DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 Sealing Solutions for Low Temperature Environments
DuPont™ Kalrez® Seals For Frigid Temperatures

Fight leaks and chemical attack at temperatures down to –42 °C with new DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 O-rings, gaskets and more.

Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 joins the Kalrez® Spectrum™ family of parts for the chemical and hydrocarbon processing industries.

Where Low-Temperature Performance Pays

Chemical and hydrocarbon processing equipment involving cold startup, hose couplings for chemical transport equipment, and manhole seals for rail cars, aircraft and other aerospace vehicles are among the many potential applications for DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 parts.

Broad Temperature Range

DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 parts help provide leak-resistant seals at temperatures ranging from –42 °C to +220 °C. They are already delivering major benefits to early users in low-temperature environments.

Proven Success in Refining

At an oil refinery in midwestern Canada, DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 mechanical seals for various hydrocarbons operated continuously for six months before a scheduled shutdown. They replaced O-rings made of fluoropolymer-encapsulated silicone which had an MTBR (meantime between repairs) of about one week. Temperatures ranged from –48 °C to +15 °C and back to –48 °C in a 24 hour period.

A Winner in Couplings

A major coupling supplier has tested DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 parts for sub-zero environments in the Arctic, Northern Europe and other global regions. In the coupling supplier’s stringent tests, DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 parts provided reliable seals at temperatures down to –17 °C.

What It Takes For A –42 °C Rating

O-rings are placed in a test fixture mounted on the inside wall of a pressure-tight container. The container is then filled with nitrogen to reach an internal pressure of 0.4 MPa (60 psi). Temperature is then dropped in 0.5 °C increments until leakage to the outside of the container is detected.

In the case of DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 sample parts, minimal leakage was first detected at –42 °C.

Chemical Resistance

Unlike some low-temperature seals, DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 parts help withstand attack by most aggressive chemicals. They provide a more reliable alternative to silicone and other low-temperature elastomer parts offering chemical resistance.

See the table on page 3 for a summary of resistance to major classes of chemicals by DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 parts. For comprehensive information on resistance to specific chemicals, visit kalrez.com.
High Performance DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ Family Meets Increased Demands in Harsh Conditions

The Kalrez® Spectrum™ family offers a variety of products designed for your specific application requirements.

DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 parts help withstand many aggressive chemicals and demonstrate improved sealing performance in extreme low temperature environments, a major benefit in equipment used in high latitude, high altitude or other freezing cold environments.

In applications where there are mixed streams, unknowns in the process or process excursions, our flagship product, DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 6375, offers the broadest chemical resistance.

Contact a Kalrez® Application Engineer to help you determine which Kalrez® Spectrum™ product is best suited for your environment.

DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 and 6375 Chemical Resistance

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* Predicted based on comparable resistance to other chemicals, including acids and amines.

**KEY Volume Swell:**
1 = Excellent 0–10%;
2 = Satisfactory 10–20%;
3 = Doubtful 20–30%;
4 = Not Recommended >30%.

DuPont Expertise Can Help
DuPont™ Kalrez® Spectrum™ 0040 confirms yet again the benefits from DuPont leadership in perfluoroelastomer technology. Our material and application expertise coupled with control of the entire development process from polymer to finished part are unique in the industry.

We help you with the technical assistance and support you need to achieve optimum results in the shortest possible time. Our worldwide technical expertise can help you in your product selection and seal design, application testing and development, failure analysis and on-site training.

Available in Many Shapes

- Standard O-rings in AS-568, metric and JIS sizes
- Customized O-rings in various cross-sections and diameters
- Valve seats, diaphragms, gaskets, packer seals, T-seals and more
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