development

► LTA (Lighter than Air) Products



Flexible designs for life critical applications and Solving Pharmaceutical Containment Process Requirements

► PPE Products



DoverPac  
Containment  
Systems



- Eli Lilly recognizes drug compounds are becoming more potent and high containment is necessary
- Installation of isolators, laminar flow booths, split valves and other devices are costly and cannot retrofit to existing process easily
  - Lilly seeks out partners to develop high containment IBC technology and the Continuous Liner System

***2012 – Over 200,000 Flexible Systems used Globally***





Circa 1960 – The boundaries of  
the plant site

Circa 1980 – The boundaries  
within a building

Circa 2000 – The boundaries  
within a suite

**Current – Contain at the  
Source which is more practical**







## **Flexible Containment technology has made this possible on a greater range of processes**

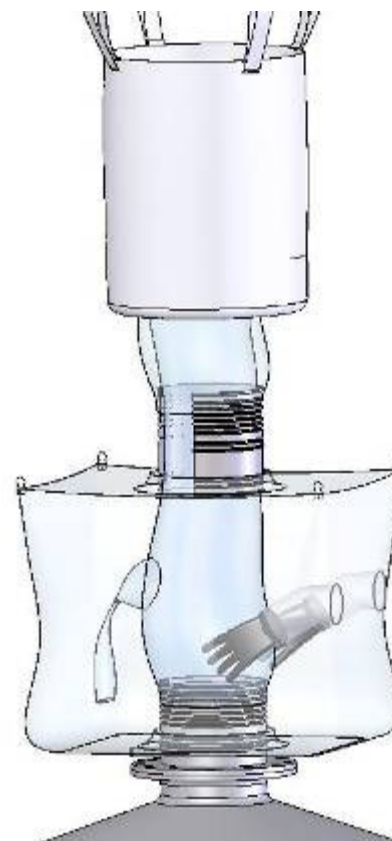
- Easy to retrofit on an existing process
- Takes less space, utilities, and is portable
- Installation / Removal time and labor minimized
  - Ergonomics designed into the systems to enhance user friendly systems
- Cost of ownership including capital cost and long term use is proven to be dramatically less than hard wall type systems





## Not a new technology – Validated installations

- Case Studies in Chemical Synthesis and OSD processes report containment levels typically achieve OEB 5 Levels
- HAPI processes requiring nanogram level containment applications can use primary and secondary flexible containment to achieve the required OEL





## Typical Containment Levels Achieved

- Majority of applications have been evaluated and achieved less than **1.0 ug/m<sup>3</sup>** on 8.0 hour time weighted average
- FIBC Data = **0.7 to 0.05 ug/m<sup>3</sup>**
- Flexible Isolator data = **1.0 to**

## SMEPAC Established Test Guidelines are the accepted standard for Containment Testing



ILC Dover Installed  
Controlled Test Facility  
to obtain Data using a  
Surrogate



Correct Test  
Procedures





Sample Description	Baseline	Run 01 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Run 02 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Run 03 ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Arithmetic Mean ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
<b>DISCHARGE FROM DOVERPAC TO MOCK VESSEL AND CRIMP AFTER DISCHARGE</b>					
PSBZ – Operator #1 (Gary Handy) during the discharge of 75 L from the DoverPac to the mock vessel and the crimping and cutting of the liner following the discharge		0.014	<0.014	0.024	<0.0173
PSBZ – Operator #2 (Adam Sadkowski) during the discharge of 75 L from the DoverPac to the mock vessel and the crimping and cutting of the liner following the discharge		0.015	<0.024	0.047	<0.0287
SS – Approximately 200 mm from the bottom connection of the glovebag to the mock vessel at the right side of the operator platform		<0.0088	<0.0083	<0.0092	<0.0088
AS-OBH – Approximately 2 m from the transfer point at the discharge of the vessel on the ground floor of the testing facility		<0.01	<0.0081	<0.0074	<0.0085
AS-OBH – Center of airlock		<0.0088	<0.0097	<0.0088	<0.0091

Notes: - All airborne contaminant concentrations are expressed in micrograms of the surrogate test compound per cubic meter of air ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ).

- “<X” indicates that the contaminant was not detected in the sample. If present, the contaminant concentration is less than X, the lower limit of quantification for the sampling and analytical method used.



**Operator Breathing Zone – < 0.0287  
 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$**

**Process: Contained Powder Transfer  
from DoverPac Co-Axial to Vessel with  
Secondary Containment**





**Containment Systems -  
Protect the workers and  
facility from the effects of the  
drug compound**

**The same Containment  
Systems provide protection  
for the product from  
contamination entering the**





**The start** – Guidance from regulating bodies (FDA, EMA, ANVISA) recognizing the concerns of processing highly potent drug compounds recommend these products be treated like penicillin and hormone products and be **processed in dedicated facilities**

**The concern** – ISPE recognizes the impact this will have on facility costs and launches an initiative for an alternate control





RiskMaPP has been published and provides a methodology for mitigating the risk of cross contamination in a multi use facility.

The regulating bodies are recognizing, **based on real data**, that following the

RiskMaPP method successful







# RISKMAP Data indicates Retention is a Key Issue

- Retention of product on surfaces poses the greatest risk.
- There are limits to cleaning and cleaning validation.  
More cleaning, more risk.

**Reducing / eliminating cleaning reduces the KEY RISK of contamination**





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# RISKMAP Data indicates Retention is a Key Issue



Stainless Steel  
Systems

Clean after every use  
Washing,  
Drying,  
Inspection,  
Validation



Flexible Film  
Systems

Safe Disposal  
after Single use



Rigid IBC

Clean after every use  
Washing, Drying,  
Inspection, Validation



Flexible IBC

Safe Disposal  
after Single use





## ***Powder / Product Transfers***

- Transfers from one process step to the next
- Product transportation i.e. Bulk Chemical shipping for OSD finishing

## ***Process Containment***

- Isolator (flexible) type solution
- to contain a process at the







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# Flexible Powder / Process Transfers



**Powder Transfer  
Bag**



**FIBC Filling**



**FIBC Discharging**







# ILC DOVER Flexible Powder / Process Transfers

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**Continuous Liner  
Systems**



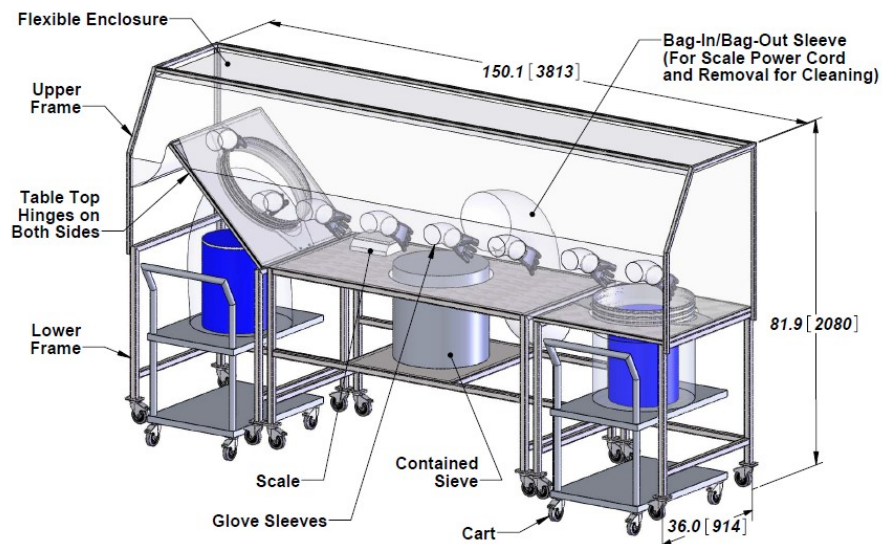
**Transfer Chutes**



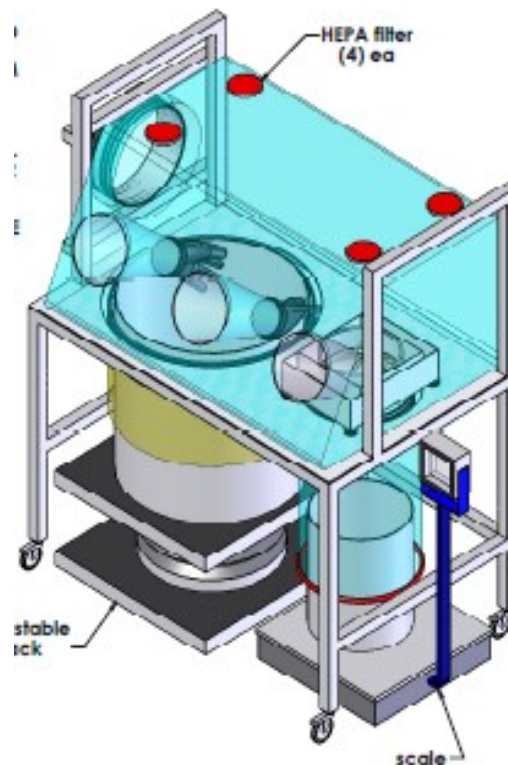


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# Flexible Isolator for Weigh and Dispense



Sub Division



Dispense Weigh  
and Sieve





# Flexible Isolators for Weigh & Dispense

Versatile systems meet specific process demands

- Improved Ergonomics using Flexible wall
- Low Capital Cost to Purchase and Install
- Disposable System for reduced Cleaning and Operating costs
- Accurate Weighing System designed for the application and process
- Proven Containment using the Static or Dynamic Flexible Isolator System







- N2 Inerting of the System
- Low humidity control
- Alternate transfer options
- Wash-In-Place Cleaning
- Adjustable height base
- Collapsible Frame for storage
- Passive or Pressure Controlled
- Scale Options







## Versatile Designs to use

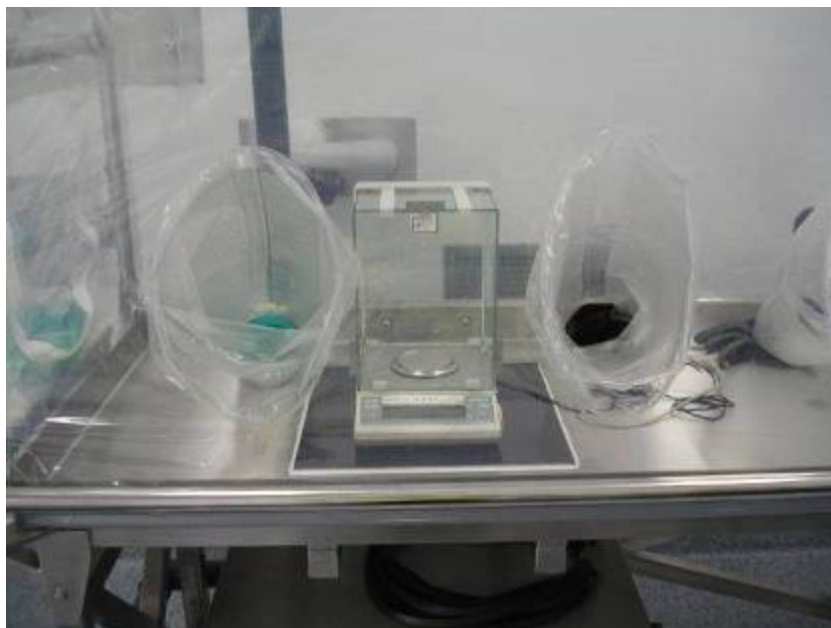
- Standard Balances- Internal or External
  - Load Cell Systems
  - Floor Scales
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- Accurate Weighing along with Tare removal of packaging for Net Weight accuracy



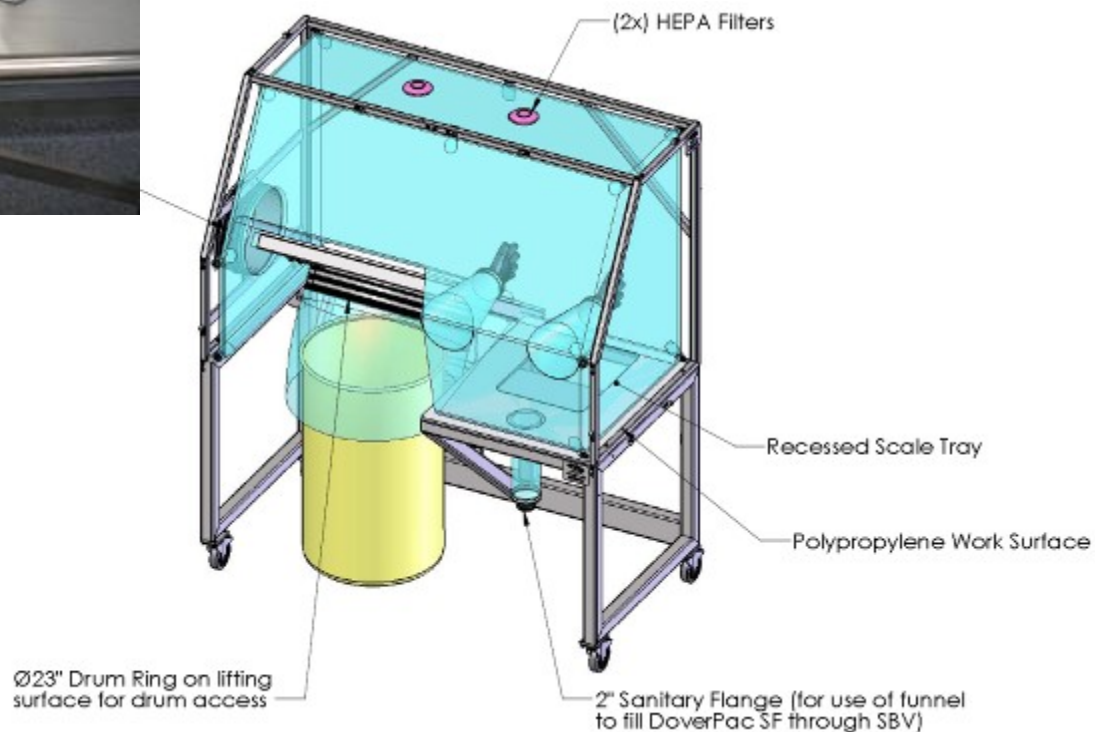


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# Weigh & Dispense – Scale Capability

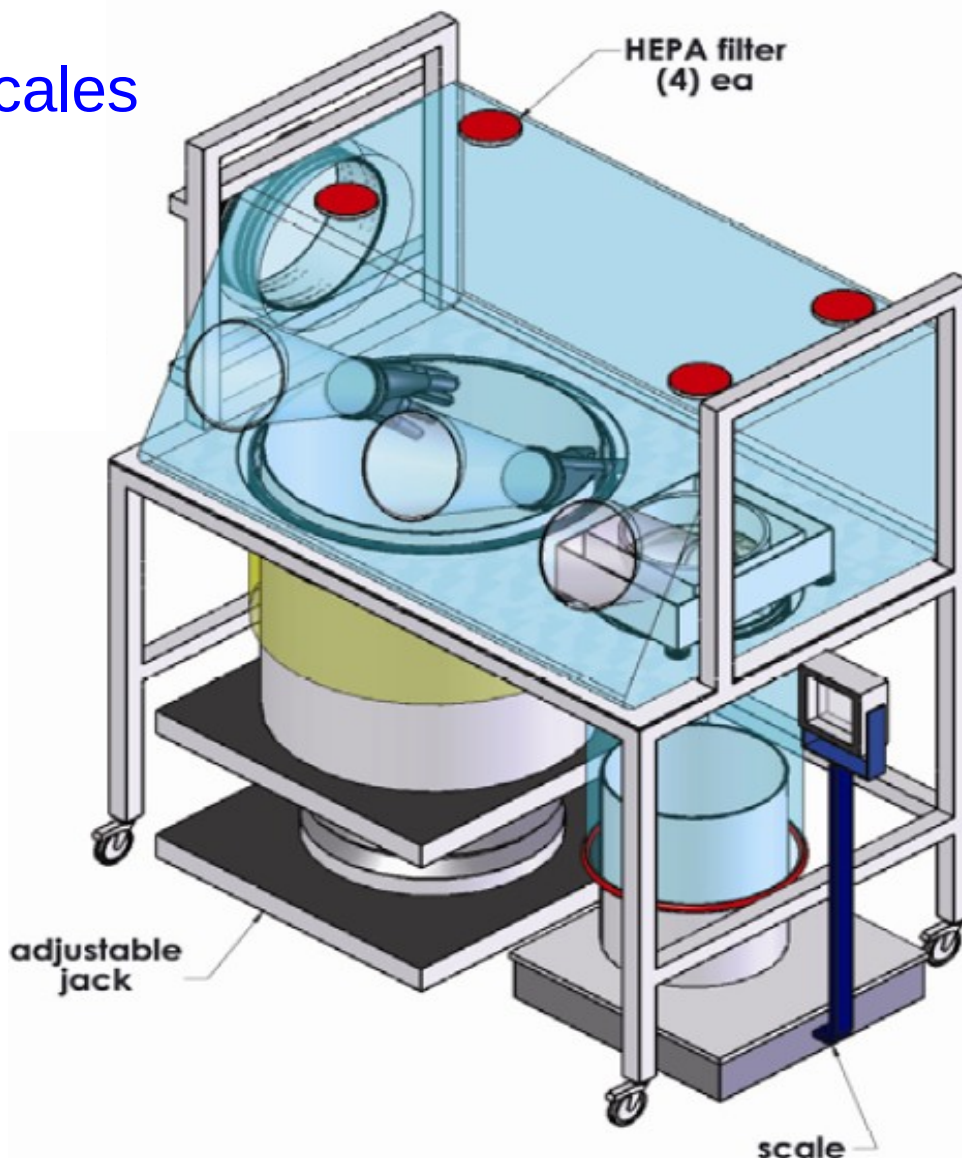


- Standard Balances- Internal or External





- Floor Scales

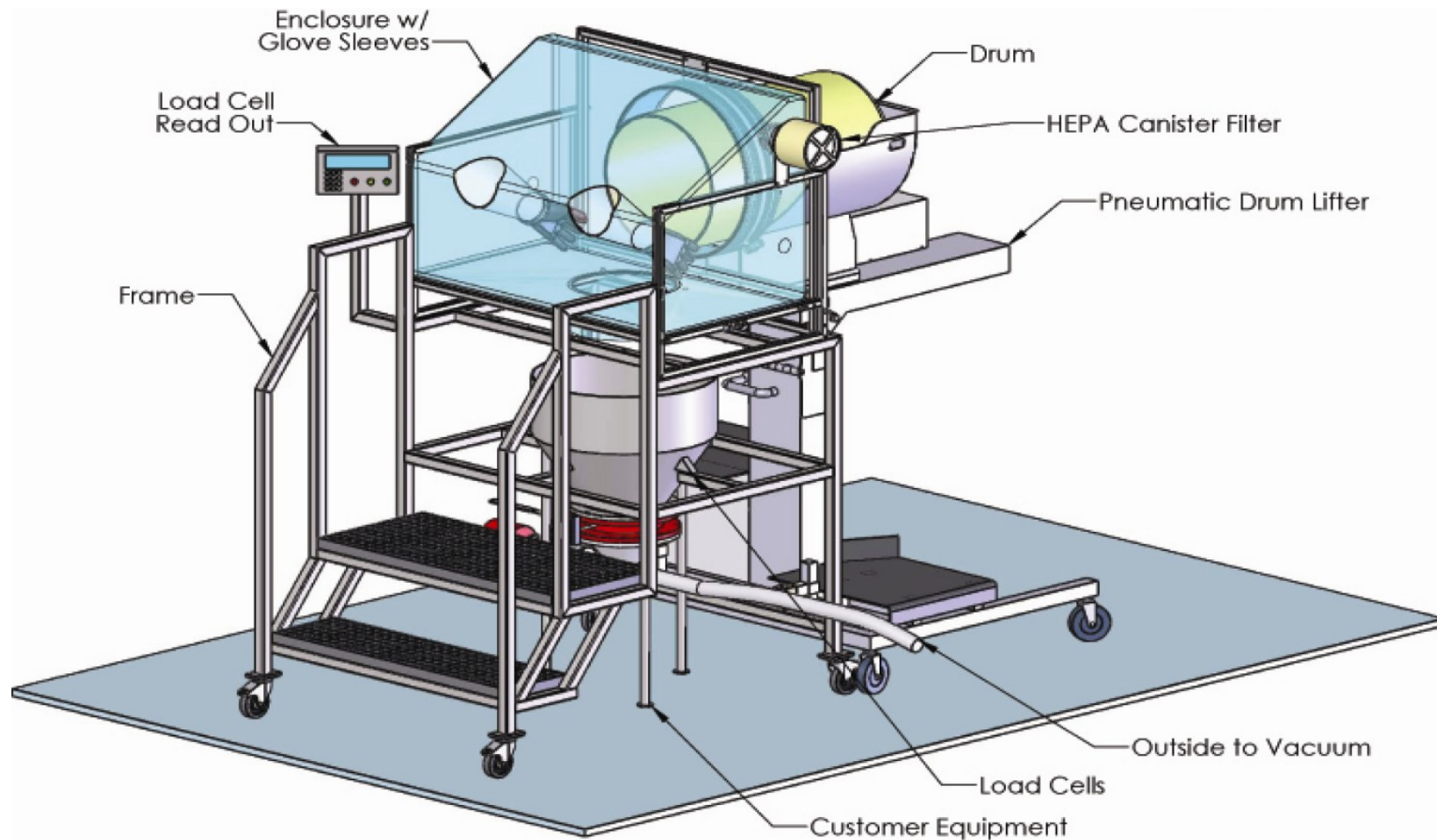






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# Weigh & Dispense – Scale Capability



## Load Cell Systems

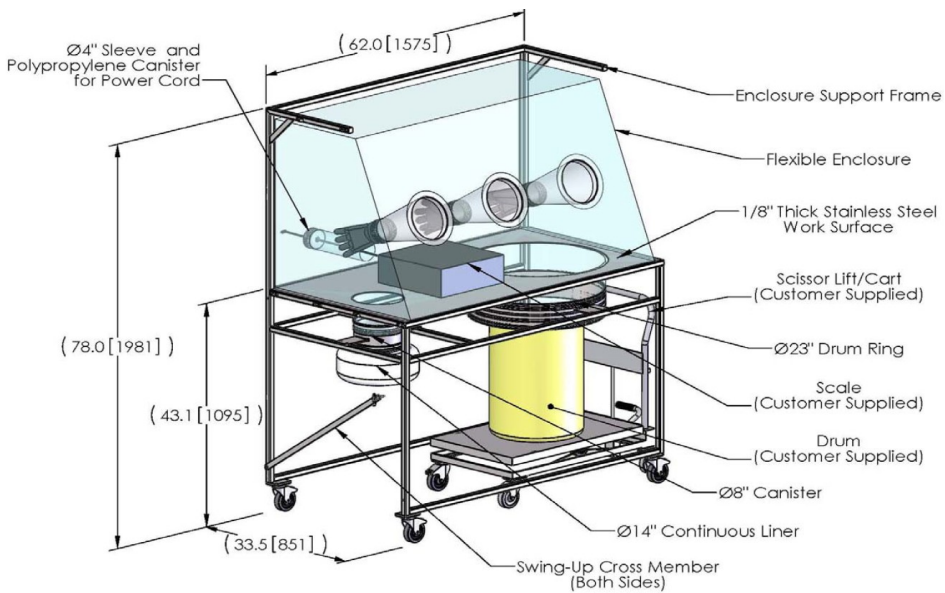






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# Negative Pressure vs. Static Pressure



DoverPac<sup>®</sup>  
Containment  
Systems



# Negative Pressure vs. Static Pressure

- Both designs are closed systems that can maintain total containment
- The areas of concern are common for the designs and exist at the transfer points where product and materials go and out of the system
- Well designed transfer systems operated correctly minimize the potential for a breach

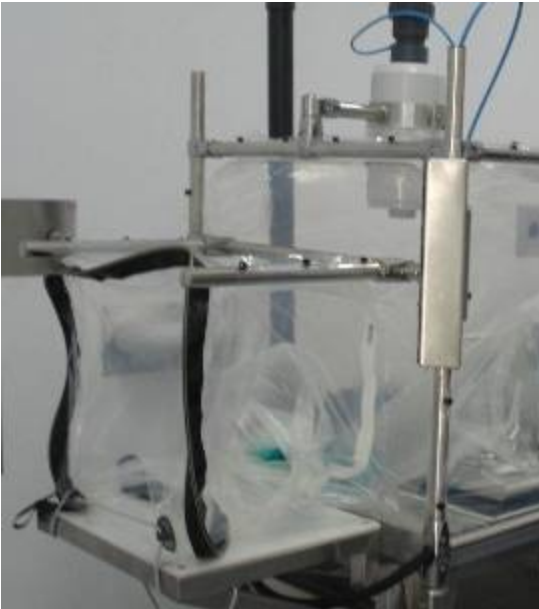
**The benefit of a negative pressure is for secondary or protection in case of failure and data indicates that containment levels are not improved**





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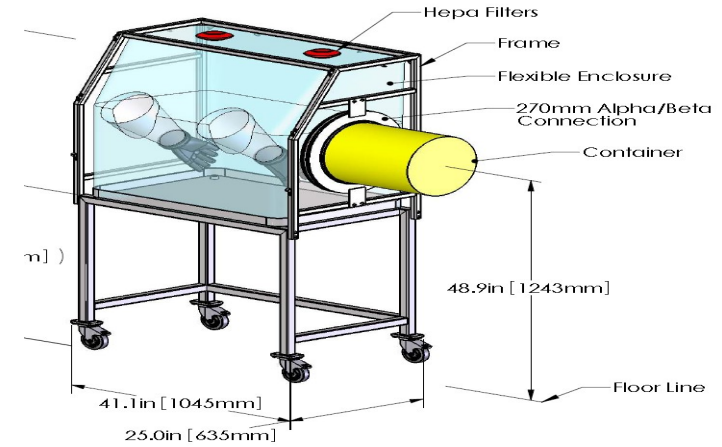
# Transfers to/from Flexible Isolators



Transfer Hatch  
with Airtight  
Zips



Transfer BIBO  
with Transfer  
Sleeves and  
Crimping



RTP Ports

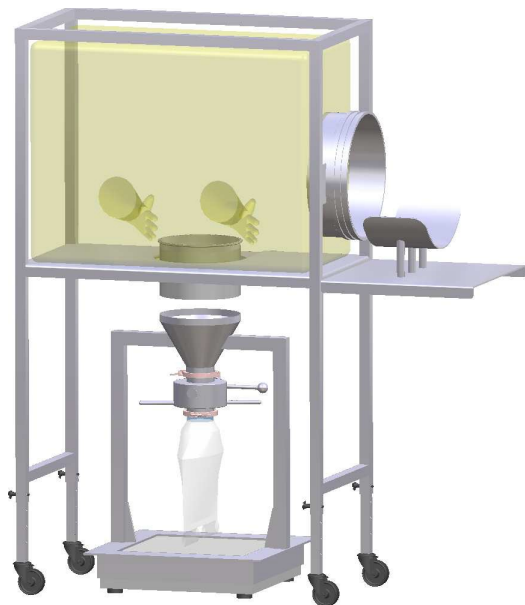




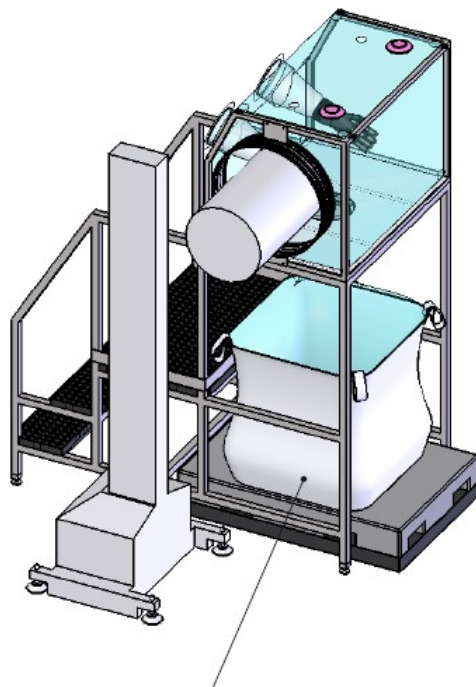


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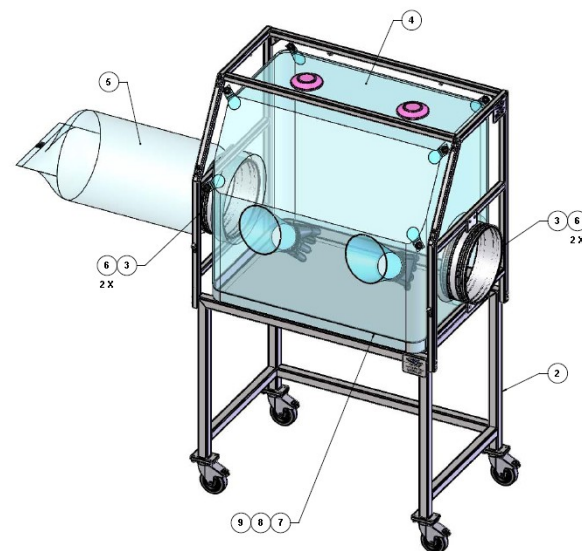
# Transfers to/from Flexible Isolators



Transfer to  
SBV Valved  
Containers



Transfer High  
Containment  
DoverPac  
FIBCs



In Process  
Isolator

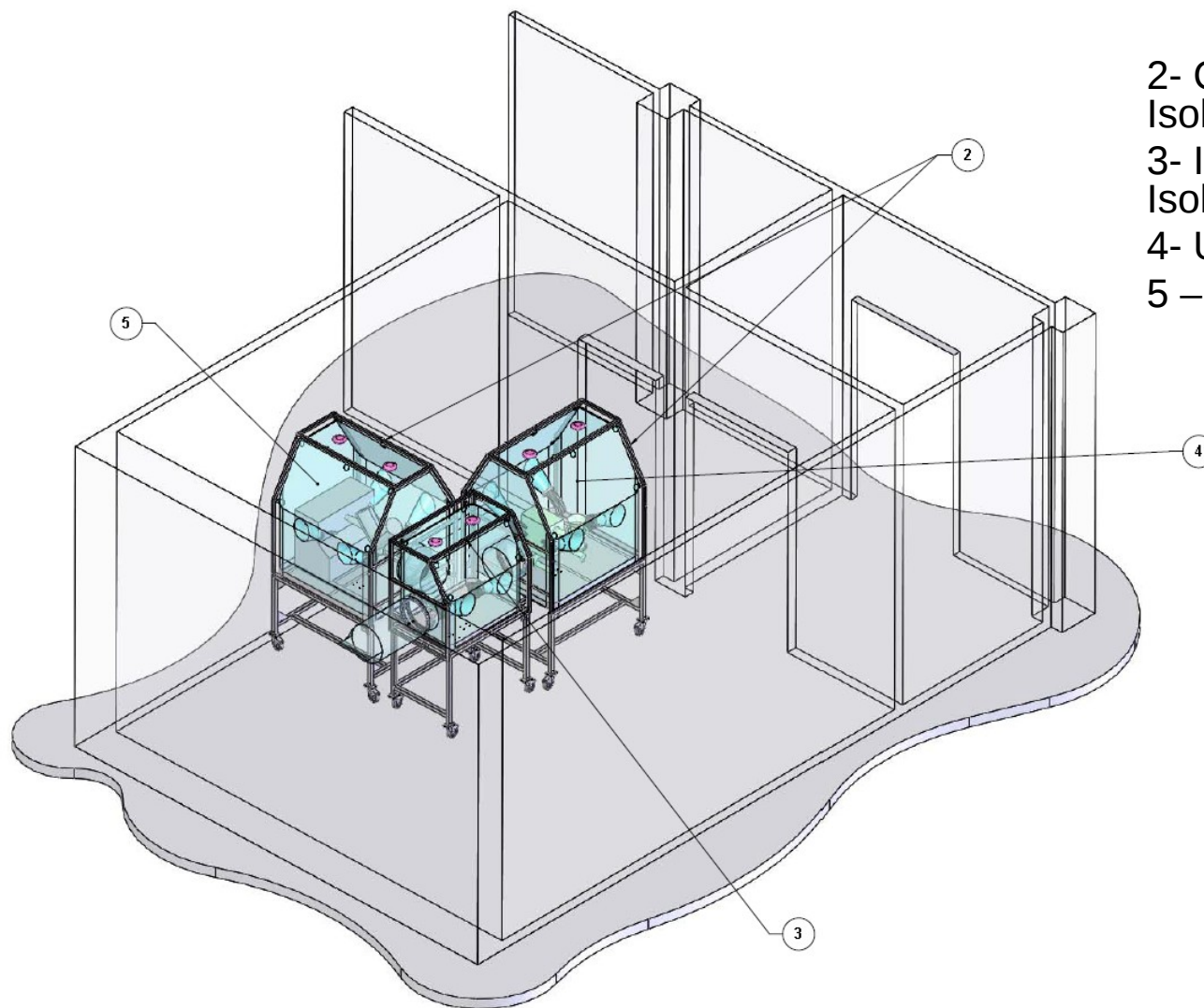






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# Process Train between Flexible Isolators

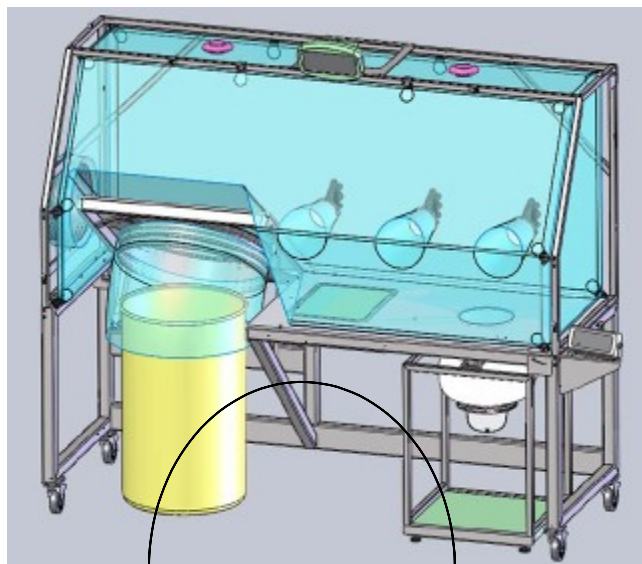


- 2- Contained Universal Isolator System with
- 3- In Process Transfer Isolator
- 4- U5 Cone Mill Isolator
- 5 – V Blender Isolator

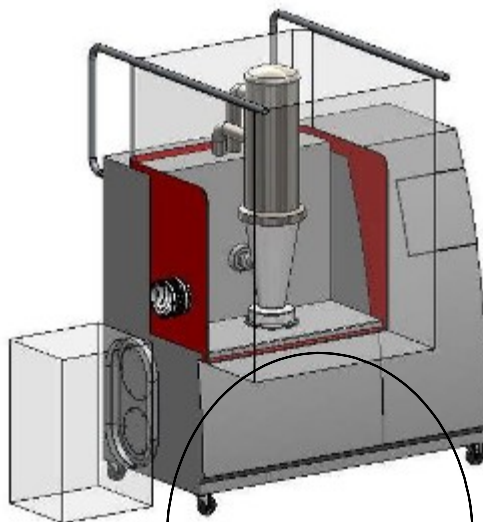




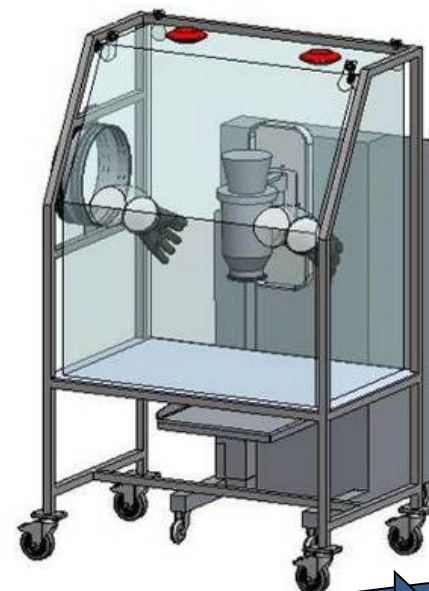
Containment is maintained during each process  
**and** transfers between the processes



Weigh and  
Dispense



Fluid Bed  
Processor



Conical Mill



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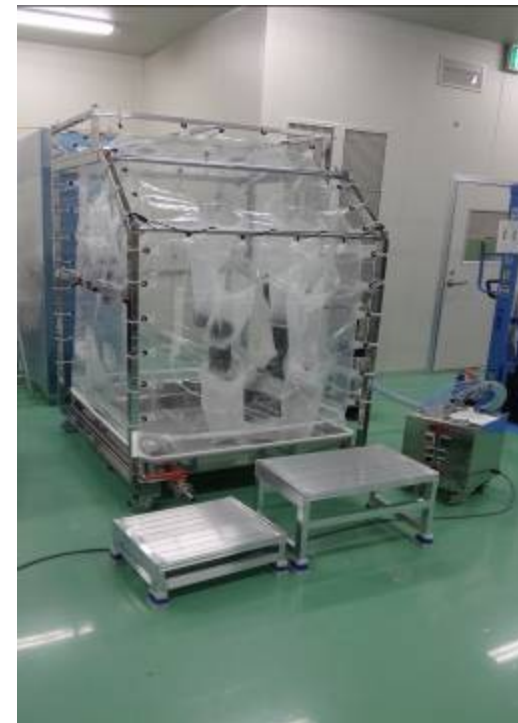
# Flexible Isolator for Process Containment



Fluid Bed  
Processor



Tablet Press with In  
Process Isolator



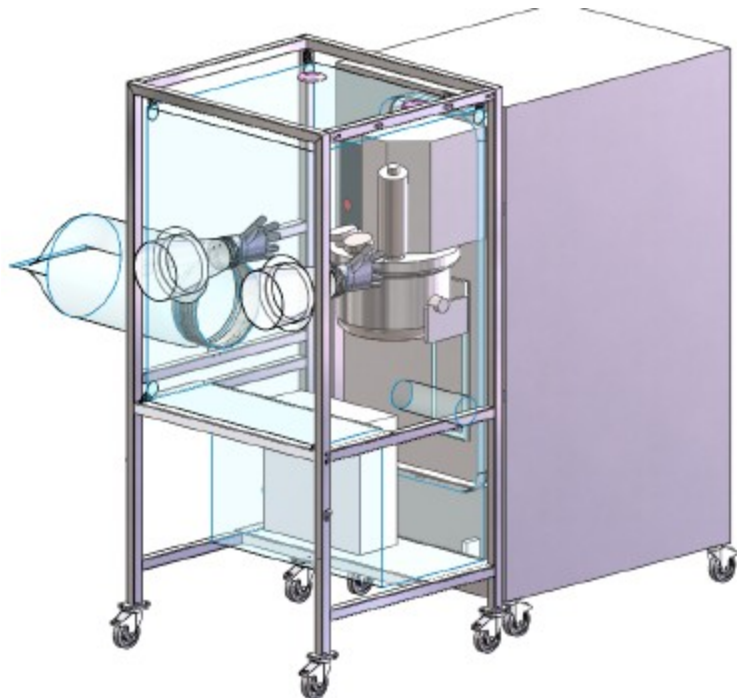
Mill with negative  
pressure







## Flexible Isolator System

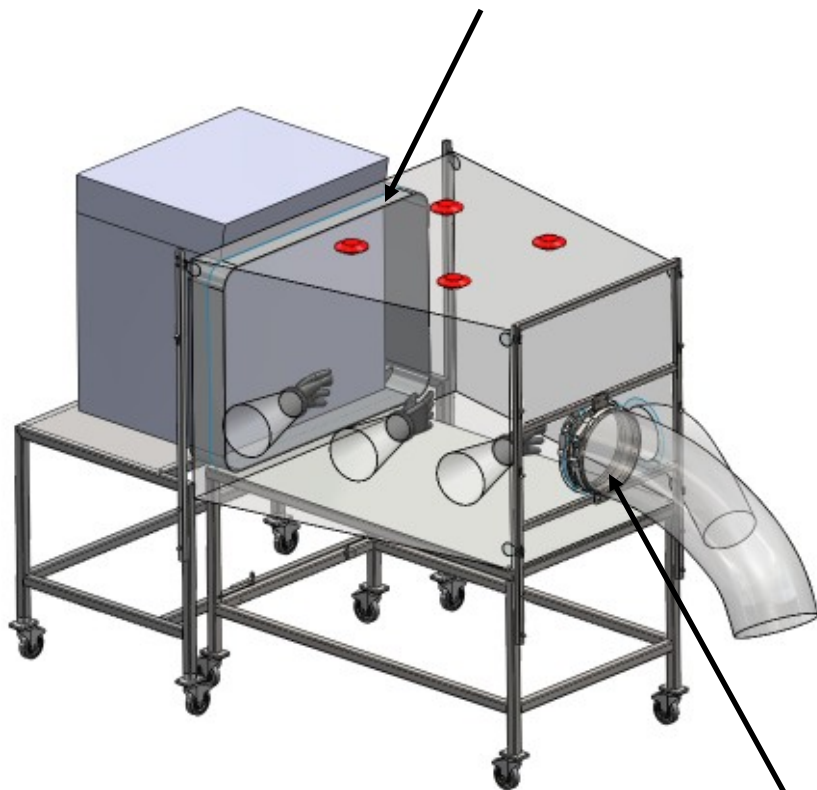


Data and examples for Granulator and  
Dryer from ISPE presentation courtesy of  
PharmaTek





Sealed Flange Connection



System in Use



Bag In / Bag Out System for transfers



## Example of Results using SMEPAC protocol

ILC Dover Enclosure System	Test Material	OBZ	*OBZ-TWA ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Comment (No. of operators)
Granulator	Lactose	0.1120-0.0108	0.0026-0.0027	Operation (2)
Granulator	Lactose	0.0247-0.3000	0.0027-0.0331	Cleaning (2)
Drying Oven	Lactose	0.0395-0.0416	0.0026-0.0028	Operation (2)
Drying Oven	Lactose	0.0142-0.0630	0.0026-0.0037	Cleaning (3)

Operator Sample – 8hour TWA exposure < 0.0026  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$





U5 CoMil in a negative pressure flexible isolator





iii) Run 2 (10/03/2010)

Sample Details	Sampling Time (minutes)	Mean Flow Rate ( $\text{l.min}^{-1}$ )	Total Volume ( $\text{m}^3$ )	Mass of API Detected ( $\mu\text{g}$ )	Airborne Concentration of API ( $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ )	8-hour TWA Exposure ( $\mu\text{g.m}^{-3}$ )
Personal sample 9948	57	2.0	0.114	<0.015	<0.13	<0.015
Background (position 1) 9949	57	2.0	0.114	<0.015	<0.13	-
Background (position 2) 9950	57	2.0	0.114	<0.015	<0.13	-
Background (position 3) 9951	57	2.0	0.114	<0.015	<0.13	-
Background (position 4) 9952	57	2.0	0.114	<0.015	<0.13	-

Operator Sample – 8hour TWA exposure < 0.015  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$







**Flexible containment offers a significantly lower capital cost for installation and continues to have an operational cost benefit**

- Lower capital investment
- Minimal cleaning or

**maintenance costs**





## **Final Inspection – Critical checks to assure the designed system will perform to the requirements**

- Inflation dwell testing – Guarantees integrity
  - Visual inspection *while inflated* to check contamination
- Controlled welding procedures. Lap seams best design
  - Automatic cutting of film – No hand cutting

**Product should have a Certificate of  
Conformance**





# Physical Requirements of Flexible Materials

- **Solvent Resistant**
- **Static Dissipating to eliminate the risk of static build up and potential discharge**
- **The material should serve the process to attach easily and remove easily**
- **High strength to resist tears, puncture, and other damage**
- **Long Shelf Life for Storage**





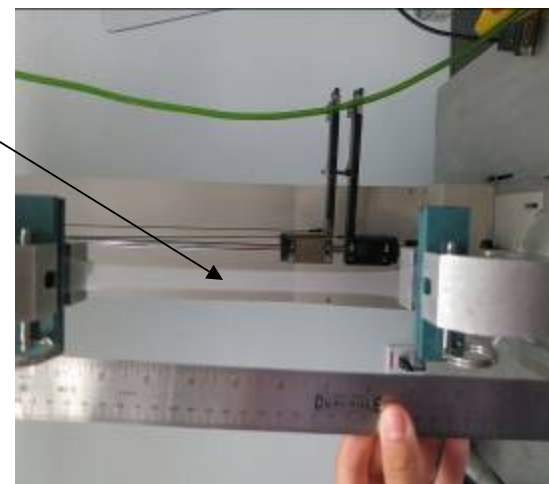
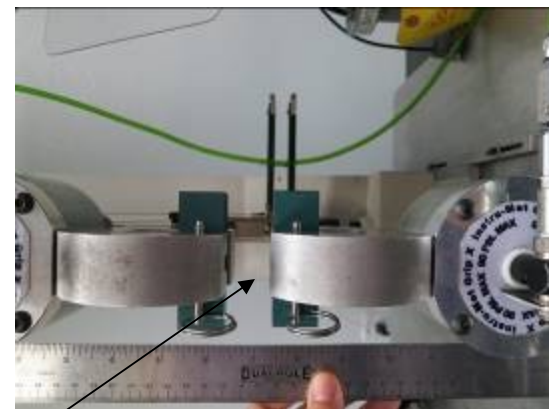
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# Flexible materials are reliable

A flexible material designed with LLDPE will provide a reliable strong structure



Film Tensile Test showing 500% elongation before failure







## Global compliance standards follow FDA, USP, and EP Directives – Strictly Regulated

No animal  
derived  
substances

Solvent Resistant

USP Class VI

No Heavy  
Metals

CONEG  
Compliant

Product Contact  
FDA CFR21  
EFSA 2002/72/EC

Extractables  
& Leachables

Stability testing  
for performance  
on Drug  
Substances



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