



# Standard Specification for Rubber Gaskets for Cast Iron Soil Pipe and Fittings<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers preformed rubber gaskets used to seal joints in cast iron soil pipe and fittings.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods section of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 The committee with jurisdiction over this standard is not aware of another comparable standard for materials covered in this standard.

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

- A644 Terminology Relating to Iron Castings
- D395 Test Methods for Rubber Property—Compression Set
- D412 Test Methods for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers—Tension
- D471 Test Method for Rubber Property—Effect of Liquids
- D573 Test Method for Rubber—Deterioration in an Air Oven
- D624 Test Method for Tear Strength of Conventional Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers
- D1149 Test Methods for Rubber Deterioration—Cracking in an Ozone Controlled Environment

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

D1415 Test Method for Rubber Property—International Hardness

D2240 Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness

2.2 Other Documents

RMA Class 3 Dimensional Tolerances, RMA Manual<sup>3</sup>

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms in this standard see Terminology A644.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *flash*—the excess material protruding from the surface of a molded article at the mold junction.

3.2.2 *virgin rubber, n*—a term that may be used interchangeably with raw rubber (raw thermoset elastomer). A rubber or thermoset elastomer that has not had any additional work, diluents incorporated, processes performed on it, or any combination thereof. A rubber that is in an unmodified state or one in which no attempt has been made to alter it in any fashion as received from the manufacturer or supplier.

3.2.3 *manufacturer, n*—the entity that molds the gaskets covered by this standard.

## 4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 Gaskets shall be made of a properly vulcanized virgin compound containing virgin rubber as the sole elastomer with no scrap or reclaim.

## 5. Physical Requirements Physical Requirements

5.1 Sample gaskets selected as specified in Section 8 shall conform to the requirements for physical properties listed in Table 1 when tested in accordance with the methods specified in Section 9.

## 6. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

6.1 Gaskets shall conform to the dimensions specified by the manufacturer.

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**TABLE 1 Physical Requirements of Gaskets**

Property		Requirements		ASTM Test Method
Hardness (nominal durometer $\pm 5$ ) as specified by the pipe manufacturer	50	60	70	D2240
Elongation, min, %	350	300	250	D412
Tensile strength, min, psi	1500	1500	1500	D412
(MPa)	(10)	(10)	(10)	
Tear strength, min, lbf/in.	150	150	150	
(N/cm)	(268)	(268)	(268)	D624
Compression set, max, %	25	25	25	D395
Heat aging, 96 h at $158 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$ ( $70 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ):				D573
Hardness increase, max, durometer points	10	10	10	...
Loss in tensile strength, max, %	15	15	15	...
Loss in elongation, max, %	20	20	20	...
Water absorption:				D471
Weight increase, max, %	20	20	20	...
Ozone resistance	no cracks	no cracks	no cracks	D1149
Oil immersion:				
Volume increase, max, %	80	80	80	D471

6.2 All cross-sectional dimensions shall have an RMA Class 3 tolerance as shown in **Annex A1**, and all diametral dimensions shall have a tolerance of  $\pm 1$  percent.

## 7. Workmanship

7.1 The surface of the gasket shall be smooth and free of pitting, cracks, blisters, air marks, and any other imperfections that will affect its behavior in service. The body of the gasket shall be free of porosity and air pockets.

7.2 Neither the flash thickness nor the flash extension shall exceed  $\frac{1}{32}$  in. (0.8 mm), at any point on the sealing ring.

7.3 The offset, or failure of the mold to register accurately, shall not exceed  $\frac{1}{64}$  in. (0.4 mm).

## 8. Sampling

8.1 For each of the tests, gaskets shall be selected at random and tests be performed by the method and frequency of the tests as specified in Section 9.

## 9. Test Methods

9.1 **Hardness**—The gasket material shall be tested for hardness in accordance with ASTM Test Method **D2240**. Test Method **D1415** shall be used as the referee method. Hardness measurements shall be made on specimens prepared in accordance with 9.2. However, hardness readings for guidance purposes shall be permitted to be taken directly on the gasket, recognizing that these readings may vary slightly from those taken on the dumb-bell specimens. Tests shall be performed during the day of production not to exceed a 24-h period for each size and type gasket produced during that period.

9.2 **Elongation and Tensile Strength**—The gasket material shall be tested for elongation and tensile strength in accordance with Test Methods **D412**. Standard ASTM Type C dumb-bell specimens conforming to Fig. 1 (Apparatus for Tensile Set Test) of Test Methods **D412** shall be cut from a section of the gasket for this test. To obtain a uniform thickness, these gasket sections shall be permitted to be buffed prior to cutting into dumb-bell specimens, so as to produce a finely ground surface without cuts or burns. Tests shall be performed during the day of production not to exceed a 24-h period for each size and type gasket produced during that period.

9.3 **Tear Strength**—The gasket material shall be tested for tear strength in accordance with Test Method **D624** using Die C. Tests shall be performed during the day of production not to exceed a 24-h period for each size and type gasket produced during that period.

9.4 **Compression Set**—The gasket material shall be tested for compression set in accordance with Test Methods **D395** using Method B. Specimens shall be aged in an oven for 22 h at  $158 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$  ( $70 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ). Where plied specimens are necessary, the results shall comply with the requirements of **Table 1**. Tests shall be performed during the day of production not to exceed a 24-h period for each size and type gasket produced during that period.

9.5 **Heat Aging**—The gasket material shall be tested for effects of heat aging in accordance with 9.2, and shall be aged for 96 h at  $158 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$  ( $70 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ). Hardness measurements shall be made as specified in 9.1. Test shall be performed annually or when a formulation change has occurred, or a source of supply has changed, whichever is the shorter period.

9.6 **Water Absorption**—The gasket material shall be tested for weight increase due to water absorption in accordance with Test Method **D471**. If a 1-in. (25.4-mm) specimen cannot be cut from the sample gasket, the greatest width obtainable shall be used. The test specimen shall be immersed in distilled water at  $158 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$  ( $70 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ) for 7 days. Test shall be performed annually or when a formulation change has occurred, or a source of supply has changed, whichever is the shorter period.

9.7 **Ozone Resistance**—The gasket material shall be tested for ozone resistance in accordance with Test Method **D1149**, using specimens and procedure specified under Method B. The ozone concentration shall be 150 parts/100 000 000 of air by volume. Specimens shall be aged  $100 \pm 1$  h at  $104 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$  ( $40 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ). A two-power hand magnifying glass shall be used to examine the gasket for cracks. Test shall be performed annually or when a formulation change has occurred, or a source of supply has changed, whichever is the shorter period.

9.8 **Oil Immersion**—The gasket material shall be tested for volume decrease due to oil absorption in accordance with Test Method **D471**. If a 1-in. (25.4 mm) specimen cannot be cut from the sample gasket, the greatest width obtainable shall be used. The test specimen shall be immersed in IRM 903 for 70