ViskoTeepak in brief.

ViskoTeepak is one of the biggest manufacturers of fibrous, cellulose and plastic casings in the world, and we have production plants, converting facilities and technical support offices worldwide. We’re also proud to have the industry’s largest business-partner network, through which our products are offered in nearly 100 countries.

Our newly built head office (ViskoTeepak Holding Ab), which opened in May 2018, is located in Mariehamn, in Finland’s Åland Islands. In Europe, we have fibrous and cellulose production plants in Lommel (Belgium) and Hanko (Finland). Additionally, we have a plastic-casing production plant in Nuevo Laredo (Mexico). Our converting facilities are located in Delfzijl (Netherlands), Brno (Czech Republic) and Kenosha (Wisconsin, USA). Our sales offices are in Moscow, Hamburg and Mexico City.

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ViskoTeepak history.

Gunnar Eriksson was enjoying the smorgasbord on a ferry boat.

He noticed a piece of sausage made in artificial casing on his plate.

He took a piece of the casing to a laboratory.

1952: Gunnar raised some money and started the Visko Company.

1953: Visko started to manufacture cellophane casings with 30 employees.

1962: Visko started to manufacture fibrous casings.

2007: Visko and Teepak merged.

2014: Acquired.

When enjoying a good sausage made in ViskoTeepak high-quality casings, remember Gunnar.

ViskoTeepak locations.

1952: Established.

1965: Established.

1953: Established.


2004: Established.


1975: Established.


2011: Acquired.

2014: Acquired.
ViskoTeepak company culture.

The company culture is the personality of the company. At ViskoTeepak we base our business and our culture on three company Values: Trust, Ambition and Fun. But what do we mean when we talk about these values?

**Values**
- **Trust**
  Trust is built on credibility, being fair and treating each other with respect. We earn trust by delivering on our promises, which is particularly true for how we manage our business and our people. Respecting your colleagues regardless of their age, sex or race is a base requirement for a fair working community.

- **Ambition**
  We have a strong desire to be the best and want to be ambitious on our road to success. That is why we will walk the extra mile to help our customers and partners to succeed in their business. Our “can-do” mentality creates energy and by providing training and development opportunities, we make sure we reach our goals.

- **Fun**
  Fun is created by being successful in achieving your goals and by working with a team of people that you trust and feel connected to. It creates the energy that we need for taking on the next challenge!

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**ViskoTeepak strategic values.**

**Brand promise**
ViskoTeepak is a global brand with a local touch that delivers productive and tailor-made casing solutions. We understand the needs of our customers and nurture long-lasting mutually beneficial and rewarding relationships.

**Brand cornerstones**

**Partnership**
We strive to be a strong partner and provide the best possible support. We have the largest partner network in the casing world and together with our partners we’re able to produce a casing that fits our customers’ processes and applications perfectly. We achieve our success in partnership, we work closely with our customers and we understand their needs. We’re in it for the long run and we will always be around to support them.

**Productive solutions**
We offer the world’s most productive casing solutions. We constantly improve and develop new solutions that bring value. We’re creative, and we develop our products in a sustainable way. If there’s a better way, we’ll find it.

**Tailor-made**
Our goal is to tailor-make the most productive casing solution for each customer. We’re willing to go the extra mile to craft each product to perfectly fit our customers’ needs. This makes our products unique and gives our customers the ability to produce with great efficiency and high quality.

**Values**

- **Trust**
- **Ambition**
- **Fun**
Collagen.
ViskoTeepak is working with some of the biggest and best producers in the world and can in partnership with them offer you some of the best casing solutions in the collagen business. For the U.S. market we offer Nippi as edible and Fibran as non-edible collagen.

What is Collagen?
Collagen is a common, naturally occurring, long, fibrous protein with remarkable properties. It has been used for many years as the primary raw material for various applications, including the food and casing industry.

Nippi edible collagen casing.
Nippi’s collagen casing business began in the wake of Dr. Nishihara’s discovery of a “solubilization technology” for collagen fiber, which had long been considered insoluble. Patent application was submitted in 1960, and casing manufacturing and sales began in 1970. Nippi is recognized as the first manufacturer to successfully commercialize edible casing for sausage made from collagen and currently sells its casings to over 30 countries around the globe.

Nippi edible collagen casing
The unique aspect of Nippi collagen casings is the use of an original collagen solution. Collagen was considered to be insoluble, but Nippi developed a special process which breaks collagen fibers down into a solution without radically altering or denaturing their molecular composition.

This solution is then mixed with collagen fiber and processed further into a paste, which is then extruded into tubes of uniform thickness and diameter. Nippi casings are different from other collagen casings in that the collagen solution permits the extrusion of stronger membranes. This ensures excellent machinability while maintaining tenderness.

Nippi’s unique process was originally patented in 1962, and in addition, all of the equipments used in the production process has been developed by Nippi’s own engineers.

Benefits
Nippi edible collagen is a very good casing alternative that provides numerous benefits that natural casings do not. It can be used for a wide range of applications such as cooked, fresh and dry sausages. In brief you could say that there are four principals why to choose Nippi collagen:

• It saves money
  • Tight diameter control and reduced shrink improves yields
• Consumers like it
  • Nippi’s technology results in a strong casing with tender bite
• It’s safe and hygienic
  • Minimal handling vs natural casing
• It’s versatile
  • Designed for a wide range of sausages and processes
Smoked and cooked sausages with Nippi R-type.

R type Nippi casings are designed for processed, smoked, semi-dried and dried sausage. R type is a multi-purpose casing, which meets various industry requirements. The extra strong membrane enables trouble free, high speed stuffing which improves profitability. Upon completion of the smoking/cooking process, the membrane of the R type casing then becomes extra tender to provide a nice bite. Also, cooked sausage (non-smoked) made with R type casing can be pan fried without any breakage or peeling.

**Storage Conditions**
- Nippi® Casings should be stored in a cool and dry environment.
- Storage temperature: 35°F–59°F. Relative Humidity: 50–70% RH.
- AVOID FREEZING
- Use open boxes as soon as possible – do not allow casing to dry out.

**Stuffing Recommendations**
- Nippi has tight size control — Do not overstuff
- Do not allow the casings to become wet.
- Stuff dry – the casings will absorb enough moisture from the meat for proper machining.
- Nippi will work equally well on all types of linking machines.
- Longer shirr footage may require different stuffing horn specifications.

**Cooling Recommendations**
- Drying at the beginning of cook cycle is very important to ensure casing is strong enough to prevent breakage during remainder of cook cycle.
- Dry at 140°F to 150°F with dampers open until no surface moisture on casings remains – approximately 30 minutes.
- Excessive drying will cause toughness in finished product.
- Generally normal cook cycles for natural casing product for the individual smokehouse and formulations will be satisfactory.
- For tenderness some humidity must be maintained during cooking or product must be finished in a steam cabinet (not over 173°F).

**Cooking Recommendations**
- Product should be cooked until internal temperature reaches below 100°F.
- Processed Casing Types and Applications
  - R Type – Designed for processed and smoked sausages as well as dry sausages.

**Shelf Life**
- The storage and/or shelf life of Nippi collagen casings is to be considered to be a maximum of three (3) years from the date of conversion by Nippi. The product must be stored under the proper storage conditions and protected from light exposure.

Contact your ViskoTeepak sales representative for more information.

**Features and benefits**

| Multipurpose casings | Applicable to a wide range of applications |
| Extra strong membrane | High speed stuffing, higher yields |
| Tender casing | Nice bite |
| Multiple colors | Improved marketing |

For technical data, refer to pages 18–19.
Specialized smoked and cooked sausages with Nippi T, T3 and K-type.

Each of these special processed type Nippi casings are constructed to provide trouble free, high speed stuffing which improves profitability. Upon completion of the smoking/cooking process, the membrane of these specialized casings will provide the target bite characteristic.

**T-type**
Nippi T-type casings are designed to emulate a natural hog casing’s bite and snap.

**T3-type**
Nippi T3-type casings are designed to emulate a natural sheep casing’s bite and snap.

**K-type**
Nippi K-type is designed to provide an alternative bite characteristic vs. the standard R-type casing.

Contact your ViskoTeepak sales representative for more information.

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F type Nippi casing are designed specifically for fresh sausage cooked quickly by dehydrated heat such as deep-frying, grilling or pan frying. One of the key characteristics of the F type casing is its ability to maintain its shape when cooked; there is very little shrinkage, so breakage and pull back after frying is minimal. Nippi engineers designed the F type casing to wet-out (swell) quick in order for the casing to become flexible during the stuffing process. The end result is sausage links with nice closed ends and little breakage or tearing during the linking process.

Storage Conditions
- Nippi® Casings should be stored in a cool and dry environment.
- Storage temperature: 35°F-59°F. Relative Humidity: 50 – 70% RH.
- Avoid freezing.
- Use open boxes as soon as possible – do not allow casing to dry out.

Stuffing Recommendations
- Nippi has tight size control – Do not over stuff.
- Casing should be stuffed full but not hard – the strand should have a wrinkled appearance.
- Do not allow the casings to become wet.
- Stuff dry – the casings will absorb enough moisture from the meat for proper machining.
- Longer shirr footage may require different stuffing from specifications.
- “Wet Out” Time for Nippi is approximately the same time as other edible collagen casings. To prevent excess waiting and production down time, flip a coil of stuffed casing so that the beginning part, which is already “wetted out”, can be linked first.
- Nippi will work equally well on all types of linking machines.

Cooking Recommendations
- First Method – Place links into cold skillet and bring temperature up to 325°F or 350°F. Turn links as needed to provide even browning.
- Second Method – Put a small amount of oil into skillet (enough to cover bottom), put links into skillet and bring temperature up to 325°F or 350°F. Do not use lid or cover on skillet. Do not start frying with water. Turn as necessary to provide even browning.
- Third Method – Deep fry between 325°F or 350°F.

Types and Applications
- F Type – Designed for all types of fresh sausages and ideal for pre-cook or deep fry applications. Wets out fast for maximum stretch and prevention of splitting.

Shelf Life
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Fully cooked fresh sausages with Nippi NF.

Nippi NF an edible casing is designed for improved machining on loading equipment and reduced sticking during skillet fry applications. It’s perfect for fully cooked fresh sausages.

Effective production
Nippi strive to produce casings that are extremely versatile and with a great uniformity. Nippi NF is available in clear and tinted colors.

Nippi F is a good choice for replacing natural casings like hog gut. In addition Nippi casing gives you the smooth and effective production process.

Typical applications
For applications where the sausage is stuffed and packaged as fresh or frozen links.
- Breakfast (pork, turkey, chicken) links
- Andouille
- Chorizo
- Fully cooked fresh sausage

Nippi NF is made for fully cooked sausage including pan frying

Features and benefits

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# Nippi product offering.

We thank you for your business with us. Below are instructions for you to note when using our collagen casings. Please consult your ViskoTeepak sales representative for further information.

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## Nippi Fresh type stuffing specifications

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## Nippi using instructions

**Step 1**
Open the package when it's ready for production.

**Step 2**
Water soaking is not necessary for our collagen casings.

**Step 3**
Please see the stuffing direction shown on the inner small caddie boxes when loading each casing onto the stuffing horn.

**Step 4**
If/when the casings are left over in inner small caddy boxes, please make sure to completely seal the box in a plastic bag, and store it under cool (5~15 centigrade) and dry conditions. When the casings are stored without ensuring above, the casings dry up and becomes the cause of breakages at stuffing.

**Step 5**
We recommended a stuff diameter as 1mm – 1.5mm below nominal size to allow for expansion during cook. The actual temperature in during the cooking processes (steaming/boiling, etc.) should not exceed 78 centigrade. However, when the casings are overstuffed, and/or excessively twisted, dropping during the cooking may occur even under the said temperature.

**Step 6**
The product numbers/codes (i.e. R180 etc.) indicates the final product diameter—18.0mm for 180.
**Fibran non-edible collagen casing.**

Fibran collagen casings are manufactured and refined to retain their time-proven natural properties such as smoke permeability, even drying and meat adhesion. The applied technology provides easy processing, size control and production efficiencies, giving you the best of both worlds in one casing choice.

**Fibran in brief**

Fibran is an industrial company that produces collagen. The company started up in 1953 in the heart of the Catalan Pyrenees. Two years later Fibran casings were launched in the Spanish market, which had been accustomed to casings made from natural materials.

With over 60 years of experience, work, research and innovation, Fibran is a benchmark of collagen casings exporting its production to more than 60 countries around the world.

Fibran offers a very wide range of products in more than 25,000 m² in Sant Joan de les Abadesses (Girona, Spain) and Tuzla (Istanbul, Turkey).

**Fibran quality**

Fibran's main focus is on the quality of its products. Their insistence on high quality standards, constant search for innovations and customer focus makes them a leader in the artificial collagen casing market sector.

**Fibran quality policy:**

“Good planning, a positive attitude and strict adherence to the standards will lead us to enhance occupational safety, thus continuously improving the efficiency of our Quality Management System.”

Contact your ViskoTeepak sales representative for more information.
Cured sausages with Fibran S1.

Fibran S1 high quality non-edible collagen casings is most suitable for processing of all kinds of cured meats.

Formats and calibers
Straight casing Ø 20–140 mm
Round casing Ø 20–58 mm

For small round casing please contact your ViskoTeepak sales representative.

Converting options
• Reels or bundles, Shirring, Tying, Clipping, Sewing, Easy Peel (EP), Special Hard, Ready To Use (RTU), Perforation.

Applications:
• Salchichón, Chorizo, longaniza, Salami, Fuet , Loin, Sobrasada.

Pre-treatment and storage
Soaked for at least 20 min in Brine water (mix water 25°C and salt at a concentration of 15%).

Please keep the casing in a cool and dry place between 10–15°C and 60–70% HR.

Cooked sausages with Fibran NF.

Fibran NF is a high quality non-edible quality collagen casings ideal for cooked sausages or those subject to prolonged cooking processes or for cured sausages such as salami, cured Iberian loin, fuet and other products that require stoving with a high permeability and adherence.

Formats and calibers
Straight casing Ø 20–140 mm
Round casing Ø 20–58 mm

For small round casing please contact your ViskoTeepak sales representative.

Converting options
• Reels or bundles, Shirring, Tying, Clipping, Sewing, Easy Peel (EP), Special Hard, Ready To Use (RTU), Perforation, Printing.

Applications:
• Cooked products of all kinds, Fleischwurst, Falukorv, Sucuk, LENKIMAKKARA.

Pre-treatment and storage
Soaked for at least 20 min in Brine water (mix water 25°C and salt at a concentration of 15%).

Please keep the casing in a cool and dry place between 10–15°C and 60–70% HR.
Fibran Color offering.

**Color options**

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ViskoTepeak product portfolio.

**Fibrous casing**

We’re the world’s leading manufacturer of fibrous casings, in terms of volume as well as variety. We also offer the widest range of diameters, from the smallest to the largest casing diameter. Fibrous casings are used for a wide range of applications, such as pepperoni, salami and luncheon meats.

**Cellulose casing / Wienie-Pak**

We’re one of the big players in the cellulose-casing market, and our reputation is based on the ability to offer our customers the most efficient cellulose casing available. Wienie-Pak is used for a wide range of applications, including all kinds of frankfurters, hot dogs, beer sausages and mini-salamis.

**Plastic casing / Nova**

The Nova casing is a combination of different types of high-performance plastic resins, which work together to provide a unique level of performance. The Nova casing is used for a wide range of applications such as cooked hams, liver sausages, pâtés and different cheese products.

**Collagen casing**

We offer both edible and non-edible collagen for the US and German markets. Collagen is a strong and flexible casing which is used for a wide range of applications such as cooked, dry and fresh sausages.

**Packaging materials**

We’re a full-line food packaging supplier to the meat and poultry processing industry. Our packaging materials and brands are today offered mainly in Germany, Canada, Mexico and the U.S. Our packaging materials are used for a wide range of products such as pouches, shrink bags and films.
ViskoTeepak is committed to conduct its business with honesty and integrity, to follow the law and to make sure that each employee and business partner is treated respectfully. We have the highest level of certification in the casing industry and act responsible when it comes to quality, health, safety and the environment.

**Code of Conduct**
The full text of our Code of Conduct is available in English on our website: [www.viskoteepak.com](http://www.viskoteepak.com)

**Sustainability Report**
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Periodical audits by the Lloyd’s Register, Inspecta certification and DNV.

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