GASKETS & CUSTOM CUT RUBBER

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INTERNATIONAL

Upper INTERNATIONAL provides gaskets in all types of materials in a wide variety of shapes and sizes. We serve an extensive spectrum of industries and with over 40 years of experience, we have the expertise to advise you on the best ways to make sure your products are effectively sealed while remaining safe under pressure.

INDUSTRIES SERVED

Aerospace

Many different materials are used and specific material call-outs are crucial for this industry. Gaskets require certificates of conformance, including batch numbers and cure dates with full traceability.

Automotive

Nitrile and Viton[™] (FKM), are commonly used materials because of their oil and fuel resistance. EPDM is commonly used for door seals and graphite/non-asbestos materials can be used in the combustion areas of an engine. Silicone is also used for high temperature applications.

Chemical/Petrochemical

Spiral wound, metal graphite and PTFE gaskets provide superior performance for highly corrosive and high temperature applications.

Electrical

Cork, Neoprene, EPDM, and Nitrile materials can be used for sealing and ventilating electrical enclosures, circuit board support pads, mounting, switchgear and transformer components.

Food Processing

Silicone is used frequently as it is stable at high temperatures and also inhibits bacterial growth. For steam or other high pressure applications, non asbestos and/or graphite material may also be used. Other materials include FDA approved elastomers including EPDM and PTFE which offers chemical and UV resistance, and other white food grade rubbers.

Oil & Gas

High temperature and high pressure enviroments require special materials including spiral wound, ring type and non-asbestos materials.

Pharmaceutical

Silicone and PTFE are the most commonly used materials for drug processing and conveyor belting. These materials provide a clean environment and low bacterial growth.

Pumping

Shaft seals, valve seals and packings are made from Neoprene and EPDM. Nitrile, Viton[™] (FKM), PTFE, and non-asbestos materials can also be used for more corrosive applications.

Rail

EPDM, Nitrile, non-asbestos, and Viton[™] (FKM) are commonly used for manway gaskets to seal against fuel, oil and water.

Water/Drinking Water

NSF / ANSI 61 Certified gasket material is the preferred choice in the potable water industry. Other materials used include Red Rubber (SBR) and compressed non-asbestos for waste water services.





GASKETS , SEALS & RUBBER STRIPPING



+ CNC KNIFE CUTTING

+ DIE CUTTING

+ STRIPPING

CUSTOM DESIGN









CNC KNIFE CUTTING CUSTOM CUTTING CAPABILITIES

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CNC KNIFE CUTTING

Designed for quick turnaround of large scale non-metallic materials, the CNC Knife Cutting Machine uses advanced technology to ensure precision and accuracy on single or large production runs.

DIE CUTTING:

Our top-performing, versatile cutting press cuts both roll or sheet form materials with high trolley displacement speed, low energy consumption and excellent reliability allowing for great cutting quality at cost-effective prices.

STRIPPING:

Hard to find, hand-cut stripping of rubber materials in lengths of up to 50 feet. All types of synthetic rubbers available.

CUSTOM:

UIP delivers custom gaskets manufacturing to a wide range of industries. From marine applications to electrical to appliances, we offer the cutting abilities and technology required to create the exact gasket you need for your project.



GASKET MATERIALS

We take pride in manufacturing quality gasket products that deliver the premium performance your business demands.



RUBBER

NEOPRENE

NITRILE

EPDM

SILICONE

CSM/HYPALON®

SBR RED RUBBER

SBR CI

TAN PURE GUM RUBBER

FKM/VITON®

BUTYL

CORRUGATED RUBBER MATTING

CLOSED CELL FOAM

FDA GRADE

OTHER MATERIALS

SPIRAL WOUND

KLINGERSIL

PTFE/TEFLON®

GRAPHITE (TANG/FOIL)

CORK

COMPRESSED FIBER

SPECIALTY

PHENOLIC

NSF CERTIFIED WATERSIL®

NSF 61 CERTIFIED EPDM

*PSA BACKING AVAILABLE

MIL-SPEC MATERIALS

In addition to our stocked sheet rubber gasket materials, UIP also offers Military Specification Grade gasket products. Specifically designed to meet the demanding requirements of the U.S. Military, our certified MIL-Spec materials have excellent electrical, physical, out-gassing, flammability, temperature-resistance and environmental properties.

NITRILE CI TYPE 98 ASTM D2000-M5-BG-607-A14-B14-EO34 SBR CI TYPE 96 ASTM D2000 M2-AA-603-A13-B13-EA14 NEOPRENE CI TYPE 87 ASTM D2000 M2-BC-607-A14-B14-C12-F17

	MIL R-6855, Class 1 NITRILE Grade 40 & 60									
Thickness Inches	Width Inches	Durometer Hardness Shore A ±5	Tensile psi	Elongation %	Compound	Temperature	Wt. Per Lin. Foot 36"	Finish		
1/16 thru 1/4	48	40	1100	450	Nitrile	-55° to 180°F	1/8" - 3.07 Ibs	Smooth		
1/16 thru 1/4	48	60	1300	300 Nitrile -55° to 180°F		1/8" - 3.07 Ibs	Smooth			
		MIL R-6855	, Class 1	NEOPRE	NE Grade	40 & 60				
Thickness Inches	Width Inches	Durometer Hardness Shore A ±5	Tensile psi	Elongation %	Compound	Temperature	Wt. Per Lin. Foot 48"	Finish		
1/16 thru 1/4	48	40	1300	500	Neoprene	-55° to 180°F	1/8" - 3.6 Ibs	Smooth		
1/16 thru 1/4	48	60	1500	300	Neoprene -55° to 180°F		1/8" - 3.6 Ibs	Smooth		
	MIL	. G-1149, Type	e 1 Class	5 1 NEOPR	RENE BLEI	ND Grade 5	0			
Thickness Inches	Width Inches	Durometer Hardness Shore A ±5	Tensile psi	Elongation %	Compound	Temperature	Wt. Per Lin. Foot 48"	Finish		
1/16 thru 1/4	48	50	1000	300	SBR Blend	-20° to 170°F	1/8" - 3.33 Ibs	Smooth		
		MIL	R-2765,	1 NITRILE	Grade 45					
Thickness Inches	Width Inches	Durometer Hardness Shore A ±5	Tensile psi	Elongation %	Compound	Temperature	Wt. Per Lin. Foot 36"	Finish		
1/16 thru 1/4	48	45	1000	300	Nitrile	-20° to 170°F	1/8" - 3.33 Ibs	Smooth		

Metal is used for ring type joints in high-pressure applications, such as oil and gas supply production. RTJs are also used on valves and pipework, assemblies in refineries and other process industries. They seal by an initial line contact or a wedging action as the compressive forces are applied. Metal ring type gaskets are available with oval and octagonal cross sections. Octagonal include the BX type designed to seal pressure up to 20,000 psi, in accordance with API 6A pressure ratings.

COMPOSITE

Composite gaskets are a combination of metal and nonmetal material based on service requirement. Spiral wound, Metal Jacketed, and Kamprofile gaskets are well known in the composite gasket category. They're used in a wide range of pressure and temperature services.

Composite gaskets are cost effective as compared to metal gaskets, but careful handling is required. Composite gaskets are used on raised face, male-female, and tongue-and-groove flanges.

A flange leak results in loss of product and energy, sometimes with disastrous consequences. No plant operator wants leaking of toxic or hazardous material that can harm humans or the environment. The right type of gasket helps to achieve a reliable seal to prevent leakage from the flange joints.

TYPES OF GASKET MATERIAL

The Function of a Gasket is to create and maintain a static seal between two stationary, imperfect surfaces of a mechanical system, designed to contain a wide variety of liquids or gases. The gasket must be able to maintain this seal under all the operating conditions of the system including extremes of temperature and pressure. The performance of the gasket is affected by a number of factors. All of these factors must be taken into consideration when selecting a gasket.

NON-METALLIC

Non-metallic gaskets can be made from CNAF (Compressed nonasbestos fibre), PTFE, Rubber, Teflon or Graphite. These gaskets compress easily with low tension bolting. They're generally used for low pressure applications and low temperatures. One exception is graphite gaskets, which can be used for temperatures as high as 460 degrees centigrade.

METALLIC





UIP has the technology to automate just about any shape required for your application. Nonmetalic materials are available in widths up to 60 inches and sheet lengths of up to 50 feet depending on the product. For oversized gaskets, UIP has the capability of creating custom segmented gaskets for ease of handling and installation.

In order to ensure a successful seal many factors must be considered. The gasket material must be resilient and rugged enough to overcome any irregularities in the mating surfaces; resist extrusion and creep; and prevent blowouts under various operating conditions. Material thickness is also important when choosing a non-metallic gasket. The thinnest material that a flange application will allow should be considered however, the material should be thick enough to compensate for any surface irregularities or flange parallelism. Thinner gaskets can handle an increased level of bolt load and will reduce the amout of bolt stress that is lost due to relaxation. Additionally, thinner material reduces the gasket area which limits the amount exposed to attack from internal pressure and/or an aggressive application.

UIP suggests contacting one of our knowledgeable team members to select the correct material for your application. There are a number of gasketing materials available and new materials emerge often. Material specifications are also available in our literature and on our website to assist in proper material selection.

In addition to choosing the correct gasketing material, proper installation is crucial to ensure a leak free BFJA (Bolt Flange Joint Assembly). Most commonly, when there are leaks in a flange, it is assumed that it is due to a "gasket failure" however, that is rarely the case. The vast majority of the time, leakage occurs as a result of improper installation. Follow these basic guidelines when installing a gasket in a BFJA:

1) Properly inspect the gasket to ensure it is in good condition. The dimensions should be verified including the I.D., O.D., Bolt pattern (if applicable), and the thickness of the gasket. A visual inspection of the flange sealing surface should also be done to ensure it is free of any debris, lubricants and/or defects. All fasteners should meet the requirements including material, length, thread pitch and nut thickness. Lubricants should not be used to temporarily hold a gasket in place.

2) Align the gasket properly to be concentric with the flange ID and avoid protrusion into piping flow path, ensure gasket remains in proper place during assembly and that flanges are properly aligned and parallel to each other.

3) Bolts must be tightened in incremental steps to arrive at the target stress level using a properly calibrated load control device such as a torque wrench, or a stud tensioner. During the incremental torqueing steps, it is good practice to measure the flange gap at a minimum of four points at 90 degrees to each other around the flange OD at each step to assure even loading.

Note: For soft gasket materials, one of the major factors is the creep relaxation of the gasket. Creep effects are accentuated at elevated temperatures, with the net result that the compressive load on the gasket is reduced, thus increasing the possibility of a leak. Consequently, UIP International, Inc recommends that fasteners should be re-torqued (to the recommended torque at ambient temperature before the process is energized) 24 hours after the initial assembly.

**UIP strongly encourages the reader to reference FSA/ESA document (FSA0009) FSA/ESA Gasket Installation Procedures

RUBBER

NEOPRENE (CHLOROPRENE):

A general purpose elastomeric compund with low temperature flexibility and good oil resistance. Good resistance to weather, ozone, natural aging, alkalis, salts and acids. Cloth-inserted also available.

NITRILE (BUNA-N):

Strong resisitance to petroleum-based and hydraulic fluids, aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbons and gasoline over a wide range of temperatures. Good resistance to causitcs and salts. Cloth-inserted also available.

EPDM:

Ethylene propylene diene monomer rubber, better known as EPDM, exhibits excellent resistance to extreme temperatures, acids, ozone, oxygen, sunlight, alkalis, and keytones.

FKM/VITON®:

A versatile and popular high-performance synthetic rubber, Fluorocarbon elastomer has good resistance to oils, fuel, chlorinated solvents, aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons and strong acids. Highly flexible and oxidation resistant with low gas permeability.

SILICONE:

Highly resistant to extreme temperatures with excellent UV and ozone resistance. Non-toxic, chemically inert and fungus resistant.

CSM/HYPALON®:

CSM has high resistance to most chemcials. It resists weathering, sunlight, ozone, oils and commercial fuels such as diesel and kerosene.

SBR RED RUBBER:

An economical and general purpose co-polymer of Styrene and Butadiene, exhibiting excellent abrasion, heat and impact resistance. Highly impermeable, serving as an excellent barrier against gases and liquids.

SBR RED RUBBER CI:

Cloth inserted red rubber offers maximum conformity and deformation resistance. Fabric reinforced rubber presents good dimensional stability under high compression loads.

TAN PURE GUM RUBBER:

Gum rubber is extremely flexible, elastic and durable. Resistant to salts, ammonia, acids and alkalis, it offers good tear strength and is made from FDA approved ingredients.

BUTYL:

Exceptionally low gas and moisture permeability and outstanding resistance to heat aging, weather, ozone, chemical attack, flexing, abrasion and tearing. Resistant to hydraulic fluids and has excellent electricla insulation performance.

CLOSED CELL FOAM (SPONGE RUBBER):

An economical rubber with excellent compression properties. Absorbs shock and vibration. Impermeable to air and water with good resistance to solvents.

FDA GRADE RUBBER

WHITE FDA GRADE NEOPRENE:

A non-toxic and non-marking elastomer made from FDA grade material. Versatile option for food and beverage, pharmaceutical and cosmetics manufacturing. Good abrasive qualities and excellent resistance to weathering and ozone conditions.

WHITE FDA GRADE NITRILE:

FDA rated material compatible in the food service, pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries. Good oil and abrasion resistance, non-toxic and non-marking. it has a superior level of resistance against synthetic and natural grease products and increased durability making it the rubber of choice for food safety.

WHITE FDA GRADE EPDM:

Made from FDA-approved ingredients, White EPDM offers a smooth finish, good resiliency to abrasion and repels oily and greasy food products.

FDA GRADE SILICONE:

While silicone is inherently non-toxic, only our specially formulated grade of silicone is made for consumables. Food grade silicone is often used in food processing, packaging and preparation applications. It can also be found in laboratory and medical environments.

OTHER MATERIALS

SPIRAL WOUND GASKETS:

Precision-engineered solution for flanged joints, heat exchangers, boiler handholes, manholes and other high temperature, high pressure applications—providing resistance to virtually every known corrosive and toxic element.

PTFE/TEFLON®:

Highly flexible, strong, and able to perform in extreme temperatures. Strong chemical and corrosion resistance. Long product life. Often used in the chemical industry.

GRAPHITE (TANG/FOIL):

Excels in extreme conditions, withstanding heat, pressure, and aggressive chemicals. High dimensional stability in high temperatures and pressure fluctuations. Tang-inserted, foil-inserted and other types available.

CORK/CORK RUBBER BLEND:

A hybrid family of materials combined with rubbers such as silicone, nitrile or neoprene. Compressible, flexible, with excellent anti-vibration characteristics and oil, solvent and fuel resistance.

COMPRESSED FIBER:

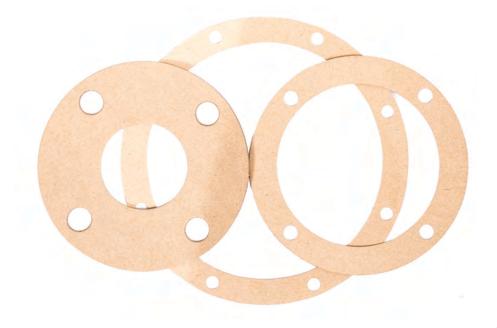
There are many types of compressed fiber gasket options offering a wide temperature range for various applications. Blended non-asbestos fibers with elastomeric binders.

GASKET DIMENSIONS

FULL FACE FOR 125/150# ANSI FLANGES							
NOMINAL PIPE SIZE	GASKET I.D.	GASKET O.D.	# OF BOLT HOLES	BOLT HOLE DIAMETER	BOLT CIRCLE DIAMETER		
1/2"	13/16"	3-1/2"	4	5/8"	2-3/8"		
3/4"	1-1/16"	3-7/8"	4	5/8"	2-3/4"		
1"	1-5/16"	4-1/4"	4	5/8"	3-1/8"		
1-1/4"	1-5/8"	4-5/8"	4	5/8"	3-1/2"		
1-1/2"	1-7/8"	5"	4	5/8"	3-7/8"		
2"	2-3/8"	6"	4	3/4"	4-3/4"		
2-1/2"	2-7/8"	7"	4	3/4"	5-1/2"		
3"	3-1/2"	7-1/2"	4	3/4"	6"		
3-1/2"	4"	8-1/2:"	8	3/4"	7"		
4"	4-1/2"	9"	8	3/4"	7-1/2"		
5"	5-9/16"	10"	8	7/8"	8-1/2"		
6"	6-5/8"	11"	8	7/8"	9-1/2"		
8"	8-5/8"	13-1/2"	8	7/8"	11-3/4"		
10"	10-3/4"	16"	12	1"	14-1/4"		
12"	12-3/4"	19"	12	1"	17"		
14"	14"	21"	12	1-1/8"	18-3/4"		
16"	16"	23-1/2"	16	1-1/8"	21-1/4"		
18"	18"	25"	16	1-1/4"	22-3/4"		
20"	20"	27-1/2"	20	1-1/4"	25"		
22"	22"	29-1/2"	20	1-3/8"	27-1/4"		
24"	24"	32"	20	1-3/8"	22-3/4"		



	FULL F	FACE FOR 250/3	300# ANSI FLA	NGES	
NOMINAL PIPE SIZE	GASKET I.D.	GASKET O.D.	# OF BOLT HOLES	BOLT HOLE DIAMETER	BOLT CIRCLE DIAMETER
1"	1-5/16"	4-7/8"	4	3/4"	3-1/2"
1-1/4"	1-21/32"	5-1/4"	4	3/4"	3-7/8"
1-1/2"	1-29/32"	6-1/8"	4	3/4"	4-1/2"
2"	2-3/8"	6-1/2"	8	7/8"	5"
2-1/2"	2-7/8"	7-1/2"	8	7/8"	5-7/8"
3"	3-1/2"	8-1/4"	8	7/8"	6-5/8"
3-1/2"	4"	9"	8	7/8"	7-1/4"
4"	4-1/2"	10"	8	7/8"	7-7/8"
5"	5-9/16"	11"	8	7/8"	9-1/4"
6"	6-5/8"	12-1/2"	12	7/8"	10-5/8"
8"	8-5/8"	15"	12	1"	13"
10"	10-3/4"	17-1/2"	16	1-1/8"	15-1/4"
12"	12-3/4"	20-1/2"	16	1-1/4"	17-3/4"
14"	14"	23"	20	1-1/4"	20-1/4"
16"	16"	25-1/2"	20	1-3/8"	22-1/2"
18"	18"	28"	24	1-3/8"	24-3/4"
20"	20"	30-1/2"	24	1-3/8"	27"
22"	22"	33"	24	1-5/8"	29-1/4"
24"	24"	36"	24	1-5/8"	32"



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NOMINAL PIPE SIZE	GASKET I.D.	GASKET O.D.	NOMINAL PIPE SIZE	GASKET I.D.	GASKET O.D.
1/2"	27/32	1-7/8	1/2"	27/32	2-1/8
3/4"	1-1/16	2-1/4	3/4"	1-1/16	2-5/8
1"	1-5/16	2-5/8	1"	1-5/16	2-7/8
1-1/4"	1-21/32	3	1-1/4"	1-21/32	3-1/4
1-1/2"	1-29/32	3-3/8	1-1/2"	1-29/32	3-3/4
2"	2-3/8	4-1/8	2"	2-3/8	4-3/8
2-1/2"	2-7/8	4-7/8	2-1/2"	2-7/8	5-1/8
3"	3-1/2	5-3/8	3"	3-1/2	5-7/8
3-1/2"	4	6-3/8	3-1/2"	4	6-1/2
4"	4-1/2	6-7/8	4"	4-1/2	7-1/8
4-1/2"	5	7	4-1/2"	5	7-5/8
5"	5-9/16	7-3/4	5"	5-9/16	8-1/2
6"	6-5/8	8-3/4	6"	6-5/8	9-7/8
7"	7-5/8	10	7"	7-5/8	10-7/8
8"	8-5/8	11	8"	8-5/8	12-1/8
10"	10-3/4	13-3/8	10"	10-3/4	14-1/4
12"	12-3/4	16-1/8	12"	12-3/4	16-5/8
14"	14-3/4	17-3/4	14"	14-3/4	19-1/8
16"	16	20-1/4	16"	16	21-1/4
18"	18	21-5/8	18"	18	23-1/2
20"	20	23-7/8	20"	20	25-3/4
22"	22	26	22"	22	27-5/8
24"	24	28-1/4	24"	24	30-1/2



	FULL FACE	GASKET FOR	DIN PN 10 FLA	NGES (MM)	
NOMINAL BORE	GASKET I.D.	GASKET O.D.	# OF BOLT HOLES	BOLT HOLE DIAMETER	BOLT CIRCLE DIAMETER
10	18	90	4	14	60
15	22	95	4	14	65
20	28	105	4	14	75
25	35	115	4	14	85
32	43	140	4	18	100
40	49	150	4	18	110
50	61	165	4	18	125
65	77	185	8	18	145
80	90	200	8	18	160
100	115	220	8	18	180
125	141	250	8	18	210
150	169	285	8	18	240
200	220	340	8	26	295
250	274	405	12	26	355
300	325	460	12	26	410
350	356	520	16	26	470
400	407	580	16	30	525
450	458	640	20	30	585
500	508	715	20	33	650
600	610	840	20	36	770



	FULL FACE	GASKET FOR	DIN PN 16 FLA	NGES (MM)	
NOMINAL BORE	GASKET I.D.	GASKET O.D.	# OF BOLT HOLES	BOLT HOLE DIAMETER	BOLT CIRCLE DIAMETER
10	18	90	4	14	60
15	22	95	4	14	65
20	28	105	4	14	75
25	35	115	4	14	85
32	43	140	4	18	100
40	49	150	4	18	110
50	61	165	4	18	125
65	77	185	8	18	145
80	90	200	8	18	160
100	115	220	8	18	180
125	141	250	8	18	210
150	169	285	8	18	240
200	220	340	8	26	295
250	274	405	12	26	355
300	325	460	12	26	410
350	356	520	16	26	470
400	407	580	16	30	525
450	458	640	20	30	585
500	508	715	20	33	650
600	610	840	20	36	770



	PN 10 Ring (Gasket (MM)	PN 16 Ring	Gasket (MM)
NOMINAL BORE	GASKET I.D.	GASKET O.D.	GASKET I.D.	GASKET O.D.
10	18	45	18	45
15	22	50	22	50
20	28	60	28	60
25	35	70	35	70
32	43	82	43	82
40	49	92	49	92
50	61	107	61	107
65	77	127	77	127
80	90	142	90	142
100	115	162	115	162
125	141	192	141	192
150	169	218	169	218
200	220	273	220	273
250	274	328	274	329
300	325	378	325	384
350	356	438	356	444
400	407	489	407	492
450	458	539	458	555
500	508	594	508	617
600	610	695	610	734



	NAVY DRIL	L GASKET FOR 1	50# FLANGES	
NOMINAL PIPE SIZE	GASKET O.D.	# OF BOLT HOLES	BOLT HOLE DIAMETER	BOLT CIRCLE DIAMETER
1/2"	3-3/16	3	9/16	2-7/16
3/4"	3-13/16	4	9/16	2-11/16
1"	4-1/4	4	9/16	3-1/8
1-1/4"	4-1/2	4	9/16	3-3/8
1-1/2"	5-1/16	6	9/16	3-15/16
2"	5-9/16	6	9/16	4-7/16
2-1/2"	6-1/8	6	9/16	5
3"	6-5/8	8	9/16	5-1/2
3-1/2"	7-3/16	8	9/16	6-1/16
4"	7-11/16	8	9/16	6-9/16
5"	9-1/16	10	11/16	7-13/16
6"	10-1/8	12	11/16	8-7/8
8"	12-3/8	14	11/16	11-1/16
10"	15	15	13/16	13-7/16
12"	17-5/8	18	13/16	16-1/16
14"	19-1/8	19	15/16	17-3/8
16"	21-3/16	20	15/16	19-7/8
18"	23-1/4	22	15/16	21-1/2
20"	25-13/16	24	1-1/16	23-13/16
22"	27-7/8	26	1-1/16	25-7/8
24"	30	28	1-1/16	28

HOW TO BOLT FLANGES

Bolting should be of sufficient strength to achieve proper compression of the gasket, to not only seal the joint, but to maintain the seal without exceeding the yield strength of the bolts being used. Torque values are based on using ASTM A193 Grade B7 studs and 2H heavy hex nuts lubricated with never seize. Since sheet gasket materials have micropores, they must be sufficiently compressed to reduce porosity. Without adequate compression the system pressure can force the contained fluid into the gasket and degrade it. Therefore, when installing the gasket it is important that good technique be followed including cleaning the flanges, inspecting the flange face and the bolts and bringing the flanges together parallel and in stages. Many field problems arise from improperly installed gaskets. According to the Fluid Sealing Association (FSA,) incorrect tightness is the leading reason gasketed joints fail. This can be prevented by following good bolting practice.

TORQUE

After installing a new gasket or seal it's essential to tighten the fasteners with a torque wrench that's been recently calibrated. Without this, it is impossible to know if the joint has been tightened to the required level. Friction between the nut, washers, flange faces and thread increases the torque measured at the wrench, possibly resulting in insufficient clamping force being applied to the gasket. Avoid this by applying a thin, uniform coating of high quality lubricant to the underside of bolt heads, nuts and washers and the thread itself. Take care to keep it off the gasket.

TIGHTENING SEQUECE

The gasket must be compressed uniformly to avoid material displacement. It's also important to avoid deforming the flange faces. There are two aspects to consider: the bolt pattern and the tightening sequence.

BOLT PATTERN

To bring the joint together, fasteners should be tightened in opposite pairs. Start at 12 o'clock and then move to 6 o'clock. Then halve the angle between them, moving to the 3 and 9 o'clock pair. Halve the angle again, going to the pair closest to 1:30 and 7:30. Keep repeating until every bolt has been tightened.

TIGHTENING SEQUENCE

Following the pattern described above, insert the bolts and run up the nuts by hand. Set the torque wrench to 30% of full torque and, using the pattern, tighten each fastener. Repeat with the torque wrench at 60%.

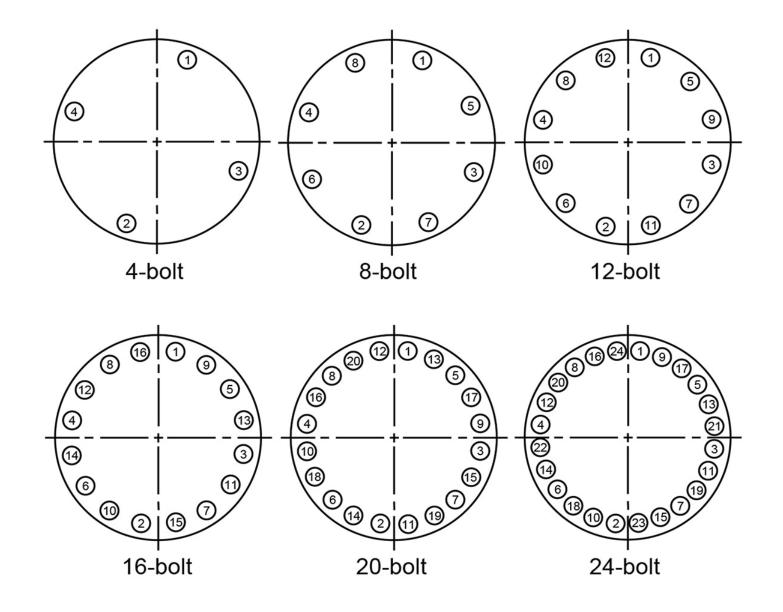
Repeat again with the torque wrench at 100%.

Make a final pass, this time in a circumferential direction, ensuring each fastener is at the required torque.

DO THE JOB ONCE

Replacing gaskets and seals can be expensive, so whenever joints are made in pipes and ducting it's important to ensure they don't leak. One factor in achieving a good joint is to follow good bolting practice. Control the torque applied, the bolting pattern and the tightening sequence to avoid leaks.

BOLT TORQUE SEQUENCE



RUBBER PROPERTIES

Rubbers or elastomers are mixed with various chemicals in order to provide the reinforcement and curing ingredients required to produce the physical properties necessary for the service conditions.

	Polymers Most Commonly Used in Sheet Rubber							
ASTM Designation D1418-79	Common Name	Composition	General Properties					
NR	Natural	lsoprene, natural	Excellent physical properties including abrasion and low temperature resistance. Poor resistance to petroleum-based fluids.					
IR	Polyisoprene	Isoprene, synthetic	Similar to natural rubber					
SBR	SBR	Styrene-butadiene	Good physical properties and abrasion resistance. Poor resistance to petroleum based-fluids.					
CR	Neoprene	Chloroprene	Good weathering resistance. Flame retarding. Moderate resistance to petroleum-based fluids. Good physical properties.					
NBR	Buna N	Nitrile-butadiene	Excellent resistance to petroleum-based fluids. Good physical properties					
liR	Butyl	Isobutene-Isoprene	Very good weathering resistance. Excellent dielectric properties. Low permeability to air. Good physical properties. Poor resistance to petroleum-based fluids.					
EPDM EPM	Ethylene-propylene rubbers	Ethylene-propylene- diene Ethylene-propylene	Excellent ozone, chemical, and aging resistance. Poor resistance to petroleum-based fluids.					
FPM or FKM	Viton®, Flourel	Hexaflouro-propylene- vinyl-idene fluoride	Excellent oil and air resistance at both high and low temperatures. Very good chemical resistance.					

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Ge	General Properties of Common Polymers Used in Sheet Rubber								
	Neoprene	Nitrile	EPDM	SBR	Ū	Pure Gum	Silicone	Viton	CSM
Heat Aging	Good	Good	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Good
Abrasion Resistance	Excellent	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Poor	Fair	Fair
Compression Set	Fair	Fair	Fair	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Good	Good
Resilience	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Good	Outstanding	Fair	Fair	Fair
Tear	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Fair
Flame Resistance	Excellent	Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor	Very Poor	Fair	Good	Good
Weathering	Very Good	Fair	Excellent	Fair	Fair	Fair	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Ozone Resistance	Very Good	Very Poor	Good	Fair	Fair	Poor	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Gas Permeability Resistance	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Poor	Poor	Poor
Oil Resistance	Good	Very Good	Very Poor	Poor	Poor	Very Poor	Fair	Good	Fair
Gas Resistance	Good	Excellent	Very Poor	Poor	Poor	Very Poor	Poor	Poor	Poor
Acid Resistance	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Good	Poor	Good	Good
Alkalai Resistance	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Fair	Good	Poor	Good	Good

Please Note:

The general properties shown in the chart on the general properties chart are not intended to be used to make final choices for a specific application. Exposure to heat, sunlight, chemicals, ozone and oils, as well as pressure, tension, binding, stretching and folding, will affect the performance of a rubber product.

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