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SILICONE RUBBER
Extreme Low-Temperature Resistant
15 - 30

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form: This specification covers an extreme-low-temperature-resistant silicone rubber in the form of sheet, strip, and molded shapes.

1.2 Application: Primarily for rubber-like parts required to operate or seal from -75° to +230°C (-105° to +445°F), compounded especially for operation at extreme low temperatures. Silicone rubber is resistant to deterioration by weathering and by high-aniline-point petroleum-base oils and remains flexible over the temperature range noted. This material is not normally suitable for use in contact with low-aniline-point petroleum-base fluids, including fuels, due to excessive swelling.

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 SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods
AMS 2810 - Identification and Packaging, Elastomeric Products

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

ASTM D297 - Rubber Products - Chemical Analysis
ASTM D395 - Rubber Property - Compression Set
ASTM D412 - Rubber Properties in Tension
ASTM D471 - Rubber Property - Effect of Liquids
ASTM D518 - Rubber Deterioration - Surface Cracking
ASTM D573 - Rubber - Deterioration in an Air Oven
ASTM D624 - Rubber Property - Tear Resistance
ASTM D797 - Rubber Property - Young's Modulus at Normal and Subnormal Temperatures
ASTM D1149 - Rubber Deterioration - Surface Ozone Cracking in a Chamber (Flat Specimens)
ASTM D2137 - Rubber Property - Brittleness Point of Flexible Polymers and Coated Fabrics
ASTM D2240 - Rubber Property - Durometer Hardness

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Material: Shall be a compound based on a silicone rubber, suitably cured to produce a product meeting the requirements of 3.2.

3.2 Properties: The product shall conform to the following requirements; tests shall be performed on the product supplied and in accordance with specified ASTM methods, insofar as practicable:

3.2.1 As Received:

3.2.1.1	Hardness, Durometer "A" or equiv.	15 - 30	ASTM D2240
3.2.1.2	Tensile Strength, min	400 psi (2.75 MPa)	ASTM D412, Die B or C
3.2.1.3	Elongation, min	350%	ASTM D412, Die B or C
3.2.1.4	Tear Resistance, min	30 lb per in. (5.25 kN/m)	ASTM D624, Die B
3.2.1.5	Specific Gravity	Preproduction Value ±0.03	ASTM D297
3.2.2	Petroleum Lubricating Oil Resistance: (Immediate Deteriorated Properties)		ASTM D471 Medium: ASTM Oil No. 1 Temperature: 175°C ± 3 (347°F ± 5) Time: 70 hr ± 0.5
3.2.2.1	Hardness Change, Durometer "A" or equiv.	-10 to +5	

3.2.2.2	Tensile Strength Change, max	-50%	
3.2.2.3	Elongation Change, max	-20%	
3.2.2.4	Volume Change	0 to +25%	
3.2.2.5	Decomposition	None	
3.2.2.6	Surface Tackiness	None	
3.2.3	Dry Heat Resistance:		ASTM D573 Temperature: 225°C ± 3 (437°F ± 5) Time: 22 hr ± 0.5
3.2.3.1	Hardness Change, Durometer "A" or equiv.	-5 to +10	
3.2.3.2	Tensile Strength Change, max	-15%	
3.2.3.3	Elongation Change, max	-20%	
3.2.3.4	Bend (flat)	No cracking or checking	
3.2.4	Compression Set:		ASTM D395 , Method B Temperature: 175°C ± 3 (347°F ± 5) Time: 22 hr ± 0.5
3.2.4.1	Percent of Original Deflection, max	60	
3.2.5	Low-Temperature Resistance:		
3.2.5.1	Brittleness	Pass	ASTM D2137, Method A Temperature: -80°C ± 3 (-112°F ± 5)
3.2.5.2	Young's Modulus, max (See 8.2)	1,000 psi (6.90 MPa)	ASTM D797 Temperature: -75°C ± 3 (-103°F ± 5) Time: 5 hr ± 0.2

3.2.6 Weathering: The product, unless otherwise specified, shall show no evidence of cracking when tested in accordance with ASTM D1149 for 7 days at 40°C ± 1 (104°F ± 2). Test specimens shall be prepared and mounted in accordance with ASTM D518, Method B.

3.2.7 Corrosion: The rubber, unless otherwise specified, shall not have a corrosive effect on other materials, determined by a procedure agreed upon by purchaser and vendor. Discoloration of metal shall not be considered objectionable.

3.3 Quality: The product, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality Ø and condition, clean, smooth, as free from foreign material as commercially practicable, and free from imperfections detrimental to usage of the product.

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

3.4.1 Sheet and Strip:

TABLE I

Nominal Thickness (T) Inches	Tolerance, Inch Plus and Minus	
	Fixed	Closure (See 3.4.1.1)
Up to 0.400, incl	0.008	0.013
Over 0.400 to 0.630, incl	0.010	0.016
Over 0.630 to 1.000, incl	0.013	0.020
Over 1.000 to 1.600, incl	0.016	0.025
Over 1.600 to 2.500, incl	0.020	0.032
Over 2.500 to 4.000, incl	0.025	0.040
Over 4.000 to 6.300, excl	0.032	0.050
6.300 and over	0.005T	

TABLE I (SI)

Nominal Thickness (T) Millimetres	Tolerance, Millimetres Plus and Minus	
	Fixed	Closure (See 3.4.1.1)
Up to 10.00, incl	0.20	0.32
Over 10.00 to 16.00, incl	0.25	0.40
Over 16.00 to 25.00, incl	0.32	0.50
Over 25.00 to 40.00, incl	0.40	0.63
Over 40.00 to 63.00, incl	0.50	0.80
Over 63.00 to 100.00, incl	0.63	1.00
Over 100.00 to 160.00, excl	0.80	1.25
160.00 and over	0.005T	

3.4.1.1 Closure dimensions are across mold parting line.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of the product shall supply all Ø samples for vendor's tests 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 sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure 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 tests and shall be performed on each lot:

Requirement	Paragraph Reference
Hardness, as received	3.2.1.1
Tensile Strength, as received	3.2.1.2
Elongation, as received	3.2.1.3
Specific Gravity	3.2.1.5
Compression Set	3.2.4
Brittleness	3.2.5.1

4.2.2 Preproduction Tests: Tests to determine conformance to all technical requirements of this specification are classified as preproduction tests and shall be performed prior to or on the initial shipment of the product to a purchaser, when a change in material and/or processing requires reapproval as in 4.4.2, and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.

4.2.2.1 For direct U.S. Military procurement, substantiating test data and, when requested, preproduction test material shall be submitted to the cognizant agency as directed by the procuring activity, the contracting officer, or the request for procurement.

4.3 Sampling:

4.3.1 For Acceptance Tests: Sufficient product shall be taken at random from each lot to perform all required tests. The number of tests for each requirement shall be as specified in the applicable test procedure or, if not specified therein, not less than three. If test specimens cannot be prepared from sheet, ASTM test specimens prepared from the same batch and state of cure shall be used for required tests. When the product is a molded shape from which test specimens cannot be cut, a slab 6 x 6 x 0.075 in. (150 x 150 x 2 mm) molded from the same batch of compound shall be supplied upon request.

4.3.1.1 A lot shall be all product from the same batch of compound processed in one continuous run and presented for vendor's inspection at one time. An inspection lot shall not exceed 500 lb (225 kg).

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 When a statistical sampling plan and acceptance quality level (AQL) have been agreed upon by purchaser and vendor, sampling shall be in accordance with such plan in lieu of sampling as in 4.3.1 and the report of 4.6.1 shall state that such plan was used.

4.3.2 For Preproduction Tests: As agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

4.4 Approval:

4.4.1 Sample material shall be approved by purchaser before material for production use is supplied, unless such approval be waived by purchaser. Results of tests on production material shall be essentially equivalent to those on the approved sample.

4.4.2 Vendor shall use ingredients, manufacturing procedures, processes, and methods of inspection on production material which are essentially the same as those used on the approved sample. If necessary to make any change in ingredients, in type of equipment for processing, or in manufacturing procedures, vendor shall submit for reapproval a statement of the proposed changes in material and/or processing and when requested, sample material. Production material made by the revised procedure shall not be shipped prior to receipt of reapproval.

4.5 Reports:

4.5.1 The vendor of the product shall furnish with each shipment three copies of a report showing the results of tests to determine conformance to the acceptance test requirements and stating that the product conforms to the other technical requirements of this specification. This report shall include the purchase order number, lot number, AMS 3332C, vendor's compound number, form and size or part number, and quantity.

4.5.2 The vendor of finished or semi-finished parts shall furnish with each shipment three copies of a report showing the purchase order number, AMS 3332C, contractor or other direct supplier of material, supplier's compound number, part number, and quantity. When material for making parts is produced or purchased by the parts vendor, that vendor shall inspect each lot of material to determine conformance to the requirements of this specification and shall include in the report either a statement that the material conforms or copies of laboratory reports showing the results of tests to determine conformance.

4.6 Resampling and Retesting: If any specimen used in the above tests fails to meet the specified requirements, disposition of the product may be based on the results of testing three additional specimens for each original nonconforming specimen. Failure of any retest specimen to meet the specified requirements shall be cause for rejection of the product represented and no additional testing shall be permitted. Results of all tests shall be reported.

5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY:

5.1 Packaging and Identification: Shall be in accordance with AMS 2810.

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT: A vendor shall mention this specification number and its revision letter in all quotations and when acknowledging purchase orders.

7. REJECTIONS: Material not conforming to this specification or to modifications authorized by purchaser will be subject to rejection.