

MED-4550

High consistency silicone elastomer

DESCRIPTION

- Uncatalyzed, vinyl-functional, high consistency silicone elastomer
- Medium durometer
- Requires the addition of a peroxide catalyst to accomplish vulcanization
- Strained through a 400-mesh screen (minimum)

APPLICATION

- For a wide variety of fabrication techniques for the healthcare industry including: molding, calendaring and extruding

NuSil™ MED-4550 may be considered for use in human implantation for a period of greater than 29 days.

PROPERTIES

Typical Properties	Average Result	Standard	NT-TM
Uncured:			
Appearance	Translucent	ASTM D2090	002
Plasticity	85 mils (2.2 mm)	ASTM D926	058
Cured: 5 minutes at 116°C (241°F). Catalyzed using 1 pph of CAT-102 (Peroxide)			
Specific Gravity	1.16	ASTM D792	003
Post Cured: 2 hours at 177°C (351°F). Stabilize for 3 hours minimum at ambient temperature and humidity			
Durometer, Type A	50	ASTM D2240	006
Tensile Strength	1,400 psi (9.7 MPa)	ASTM D412	007
Elongation	750%	ASTM D412	007
Tear Strength	195 ppi (34.4 kN/m)	ASTM D624	009
Stress at 200% Strain	250 psi (1.7 MPa)	ASTM D412	007
Tissue Culture (Cytotoxicity Testing)	Pass	USP <87> ISO 10993-5	061

Typical Properties	Average Result	Standard	NT-TM
Elemental Analysis of Trace Metals	Pass	ASTM E305	131

The above properties are tested on a lot-to-lot basis. Do not use as a basis for preparing specifications. Please [contact](#) NuSil Technology for assistance and recommendations in establishing particular specifications.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

In general, freshly softened elastomers have better processing characteristics, therefore milling to a smooth consistency before use is advised, regardless of the age of the elastomer. After the peroxide has been added, it is important to minimize heating of the material when milling to prevent premature partial curing. Maintain the temperature of the elastomer at less than 43°C (109°F) during milling.

The amount of peroxide required to cure the product is dependent on the type used and the chosen fabrication technique. The most practical way to establish the proper amount of catalyst is for the user to experiment with the elastomer and equipment that will be used for production. Several organic peroxides are suitable for vulcanizing this product. Contact NuSil Technology for information on catalyst selection.

Molding

This product can be formed into cured configurations by compression, transfer or injection molding processes. Molding cycle times are dependent on the mold temperature and cross-sectional thickness of the part. It is best to use highly polished, chrome-plated or stainless steel molds for these operations. Other polished metals will normally require release agents to prevent sticking. If using release agents, clean the molded parts prior to use.

Calendering

Calender the elastomer into sheeting with or without reinforcement. Make sheeting by calendering onto a laminate such as Mylar™ or polyethylene, for vulcanized and unvulcanized sheeting, respectively. If using Mylar™, strip off the Mylar™ after vulcanization while the sheet is still hot. If using polyethylene, strip off the polyethylene before vulcanization. Long lengths of Mylar™ laminated sheeting can be calendered on a core and vulcanized in a hot air oven or steam autoclave.

Extrusion

For maximum uniformity, re-soften the elastomer on a two-roll mill at time of use. Extrude the elastomer through an unheated die to make rod, tubing and coated wire. Vulcanize after extrusion by passing the material through a horizontal or

Packaging

1 Pound (450 g)
5 Pound (2.27 kg)
25 Pound (11.38 kg)

Warranty

12 Months

vertical heated chamber. The residence time will vary based on the temperature of the chamber and the size/thickness of the extrusion.

Post-curing

Depending on the peroxide catalyst used a post-cure may be required. The post-cure serves two distinct purposes. Post-curing removes the volatile components and other residuals generated from the decomposition of the peroxide during vulcanization. Post-curing also stabilizes and enhances the physical properties of the elastomers.

Accomplish post-curing by heating the vulcanized material in a hot air circulating oven to a predetermined temperature for the required length of time. The oven must have an exhaust system of sufficient capacity to prevent volatiles from reaching an explosive level. The exhaust system should be vented so as to prevent worker exposure. The time required for post-curing at a given temperature depends upon the rate at which the volatiles can escape from the elastomer, which in turn depends upon the thickness of the part, the exposed surface area and the oven loading.

HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

During vulcanization, oven-curing, and post-curing of silicones catalyzed with peroxide, vapors containing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), and other residual volatile byproducts of vulcanization may be released in small amounts. Studies have been conducted and conclude that minimal to no PCBs are released during cure; however, these vapors, if present, may be harmful and appropriate precautions should be taken. Work areas must be well ventilated, and workers should avoid

inhalation of vapors. Review the Material Safety Data Sheets for specific information.

FDA MASTER FILE

A Master File for MED-4550 has been filed with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Customers interested in authorization to reference the Master File must [contact](#) NuSil Technology.

REACH COMPLIANCE

Please [contact](#) NuSil Technology's Regulatory Compliance department with any questions or for further assistance.

SPECIFICATIONS

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