

# Ameri-Lon Typical Physical Properties

ASTM TEST	PHYSICAL PROPERTY	Ameri-Lon 9810	Ameri-Lon 9820	Ameri-Lon 9840
F 37	Sealability, ml/hr leakage, 30 PSI Nitrogen, 3000 PSI Load	0.001	0.001	0.002
F38	Creep Relaxation, %	5.7	2.0	5.6
F36	Compressibility, %	25.7	18.8	12.8
F36	Recovery, %	64.6	74.1	52.0
D-638	Tensile Strength, PSI	2100	2100	2370
D-638	Elongation, %	498	343	136
D-1708	Elongation Modulus at 100% , PSI	625	300	0
D-792	Specific Gravity	2.204	2.206	2.02-2.09
D-149	Dielectric Strength, Volts/mil	60.6	1500.0	260.8
F-433	Thermal Conductivity, BTU-in/hr.-ft <sup>2</sup> deg F	5.06	3.31	3.42
D-621M	Deformation under Load (1000 lb.), %	1.8	0.7	0.2
FALEX STD.	PV Limit @ 10 and 100 ft/min	—	—	20,000
D-3702	Wear Factor, K $\frac{\text{in}^3 \cdot \text{min}}{\text{lb} \cdot \text{ft} \cdot \text{hr}} \times 10^{-10}$	—	—	0.16

The tabulated physical property and gasket property data show *Ameri-Lon* to be a superior gasket material. The results of sealability tests are better by a factor of 50 than a compressed elastomer / carbon fiber material. Creep relaxation and recovery from compression show superior bolt torque retention. To assist in interpretation, a brief statement about each test follows.

**Sealability.** Sealability is expressed as milliliters of leakage per hour. These tests are conducted at room temperature under a certain gasket load and contained fluid (internal) pressure. All fibrous gasketing materials permit some leakage. The smaller the amount, the better.

**Creep Relaxation.** Expressed as a per cent of initial stress loss, this is a measure of a material's ability to maintain an initial stress over a period of time. A greater loss of stress increases the loss of bolting torque and the chance of leaking.

**Compressibility and Recovery.** This is a useful short-time test done at room temperature. Both are expressed as a per cent of initial thickness. Some compressibility is necessary to fill irregularities, minor flaws or nicks. Good recovery when the load is released shows torque retention in a gasketed material.

**Tensile Strength.** This is the measure of the force required to pull a material apart, expressed in PSI.

**Elongation.** A measure of the stretching a material does while being pulled to fracture.

**Elongation Modulus.** This is the force required to stretch the material to twice its original length. It is noted as PSI.

**Specific Gravity.** Specific gravity measures a material's density compared to that of water.

**Dielectric Strength.** Expressed as volts per mil, dielectric strength represents the number of volts required to cause an electrical penetration of a material thickness of one mil (0.001"). The greater a material's dielectric strength, the better it performs as an electrical insulator.

**Thermal Conductivity.** This shows the thermal insulating ability of a material. The higher the value, the greater the ability to conduct heat. It is expressed as BTU - inches per hour - square foot - degree Fahrenheit.

**Deformation Under Load.** Deformation under load, expressed in per cent, is a comparative type of property rather than a firm and substantial fact. Usually the longer the time loading, the greater the deformation.

**PV Limit.** The pressure-velocity limit test is run at different surface speeds under increasing load. A material with good bearing ability has a high value.

**Wear Factor.** This test measures material loss when an unlubricated sample under load is rotated on a fixed steel washer. The smaller the value, the smaller the wear.