



# AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION

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## BUTYL RUBBER Phosphate Ester Resistant 65 - 75

### 1. SCOPE:

- 1.1 Form: This specification covers a butyl rubber in the form of sheet, strip, tubing, extrusions, and molded shapes.
- 1.2 Application: Primarily for parts such as O-rings, gaskets, grommets, and seals requiring resistance to phosphate esters or low permeability to gases. Not suitable for use in contact with petroleum-base fluids due to excessive swell.

### 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specifications (AMS) shall apply. The applicable issue of other documents shall be as specified in AMS 2350.

- 2.1 SAE Publications: Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, Pennsylvania 15096.

#### 2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods  
AMS 2810 - Identification, Natural and Synthetic Rubber Materials

- 2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

ASTM D395 - Compression Set of Vulcanized Rubber  
ASTM D412 - Tension Testing of Vulcanized Rubber  
ASTM D471 - Change in Properties of Elastomeric Vulcanizates  
Resulting from Immersion in Liquids  
ASTM D573 - Accelerated Aging of Vulcanized Rubber by the Oven Method  
ASTM D624 - Tear Resistance of Vulcanized Rubber  
ASTM D797 - Young's Modulus in Flexure of Elastomers at Normal and Sub-normal Temperatures  
ASTM D2137 - Low-Temperature Impact Test for Brittleness Determination of Flexible Polymeric Materials or Fabrics Coated Therewith, or Both  
ASTM D2240 - Indentation Hardness of Rubber and Plastics by Means of a Durometer

### 3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 3.1 Material: Shall be a compound based on a butyl elastomer, suitably cured to produce a product meeting all technical requirements of this specification.
- 3.2 Properties: The product shall conform to the following requirements; tests shall be performed on the product supplied and in accordance with the specified ASTM methods, insofar as practicable:

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3.2.1 As Received:

3.2.1.1	Hardness, Durometer Ø "A" or equiv.	70 $\pm$ 5	ASTM D2240
3.2.1.2	Tensile Strength, min	1500 psi (10.34 MPa)	ASTM D412, Die B or C
3.2.1.3	Elongation, min	300%	ASTM D412, Die B or C
3.2.1.4	Tear Resistance Ø lb per in. (kg/m), min	80% of qualification value	ASTM D624, Die B or C

3.2.2 Phosphate Ester Resistance:  
(Immediate Deteriorated Properties)

ASTM D471

Medium: Tri-n-butyl  
phosphate  
Temperature: 100° C  $\pm$  1  
(212° F  $\pm$  1.8)  
Time: 70 hr  $\pm$  0.5

3.2.2.1	Hardness Change, Durometer "A" or equiv.	0 to -30
3.2.2.2	Tensile Strength Change, max	-30%
3.2.2.3	Elongation Change, max	-20%
3.2.2.4	Volume Change	0 to +30%

3.2.3 Dry Heat Resistance

ASTM D573

Temperature: 100° C  $\pm$  1  
(212° F  $\pm$  1.8)  
Time: 70 hr  $\pm$  0.5

3.2.3.1	Hardness Change, Durometer "A" or equiv.	0 to +10
3.2.3.2	Tensile Strength Change, max	-20%
3.2.3.3	Elongation Change, max	-40%

3.2.4 Compression Set:

ASTM D395, Method B

Temperature: 100° C  $\pm$  1  
(212° F  $\pm$  1.8)  
Time: 70 hr  $\pm$  0.5

3.2.4.1	Percent of original deflection, max	85
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3.2.5 Low Temperature Resistance:

3.2.5.1	Brittleness	Pass
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ASTM D2137, Method A

Temperature: -35° C  $\pm$  1  
(-31° F  $\pm$  1.8)  
Time: 10 min.  $\pm$  0.5

3.2.5.2	Young's Modulus, max (See 8.2)	30,000 psi (207 MPa)
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ASTM D797

Temperature: -40° C  $\pm$  1  
(-40° F  $\pm$  1.8)

3.2.6 Weathering: When specified, the product shall have weather resistance acceptable to the purchaser, determined by a procedure agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.2.7 Corrosion: The product shall not have a corrosive effect on other materials when exposed to conditions normally encountered in service. Discoloration of metal shall not be considered objectionable.

3.3 Quality: The product shall be uniform in quality and condition, clean, smooth, as free from foreign material as commercially practicable, and free from imperfections detrimental to fabrication, appearance, or performance of parts.

3.4 Tolerances: Unless otherwise specified, the following tolerances shall apply:

3.4.1 Sheet and Strip:

TABLE I

Nominal Thickness Inches	Tolerance, Inch plus and minus
Up to 0.125, incl	0.016
Over 0.125 to 0.500, incl	0.032
Over 0.500	0.047

TABLE I (SI)

Nominal Thickness Millimetres	Tolerance, Millimetres plus and minus
Up to 3.18, incl	0.41
Over 3.18 to 12.70, incl	0.79
Over 12.70	1.19

3.4.2 Tubing:

3.4.2.1 Diameter:

TABLE II

Nominal OD or ID (not both), Inches	Tolerance plus and minus	Ovality, % (See 3.4.2.1.1)
Up to 0.500, incl	0.020 in.	10
Over 0.500 to 1.000, incl	0.030 in.	15
Over 1.000	4%	15

TABLE II (SI)

Nominal OD or ID (not both), Millimetres	Tolerance plus and minus	Ovality, % (See 3.4.2.1.1)
Up to 12.70, incl	0.51 mm	10
Over 12.70 to 25.40, incl	0.76 mm	15
Over 25.40	4%	15

3.4.2.1.1 Ovality applies to tubing ordered in straight lengths with wall thickness of 0.063 in. (1.60 mm) and over, and shall be computed from the difference of the minor and major axis diameter measurements, taken at the same transverse plane on the tube, expressed as a percentage of the nominal diameter.

3.4.2.2 Wall Thickness:TABLE III

Nominal Wall Thickness Inches	Tolerance plus and minus
Up to 0.063, excl	0.005 in.
0.063 and over	10%

TABLE III (SI)

Nominal Wall Thickness Millimetres	Tolerance plus and minus
Up to 1.60, excl	0.13 mm
1.60 and over	10%

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of the product shall supply all samples and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Results of such tests shall be reported to the purchaser as required by 4.5. Purchaser reserves the right to perform such confirmatory testing as he deems necessary to assure that the product conforms to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Tests to determine conformance to the following requirements are classified as acceptance or routine control tests and shall be performed on each lot of product:

Property	Paragraph
Hardness, as received	3.2.1.1
Tensile Strength, as received	3.2.1.2
Elongation, as received	3.2.1.3
Volume Change in oil	3.2.2.4
Compression Set	3.2.4

4.2.2 Qualification Tests: Tests to determine conformance to all technical requirements of this specification are classified as qualification or periodic control tests and may be the basis for approval of the compound (See 4.4.1).

4.3 Sampling: Sufficient material shall be taken at random from each lot or batch to perform all required tests in triplicate. When the product supplied is an extrusion of such shape that suitable test specimens cannot be cut from the product, a separate flat strip test sample shall be supplied upon request. This strip shall be prepared from 1 in.  $\pm$  1/16 (25 mm  $\pm$  1.6) OD by 0.075 in.  $\pm$  0.008 (1.90 mm  $\pm$  0.20) thick wall tubing which shall be mechanically split and flattened into a strip while being extruded and then cured in the same manner as production material.

4.3.1 A lot shall be all product from the same batch of compound processed in one continuous run and submitted for the vendor's inspection at one time.

4.3.2 A batch shall be the quantity of compound run through a mill or mixer at one time.