

Recommended Shelf Life

Associated with Products Fabricated from Various Rubber Polymers

Common or Trade Name	Type of Rubber Polymer	ASTM D 1418 Designation	ASTM D 2000 Classification	MIL-R-3065 (MIL-STD-417) Classification	Recommended Shelf Life
Silicone	Silicone	Q	FE, GE	TA	20 years
Viton®	Fluoroelastomer	FKM	HK	TB	
Nitrile, Buna-N	Acrylonitrile-butadiene	NBR	BF, BG, BK, CH	SB	5 to 10 years
Hypalon®	Chlorosulfonated Polyethylene	CSM	CE	SC	
Butyl	Isobutylene-isoprene	IIR	AA, BA	RS	
Neoprene	Polychloroprene	CR	BC, BE	SC	
EPDM, EP Rubber	Ethylene-propylene Terpolymer	EPDM	BA, CA	RS	
Hydrin	Epichlorohydrin	CO, ECO	CH	SB	
SBR	Styrene-butadiene	SBR	AA, BA	RS	3 to 5 years
Natural Rubber	Polyisoprene	NR	AA	RN	
Synthetic Natural	Polyisoprene	IR	AA	RN	
Neoprene (Commercial Grade)	---	---	BC	SC	
Nitrile, Buna-N (Commercial Grade)	Acrylonitrile-butadiene	NBR	BF, BG	SB	

The recommended shelf life may vary based on polymer type and formulation. However, the actual shelf life could vary dramatically based on storage conditions.

Recommended Storage Conditions:

- Store in a cool, dry place with temperature below 75° F.
- Keep away from direct heat or open flames.
- Avoid contact with solvents or other fluids.
- Do not store in direct sunlight.
- Keep products wrapped or sealed to minimize the absorption of moisture.
- Store in a relaxed condition free from tension, compression or other deformation.

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