

SIGRAFLEX® UNIVERSAL

Impregnated SIGRAFLEX flexible graphite foil reinforced with tanged stainless steel



SIGRAFLEX UNIVERSAL is an adhesive-free gasket sheet made of SIGRAFLEX flexible graphite foils with one or two tanged stainless steel reinforcements.

The sheet is antistick impregnated to reduce leakage and improve handling.

Applications

- For all common pipework and vessel flange designs
- For one-piece gasket designs up to an outside diameter of 1500 mm; for diameters above 1500 mm, for example two-layer structures with segmented sections and staggered joints are recommended
- For operating pressures from vacuum up to 100 bar
- For corrosive media
- Operating temperatures range from 269 °C up to 550 °C depending on chemical resistance. Life time might be limited at high temperatures. Consult the manufacturer when application temperatures exceed 450 °C. Please refer to our technical guideline regarding thermal stability.
- Gaskets for the chemical, petrochemical and refinery industries
- Steam pipework in power generation plants and heating equipment
- Existing plants



Properties

- High operational reliability, increased plant availability
- Excellent oxidation resistance
- High blow-out resistance and mechanical strength
- Very high fault tolerance during assembly and operation
- Good chemical resistance
- Long-term stability of compressibility and recovery, even under fluctuating temperatures
- Good scratch resistance and antistick properties due to special impregnation
- No measurable cold or warm flow characteristics up to the maximum permissible gasket stress
- No aging or embrittlement (no adhesives or binders)
- Asbestos-free (no associated health risks)

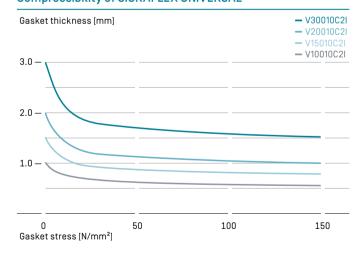


↑ Gaskets made from SIGRAFLEX UNIVERSAL



↑ Flange with SIGRAFLEX UNIVERSAL gasket

Compressibility of SIGRAFLEX UNIVERSAL



Approvals/Test reports

Please see www.sigraflex.com/downloads for details

- Fire safe according to BS 6755-2
- Blow-out safety HOBT (ASTM WK26064)
- BAM oxygen
- BAM ethylene oxide/propylene oxide
- US Coastguard
- DVGW (DIN 3535-6)

Assembly instructions

Our detailed assembly instructions are available on request.

Material data of SIGRAFLEX® UNIVERSAL

Typical properties		Units	V10010C2I	V15010C2I	V20010C2I	V30010C2I
Thickness		mm	1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0
Dimensions		m	1.5 x 1.5	1.5 x 1.5	1.5 x 1.5	1.5 x 1.5
			1.0 x 1.0	1.0 x 1.0	1.0 x 1.0	1.0 x 1.0
Bulk density of graphite		g/cm³	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Ash content of graphite (DIN 51903)		%	≤ 2.0	≤ 2.0	≤ 2.0	≤ 2.0
Purity		%	≥ 98	≥ 98	≥ 98	≥ 98
Total chloride content		ppm	≤ 25	≤ 25	≤ 25	≤ 25
Total halogen content (Cl, F, B, I)		ppm	≤ 70	≤ 70	≤ 70	≤ 70
Total sulphur content		ppm	< 300	< 300	< 300	< 300
Oxidation rate in air at 670 °C [TGA]		%/h	< 4	< 4	< 4	< 4
Oxidation inhibitor			yes	yes	yes	yes
Passive corrosion inhibitor (ASTM F 2168-13)			yes	yes	yes	yes
Reinforcing steel sheet details			Tanged stainless steel sheet			
ASTM material number			316L	316L	316L	316L
	Thickness	mm	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Number of sheets		1	1	1	2
Residual stress (DIN 52913)	σ _{D 16 h, 300°C, 50 N/mm²}	N/mm²	≥ 45	≥ 45	≥ 45	≥ 45
Gasket factors (DIN E 2505/DIN 2	8090-1]					
Gasket width b_D = 20 mm at an internal pressure of						
$\sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle{ extsf{VU/0,1}}}$	10 bar	N/mm²	10	10	12	18
	16 bar	N/mm²	14	14	15	23
	25 bar	N/mm²	17	17	18	30
	40 bar	N/mm²	20	20	22	35
m			1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
$\sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle{ extsf{VO}}}$		N/mm²	200	180	160	140
$\sigma_{ t BO at 300 centsc}$		N/mm²	180	160	140	120
Gasket factors (DIN EN 13555)			see www.esadata.org or www.gasketdata.org			
Compression factors (DIN 28090-2	2]					
Compressibility	€ _{KSW}	%	35	40	40	40
Recovery at 20 °C	€ _{KRW}	%	5	5	5	5
Hot creep	$\epsilon_{ t wsw}$	%	< 4	< 4	< 4	< 4
Recovery at 300 °C	€wrw	%	4	4	4	4
E-Modul at 20 N/mm² (DIN 28090-1)		N/mm²	850	850	850	850
ASTM	"m"-factor		2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
	"y"-factor	psi	2000	2000	2000	2000
Compressibility (ASTM F36)		%	37	42	42	42
Recovery [ASTM F36]		%	15	14	14	14
The gasket factor conversion for			$k_0 \times K_D = \sigma_{VU} \times b_D$			
as per AD Merkblatt B7 are as fol			$k_1 = m \times b_D$			
Definitions Minimum gasket assem	bly stross pooded to ser	nnly with lookogo		Compression actuada	r a goal of atraca of OF I	1 /m m 2
σ _{VU/0.1} Minimum gasket assem class L 0.1 (according to		npıy with leakage	E _{KSW}		r a gasket stress of 35 l	

class L 0.1 [according to DIN 28090-1]

Recommended gasket assembly stress: ≥ 20 N/mm 2 up to σ_{BO} Minimum gasket assembly stress in service, where σ_{BU} is the product

of internal pressure p_{i} and gasket factor \boldsymbol{m} for test and in service

 $[\sigma_{BU} = p_i \times m]$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \sigma_{\text{V0}} & \text{Maximum permissible gasket stress at 20 °C} \\ \sigma_{\text{B0 at 300 °C}} & \text{Maximum permissible gasket stress in service} \end{array}$

m $m = \sigma_{BU}/p_i$

 σ_{BU}

"m"-factor Similar to m, but defined acc. to ASTM, hence different value

"y"-factor Minimum gasket stress in psi

k₀ in mm, factor for gasket assembly stress k₁ in mm, factor for gasket stress in service

K_D in N/mm², max. gasket stress-bearing capacity under

assembly conditions

 $\epsilon_{ ext{\scriptsize KRW}}$ Gasket recovery after reduction in gasket stress from

35 N/mm² to 1 N/mm²

 $oldsymbol{arepsilon}_{ ext{ www.WSW}}$ Gasket creep compression under a gasket stress of 50 N/mm 2

at 300 °C after 16 h

 ϵ_{WRW} Recovery after reduction in gasket stress from 50 N/mm²

to 1 N/mm²

The percentage changes in thickness of ϵ_{KSW} , ϵ_{KRW} , ϵ_{WSW} und ϵ_{WRW} are relative to the initial thickness.

Unless stated otherwise, all values are valid at room temperature, typical, non-binding and subject to change. Please note some values correspond to the graphite foil only. For engineering or design purposes please contact our technical sales team.

Product overview

Products	Characteristics	Recommended applications			
SIGRAFLEX FOIL F/C/E/Z/APX/APX2®	Flexible, soft, continuous	– 250°C to approx. 550°C, for die-formed packing rings, filler material for spiral wound gaskets, facing material for kammprofile and corrugated gaskets			
SIGRAFLEX STANDARD LCI	Unreinforced, impregnated	Raised-face flanges, enamel or glass flanges, highly corrosive media			
SIGRAFLEX ECONOMY VC4	Reinforced with bonded stainless steel foil	Pumps, fittings, gas supply and waste gas pipelines			
SIGRAFLEX UNIVERSAL VC2I	Reinforced with tanged stainless steel, impregnated	Pipework and vessels in the chemical and petrochemical industries and in power generation plants			
SIGRAFLEX UNIVERSAL PRO VC2IP	Reinforced with tanged stainless steel, impregnated	TA Luft applications, for pipework and vessels in the chemical and petrochemical industries and in power generation plants			
SIGRAFLEX SELECT V16010C3I	Reinforced with stainless steel foil, adhesive-free, impregnated	TA Luft applications, raised-face flanges, pipework in the chemical and petrochemical industries			
SIGRAFLEX HOCHDRUCK VZ3I	Multilayer material, reinforced with stainless steel foil, adhesive-free, impregnated	Universal sealing sheet, also for solving sealing problems in pipework, process equipment, tongue-and-groove flanges and non-standard joints in the chemical, petrochemical and nuclear industries and in power generation plants			
SIGRAFLEX HOCHDRUCK PRO VZ3IP	Multilayer material, reinforced with stainless steel foil, adhesive-free, impregnated	Universal sealing sheet for TA Luft applications, also for solving sealing problems in pipework, process equipment, tongue-and-groove flanges and non-standard joints in the chemical, petrochemical and nuclear industries and in power generation plants			
SIGRAFLEX APX2 HOCHDRUCK VW3	Multilayer material, reinforced with stainless steel foil, adhesive-free	Universal sealing sheet, also for solving sealing problems in high temperature applications in pipework, process equipment, tongue-and-groove flanges and non-standard joints in the chemical and petrochemical industries and in power generation plants			
SIGRAFLEX MF® VMF	Adhesive-free laminate made of graphite, stainless steel and PTFE	Maximum requirements for sealability (TA Luft), safety and process hygiene; sealed joints in the chemical, petrochemical, pharmaceutical and food industries			
SIGRAFLEX EMAIL VZ3E	Reinforced with stainless steel foil, adhesive-free	PTFE-envelope gaskets for enameled pipework, vessels and stub connections, etc.			



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