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Rings, Sealing, Fluorocarbon (FKM) Rubber
High-Temperature-Fluid Resistant
Low Compression Set
85 to 95

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form:

This specification covers a fluorocarbon (FKM) rubber in the form of O-rings, O-ring cord, compression seals and molded-in-place gaskets.

1.2 Application:

These products have been used typically as sealing rings, compression seals, and molded-in-place gaskets in contact with air and a wide variety of fuels, lubricants, and specific hydraulic fluids from -29 to +260 °C (-200 to +500 °F), but usage is not limited to such applications, each application however should be considered individually.

1.3 Safety - Hazardous Materials:

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2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:

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2.1 SAE Publications:

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

AMS 2817 Packaging and Identification, Preformed Packings

AMS 3023 Fluid Reference for Testing Polyol Ester (and Diester) Resistant Material

AS568 Aerospace Size Standard for O-Rings

AS871 Manufacturing and Inspection Standards for Preformed Packings (O-Rings)

AS3581 Packings, Preformed - AMS 7259 - O-Rings

AIR851 O-Ring Tension Testing Calculations

2.2 ASTM Publications:

Available from ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

ASTM D 297 Rubber Products - Chemical Analysis

ASTM D 395 Rubber Property - Compression Set

ASTM D 412 Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers - Tension

ASTM D 471 Rubber Property - Effect of Liquids

ASTM D 573 Rubber Property - Deterioration in an Air Oven

ASTM D 792 Rubber Property - Specific Gravity

ASTM D 1329 Rubber Property - Retraction at Low Temperature (TR Test)

ASTM D 1414 Rubber - Testing O-Rings

ASTM D 2240 Rubber Property - Durometer Hardness

2.3 U.S. Government Publications:

Available from DODSSP, Subscription Services Desk, Building 4D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.

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3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Material:

Shall be a compound, based on a fluorocarbon (FKM) elastomer, suitably cured to produce sealing rings, compression seals and molded-in-place gaskets meeting the requirements of 3.2 and 3.3. A dihydroxy/bisphenol cure system shall be used. Material shall be based on 100% virgin fluorocarbon (FKM) elastomer. No reprocessed or non-fluorocarbon polymer is acceptable.

3.1.1 Color: Shall be black or brown. No other color shall be acceptable.

3.2 Properties:

Rings shall conform to the requirements shown in Table 1; tests shall be performed on the rings supplied and in accordance with ASTM D 1414, insofar as practicable. O-ring sizes, that are suitable for test are shown in Table 4. For all other sizes, and products, tests shall be conducted on a size -214 O-ring of identical batch and state of cure as the end item. Compression set and specific gravity tests shall be conducted on the end item if possible. Calculations of tensile strength and elongation may be made in accordance with AIR851.

TABLE 1 - Properties

Property	Requirement	Test Method
3.2.1 Hardness, Durometer "A" or equivalent	90 $\pm$ 5	ASTM D 2240
3.2.2 Tensile Strength, min	1400 psi (9.65 MPa)	ASTM D 412
3.2.3 Elongation, min	100%	ASTM D 412
3.2.4 Specific Gravity	Preproduction Value $\pm$ 0.02	ASTM D 792 (Hydrostatic Method)
3.2.5 Aromatic Fuel Resistance		ASTM D 471 ASTM Ref. Fuel B 23 °C $\pm$ 2 (73 °F $\pm$ 5) 70 hours $\pm$ 0.5
3.2.5.1 Hardness Change, Durometer "A" or equivalent	-5 to +5	
3.2.5.2 Tensile Strength Change, max	-20%	
3.2.5.3 Elongation Change, max	-20%	
3.2.5.4 Volume Change	0 to +5%	

TABLE 1 - Properties (Continued)

Property	Requirement	Test Method
3.2.6 Synthetic Lubricant Resistance		ASTM D 471 (Note A) AMS 3023 200 °C ± 3 (392 °F ± 5) 70 hours ± 0.5
3.2.6.1 Hardness Change, Durometer "A" or equivalent	−15 to 0	
3.2.6.2 Tensile Strength Change, max (based on area before immersion)	−35%	
3.2.6.3 Elongation Change, max	−20%	
3.2.6.4 Volume Change	+1 to +25%	
3.2.6.5 Compression Set, Percent of Original Deflection, max Ring Cross Section Diameter 0.066 to 0.110, inch (1.68 to 2.79 mm), incl. Over 0.110 inch (2.79 mm)	35 20	ASTM D 395 Method B
3.2.7 Dry Heat Resistance		ASTM D 573 270 °C ± 3 (518 °F ± 5) 70 hours ± 0.5
3.2.7.1 Hardness Change, Durometer "A" or equivalent	−5 to +10	
3.2.7.2 Tensile Strength Change, max	−45%	

TABLE 1 - Properties (Continued)

Property	Requirement	Test Method
3.2.7.3 Elongation Change, max	-20%	
3.2.7.4 Weight Loss, max	10%	4.5.1
3.2.8 Compression Set: Percent of Original Deflection, max Ring Cross Section Diameter, 0.066 to 0.110, inch (1.68 to 2.79 mm), incl. Over 0.110 inch (2.79 mm)	35 25	ASTM D 395 Method B 200 °C ± 3 (392 °F ± 5) 22 hours ± 0.5
3.2.9 Long-Term Compression Set: Percent of Original Deflection, max Ring Cross Section Diameter, 0.066 to 0.110, inch (1.68 to 2.79 mm), incl. Over 0.110 inch (2.79 mm)	65 60	200 °C ± 3 (392 °F ± 5) 336 hours ± 0.5
3.2.10 Low-Temperature Resistance Temperature Retraction, TR ₁₀ Point, max	-15 °C (+5 °F)	ASTM D 1329

(Note A) Do not dip specimen in acetone; blot dry residual oil from specimen.

3.3 Physical Properties After Humidity Aging on Brown Parts Only:

The properties shown in Table 2 shall be determined on brown O-rings/products and other products that have been aged for 28 days $\pm$ 2 hours at 25 °C $\pm$ 1 (77 °F $\pm$ 2) and 95% $\pm$ 3 relative humidity.

TABLE 2 - Humidity Aged Properties

Property	Requirement	Test Method
3.3.1 Tensile Strength, min	1400 psi (9.65 MPa)	ASTM D 412
3.3.2 Elongation, min	100%	ASTM D 412
3.3.3 Tensile Strength Change, max, ⁽¹⁾	-15%	
3.3.4 Elongation Change, max, ⁽¹⁾	-15%	
3.4 Synthetic Lubricant Resistance		ASTM D 471 (Note A) AMS 3023 200 °C $\pm$ 3 (392 °F $\pm$ 5) 70 hours $\pm$ 0.5
3.4.1 Tensile Strength Change, max	-35%	
3.4.2 Elongation Change, max	-20%	
3.4.3 Compression Set Percent of Original Deflection, max	15	
3.5 Dry Heat Resistance After Humidity Age		ASTM D 573 270 °C $\pm$ 3 (518 °F $\pm$ 5) 70 hours $\pm$ 0.5

TABLE 2 - Humidity Aged Properties (Continued)

Property	Requirement	Test Method
3.5.1 Tensile Strength Change, max	-45%	
3.5.2 Elongation Change, max	-25%	
3.6 Compression Set: Percent of Original Deflection, max	25	ASTM D 395 Method B 200 °C ± 3 (392 °F ± 5) 22 hours ± 0.5
(1) Shall be based on the original tensile strength and elongation found when tested to the requirements of Table 1.		

3.7 Quality:

Products, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, smooth as free from foreign materials, and free from internal imperfections detrimental to usage of the rings. Surface imperfections shall be no greater than permitted by AS871 for minor defects.

3.8 Sizes and Tolerances:

Shall be as specified on the drawing. Standard sizes are shown in AS568. Inspection for conformance to dimensional requirements shall be made in accordance with AS871.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection:

The manufacturer of product shall supply all samples and shall be responsible for all required tests. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that product conforms to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Requirements shown in Table 3 are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each lot.

TABLE 3 - Acceptance Requirements

Requirements	Paragraph Reference
Hardness	3.2.1
Tensile Strength	3.2.2
Elongation	3.2.3
Specific Gravity	3.2.4
Compression Set	3.2.8
Quality	3.7
Sizes and Tolerances	3.8

4.2.2 Preproduction Tests: All technical requirements are preproduction tests and shall be performed prior to or on the initial shipment of the product by the manufacturer or when a change in ingredients and/or processing requires reapproval as in 4.4.1 and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.

4.3 Sampling and Testing:

Shall be as follows.

4.3.1 Acceptance Tests: Sufficient rings shall be taken at random from each lot in accordance with Table 3 to perform all the required tests. The number of determinations for each requirement shall be as specified in the applicable test procedure or, if not specified therein, not less than three.

TABLE 4 - Suitable Size Test Table (See 3.2)

1/8 inch Spool	
CS	0.070 -0.11 to -014
1/4 inch Spool	
CS	0.070 -015 to -021
	0.103 -113 to -119
	0.139 -211 to -213
1/2 inch Spool	
CS	0.070 -022 to -050
	0.103 -120 to -163
	0.139 -214 to -258

- 4.3.1.1 A lot shall be all rings of the same size, from the same batch of compound processed in one continuous run and presented for manufacturer's inspection at one time.
- 4.3.1.2 A batch shall be the quantity of compound run through a mill or mixer at one time.
- 4.3.1.3 A statistical sampling plan acceptable to the purchaser may be used in lieu of sampling as in 4.3.1.
- 4.3.1.4 Sampling Plan: The sample unit shall be one molded part. The sample size for both visual and dimensional inspection shall be as indicated below. Acceptance is based on zero defects. Sample size for visual and dimensional requirements shall be as shown in Table 5.

TABLE 5 - Visual and Dimensional Inspection

Lot Size	Sample Size
2 to 8	Entire Lot
9 to 90	8
91 to 150	12
151 to 280	19
281 to 500	21
501 to 1200	27
1201 to 3200	35
3201 to 10,000	38
10,001 to 35,000	46
35,001 to 150,000	56
150,001 and Over	65

- 4.3.2 Preproduction Tests: Samples shall consist of 50 AS568-214 O-rings from one production lot. Eight 1-inch (25 mm) nominal diameter by 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) minimum thickness hardness buttons shall be supplied from the same lot.

4.4 Approval:

- 4.4.1 Manufacturer shall establish, for each size of ring, parameters for the process control factors which will produce rings meeting the technical requirements of this specification. These shall constitute the approved procedures and shall be used for manufacturing production of product. Production product made by the revised procedure shall not be shipped prior to receipt of reapproval. If necessary to make any change in parameters for the process control factors, manufacturer shall submit for reapproval a statement of the proposed changes in ingredients and/or processing and when requested, sample rings. Production rings incorporating the revised procedure shall not be shipped prior to receipt of reapproval.