

RINGS, SEALING, ETHYLENE PROPYLENE (EPM) RUBBER  
Phosphate Ester Hydraulic Fluid Resistant  
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THIS REVISION CONTAINS ONLY EDITORIAL CHANGES.

1. SCOPE:

- 1.1 Form: This specification covers an ethylene propylene (EPM) rubber in the form of molded rings.
- 1.2 Application: Sealing rings for use in phosphate ester-base, fire-resistant, hydraulic fluids from  $-55^{\circ}$  to  $+150^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-65^{\circ}$  to  $+300^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). Standard sizes are as shown in AS 568.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specifications, Aerospace Standards, and Aerospace Information Reports 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 2817 - Packaging and Identification, Preformed Packings

2.1.2 Aerospace Standards:

- AS 568 - Aerospace Size Standard for O-Rings  
AS 871 - Manufacturing and Inspection Standards for Preformed Packings (O-Rings)

2.1.3 Aerospace Information Report:

- AIR 851 - O-Ring Tension Testing Calculations

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

ASTM D1414 - Testing Rubber O-Rings

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Material: Shall be a compound, based on an ethylene propylene (EPM) elastomer, suitably cured to produce sealing rings meeting the requirements of 3.2.

3.2 Properties: Rings shall conform to the following requirements; tests shall be performed on the rings supplied and in accordance with ASTM D1414, insofar as practicable. Testing for tensile strength and tensile stress is not required on rings which are too small to permit assembly on rollers and are, after cutting, too short to permit testing as a single strand. Eliminating testing for tensile strength and tensile stress does not eliminate testing for elongation; elongation test can be made by stretching a ring over a mandrel of a size which will stretch the ring sufficiently to produce the required elongation when figured on the ID of the ring. Calculations of tensile strength, elongation, and tensile stress may be made in accordance with AIR 851.

3.2.1 As Received:

3.2.1.1	Hardness, Durometer "A" or equiv.	90 $\pm$ 5
3.2.1.2	Tensile Strength, min	1400 psi (9.65 MPa)
3.2.1.3	Elongation, min	120%
3.2.1.4	Tensile Stress at 100% Elongation, min	800 psi (5.50 MPa)
3.2.1.5	Corrosion	Nil
3.2.1.6	Specific Gravity	Preproduction Value $\pm$ 0.02

3.2.2	<u>Phosphate Ester Fluid Resistance:</u> (Immediate Deteriorated Properties)	Medium:	SAE Phosphate Ester Standard Test Fluid No. 1A (See 8.1)
3.2.2.1	Hardness Change, Durometer "A" or equiv.	-15 to 0	Temperature: 125°C + 3 (255°F + 5)
3.2.2.2	Tensile Strength Change, max	-15%	Time: 70 hr +0.5
3.2.2.3	Elongation Change, max	-15%	
3.2.2.4	Volume Change	0 to +15%	
3.2.3	<u>Dry Heat Resistance:</u>	Temperature:	150°C + 3 (300°F + 5)
3.2.3.1	Hardness Change, Durometer "A" or equiv.	0 to +10	Time: 70 hr +0.5
3.2.3.2	Tensile Strength Change, max	-25%	
3.2.3.3	Elongation Change, max	-20%	
3.2.3.4	Bend (flat)	No cracking or checking	
3.2.4	<u>Compression Set:</u>	Temperature:	125°C + 3 (255°F + 5)
	Percent of Original Deflection, max	25	Time: 70 hr +0.5
3.2.5	<u>Low-Temperature Resistance:</u>		
	Temperature Retraction, TR10 point, max	-44°C (-48°F)	

3.3 Quality: Rings, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, smooth, as free from foreign material as commercially practicable, and free from internal imperfections detrimental to usage of the rings. Surface imperfections shall be no greater than permitted by AS 871 for minor defects.

3.4 Sizes and Tolerances: Shall be as specified on the drawing. Inspection for conformance to dimensional requirements shall be made in accordance with AS 871.

#### 4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of rings shall supply all 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 rings conform 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	Reference Paragraph
Hardness, as received	3.2.1.1
Tensile Strength, as received	3.2.1.2
Elongation, as received	3.2.1.3
Tensile Stress, as received	3.2.1.4
Specific Gravity, as received	3.2.1.6
Volume Change in phosphate ester	3.2.2.4
Compression Set	3.2.4

4.2.2 Periodic Tests: Tests to determine conformance to the following requirements are classified as periodic tests and shall be performed at a frequency selected by vendor unless frequency of testing is specified by purchaser:

Requirement	Reference Paragraph
Corrosion, as received	3.2.1.5
Tensile Strength Change in phosphate ester	3.2.2.2
Elongation Change in phosphate ester	3.2.2.3
Hardness Change after dry heat exposure	3.2.3.1
Bend after dry heat exposure	3.2.3.4
Low Temperature Resistance, (TR <sub>10</sub> point)	3.2.5

4.2.3 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 first-article shipment of rings to a purchaser, when a change in material, processing, or both requires reapproval as in 4.4.2, and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.

4.2.3.1 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, contracting officer, or request for procurement.

4.3 Sampling: Shall be as follows:

4.3.1 For Acceptance Tests: Sufficient rings shall be taken at random from each lot to perform all 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.