

Graphite Fiber-Reinforced Polytetrafluoroethylene (GFP55)

A reinforced graphite fiber PTFE material, **GFP55** is used in moderate to extreme service conditions. This material has excellent wear resistance in a wide range of speeds, in low to medium pressures and in high temperatures.

GFP55 performs well in water and other liquid solutions and has limited use in vacuum or inert gas applications. Dynamic surfaces in contact with a seal made from **GFP55** should have a hardness of Rc 40 or higher.

GFP55 is recommended for applications that require good wear resistance in liquids and humid conditions at temperatures from -320 °F to +500 °F (-196 °C to +260 °C), such as logging tools, dispensing systems, and laboratory equipment.

Chemical Compatibility

GFP55 has excellent chemical compatibility. This material is compatible with most fluids and gases, except some acids, such as sulfuric, nitric and hydrofluoric acids. (For more compatibility information, request report TR-60A, or go to www.balseal.com/techlib. Select Technical Reports, then select TR-60A Chemical Compatibility Guide.)

FDA Compliance

GFP55 is not FDA compliant or compatible. (Request Report 50-640 for Bal Seal's definition of FDA compliant.)

Mechanical Properties

The mechanical properties of **GFP55** at ambient temperatures are:

Tensile strength	ASTM D638	2500 psi (176 kg/cm ²)
Elongation	ASTM D638	200%

The following chart shows the wear rate of **GFP55** when it comes in contact with different media at various speeds and pressures.

"K" Wear Factor In ³ -min./ft-lb-hr x 10 ⁻¹⁰ ("K" Cm ³ -min./Kg-m-hr x 10 ⁻⁷)				
AIR	WATER		OIL	
Wear Rate at 20,000 P.V.	Wear Rate at 75,000 P.V.		Wear Rate at 75,000 P.V.	
Speed (75 FPM) – pressure (267 PSI)	Speed (75 FPM) – pressure (1000 PSI)	Speed (300 FPM) – pressure (250 PSI)	Speed (75 FPM) – pressure (1000 PSI)	Speed (300 FPM) – pressure (250 PSI)
61.2 x 10 ⁻¹⁰ (7.3 x 10 ⁻⁷)	4.1 x 10 ⁻¹⁰ (0.49 x 10 ⁻⁷)	2.0 x 10 ⁻¹⁰ (0.24 x 10 ⁻⁷)	1.5 x 10 ⁻¹⁰ (0.18 x 10 ⁻⁷)	1.3 x 10 ⁻¹⁰ (0.15 x 10 ⁻⁷)

Color

Black

Advantages of GFP55

- Lower extrusion, creep, and wear than PTFE, G, and GC in air, water, and oil media.

Other Information

For additional information, please contact our Technical Sales Representative at (949) 460-2100. Bal Seal maintains a vast library of material references and testing information.

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