

ADVANTAGES AND LIMITATIONS OF SOME ELASTOMER TYPES

NR	Natural Rubber (cis-polyisoprene)	Good dynamic prop.Good tensile and tear strengthGood abrasive resistance	 Poor resistance to chemicals and oil substances No long-time exposure to sunlight, ozone and heat
SBR	Styrene-butadiene Rubber	 Good tensile strength, dynamic prop. and abrasive resistance Good substituent for NR (but sometimes more cost-efficient) 	 Poor resistance to chemicals and oil substances No long-time exposure to sunlight, ozone and heat
BR	(poly-)Butadiene Rubber	Excellent dynamic propertiesGood cold resistanceGood tear strength	 Poor resistance to chemicals and oil substances No long-time exposure to sunlight, ozone and heat
EPDM	Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer	 Excellent resistance to ozone, oxidants and weather (water) conditions Good heat resistance Excellent insulator Good chemical resistance (not oil) 	 Poor resistance to chemicals and oil substances Less mechanical properties compared to NR
CR	Chloroprene Rubber (Neoprene)	 Good resistance to ozone, weather conditions (water) and sunlight Good chemical and medium oil resistance Good high temperature resistance Good all-round rubber 	 More expensive than general purpose synthetic rubbers No resistance to strong oxidizing acids, esters, ketones, chlorinated- and aromatic hydrocarbons
NBR	(Acrylo-)Nitrile Butadiene Rubber	 Good oil and solvent resistance Good heat resistance Good mechanical properties Good resistance to gas permeability 	 No good resistance to ozone, ketones, esters, aldehydes and chlorinated hydrocarbons Higher price only justified when oil resistance is required
HNBR	Hydrogenated Nitrile Butadiene Rubber (Therban)	 Very good heat and low temp. resistance Good oil and solvent resistance Good ozone and weather resistance Good mechanical properties 	• High cost
MVQ	Methyl Vinyl Silicone Rubber (Silicone)	Excellent heat resistanceVery good low temperature resistanceGood insulator	 Higher price only justified when excellent heat resistance is required Low tensile strength



FKM	Fluorpolymer (Viton)	 Excellent heat resistance Excellent chemical, ozone, weather, oil and solvent resistance Good resistance to gas permeability High price Intermediate mechanical properties
IIR	Isobutene-Isoprene Rubber (butyl rubber)	 Excellent resistance to gas permeability Good resistance to chemical, ozone, weather and oil Intermediate mechanical properties
CSM	Chlorosulphonated Polyethylene (Hypalon)	 Good heat resistance Good ozone and weather (water) resistance Good chemical resist. Colour-proof Excellent abrasive resistance

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