



Technical Data Sheet

SILASTIC™ SH 55 UN Silicone Rubber

51 Durometer, molding, high strength, uncatalyzed silicone rubber

Features & Benefits

- 51 JIS-Type A hardness
- High tensile
- High tear
- Serviceable over wide temperature range
- Pigmentable

Composition

- Silicone rubber (HCR)
- Uncatalyzed stock (U-stock)

Applications

- Molding
- Diaphragms
- Aircraft parts
- High strength

Typical Properties

Specification Writers: These values are not intended for use in preparing specifications.

Test ¹	Property	Unit	Result
As supplied			
	Appearance		Light yellow
JIS K 6249	Plasticity	mm/100	287
As cured			
JIS K 6249	Density	g/cm ³	1.16
JIS K 6249	Durometer hardness, JIS type A		52
JIS K 6249	Tensile strength, JIS#3	MPa	11.5
JIS K 6249	Elongation, JIS#3	%	690
JIS K 6249	Tear strength, crescent	N/mm	31
JIS K 6249	Linear shrinkage, disc ²	%	3.6
JIS K 6249	Compression set, (22 hours at 180°C/ 356°F)	%	27

1. JIS: Japanese Industrial Standard
2. Linear shrinkage depends on the curing conditions such as type of curing agent, curing temperature and size of molded product.

Properties obtained using 1.0 part of SILASTIC™ RC-4 50P FD Rubber Additive (2,5-bis(tert-butylperoxy)-2,5-dimethyl hexane, 50% masterbatch) per 100 parts of SILASTIC™ SH 55 UN Silicone Rubber: molded 10 minutes at 170°C (338°F) and post-cured 5 hours at 230°C (446°F).

How To Use

Milling

For adding vulcanizing agents, additives, and / or pigments or blending, milling with a two-roll mill is the most suitable process. Milling time should be carefully decided to secure uniformity of materials.

Vulcanization

SILASTIC™ SH 55 UN Silicone Rubber requires the addition of a vulcanizing agent. SILASTIC™ RC-4 50P FD Rubber Additive is recommended for molding. Standard cure temperature is 170°C (338°F), and its cure time depends on the thickness of final products. Post-cure condition would be 5 hours at 230°C (446°F) after molding in most cases.

Compounding

SILASTIC™ SH 55 UN Silicone Rubber can be blended with other bases to modify the durometer of the compound. The physical properties of this product can be modified using a range of SILASTIC™ or XIAMETER™ Additives. Further, SILASTIC™ SH 55 UN Silicone Rubber can be pigmented to almost any color shade desired.

Handling Precautions

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Usable Life and Storage

Product should be stored at or below 32°C(90°F) in original, unopened containers, this product has usable life of 270 days from the date of production.

Packaging Information

SILASTIC™ SH 55 UN Silicone Rubber is available in 20 kg (44 lb) boxes.

Limitations

This product is neither tested nor represented as suitable for medical or pharmaceutical uses.

Health and Environmental Information

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Dispose in accordance with all local, state (provincial) and federal regulations. Empty containers may contain hazardous residues. This material and its container must be disposed in a safe and legal manner.

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