

### Grades for Compression Molding

Material	Other names	Description	Limitations	Applications	Price index	Natural color	Color match	Temperature resistance - °C / °F	Hardness ASTM D2240 - Shore A	Tensile strength ASTM D412 - PSI	Elongation at break ASTM D412 - %	Flex cracking resistance	Tear resistance	Impact resistance	Abrasion resistance	Adhesion to metal / ride materials	Compression set	Vibration dampening	Resilience / Rebound	UV resistance
<b>VMQ</b>	Silicone rubber	Vinyl Methyl Silicone are well known for their widest temperature range and excellent elongation at break.	Weak resistance to oils and chemical products. Low tensile strength, poor tear and wear resistance.	Food and medical	1	Transparent	Good	-50°C / 250°C -58°F / 450°F	20 - 90	200 - 1500	100 - 900	Poor to Good	Poor to Good	Poor to Good	Poor to Good	Good	Good to Excellent	Fair to good	Good to Excellent	Good to Excellent
<b>NBR</b>	Nitrile rubber	It is synthetic rubber compound with unique resistances to oil, fuel, and chemicals. The most used rubber with good mechanical properties	Poor flame resistance and UV resistance	Sealing application in manies industries	1	Yellow, orange, red tinted	Good	-35°C / 120°C -30°F / 250°F	20 - 95	200 - 3500	350 - 650	Good to Excellent	Fair to good	Fair to good	Good to Excellent	Good to Excellent	Good to Excellent	Fair to good	Good	Poor to good
<b>NR</b>	Natural rubber, Rubber Polyisoprene (synthetic)	Non-synthetic NR is extracted from Hevea tree. The synthetic equivalent is polyisoprene (IR). They both have high tensile strength, good abrasion resistance, and are extremely waterproof	Poor resistance to ozone, UV, fuel & oil resistance	Aanti-vibration mounts, drive couplings, tires, springs, bearings, rubber bands	2	White, milky latex	Poor	-45°C / 130°C -49°F / 266°F	30 - 95	500 - 3500	300 - 900	Good to Excellent	Excellent	Good to Excellent	Good to Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good to Excellent	Excellent	Poor to fair
<b>EPDM</b>	Ethylene propylene	Excellent resistance to heat, water and steam, alkali, mild acidic and oxygenated solvents, ozone, and sunlight (UV)	Not resistant to mineral oils, greases and fuels	Construction, automotive, electric devices	2	Colors depending on formulation	Poor to good	-45°C / 150°C -49°F / 300°F	30 - 90	500 - 2500	100 - 700	Fair to good	Good	Very good	Good	Good to Excellent	Poor to Excellent	Fair to good	Fair to good	Excellent
<b>PU (EU or AU)</b>	Polyester Urethane, Polyether Urethane	Polyurethane elastomer have excellent wear and tear resistance, high tensile strength and high elasticity.	Sensitive to humidity and hot water. Poor compression set, the creep properties and heat resistance	Hydraulic and reciprocating seals, gaskets, diaphragms, hoses, conveyor belts	4	Black	Fair to good	-40°C / 90°C -40°F / 195°F	35 - 90	500 - 6000	250 - 900	Fair to good	Fair to excellent	Good to Excellent	Excellent	Excellent/Good	Poor to good	Fair to good	Poor to good	Good to Excellent
<b>SBR</b>	Styrene butadiene	It replaces natural rubber (more economically friendly) with excellent abrasion resistance, crack endurance and generally ages well. Good compression set resistance and water resistance.	Poor sunlight and ozone resistance, steam and oil resistance;	Car tyres, shoe soles and heels, drive couplings, automotive parts and mechanical rubber goods	2	Colors depending on formulation	Fair to good	-40°C / 100°C -40°F / 215°F	30 - 95	500 - 3000	450 - 600	Fair to excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good to Excellent	Fair to good	Good	Poor
<b>FKM</b>	Fluorocarbon, Fluoroelastomer, Viton	High value rubber which provides extraordinary levels of resistance to chemicals, oil, high temperature and UV.	Not recommended for skydrol, amines, esters and ethers	Seals, o-rings, and hoses for a variety of high performance applications	5	Depending on formulation: black, white, Brown, green	Fair to good	-20°C / 210°C -4°F / 410°F	50 - 95	500 - 2000	400 - 500	Fair to good	Fair to good	Good	Fair to good	Good to Excellent/Fair to good	Good to Excellent	Fair to good	Poor to good	Good to Excellent