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Unifi's Repreve to include fiber of recycled PET bottles

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Unifi Inc. said yesterday that it has expanded its line of Repreve recycled products to include a fiber made from 100 percent post-consumer PET bottles.

The company introduced the Repreve line in 2006. It made polyester chips -- about the size of a Tic Tac breath mint -- from fiber waste, a byproduct of yarn production. A percentage of post-consumer plastics, such as soda and water bottles, also have been used.

Since then, it has added recycled filament nylon, staple polyester and performance fibers.