

Kimura[®] K23X

High performance elastomer (HPE)

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Description

A brown coloured high performance polymer containing a unique self-reinforcing polymer structure, developed specifically for aggressive semiconductor applications. The high purity of the polymer combined with the absence of any fillers makes this polymer suitable for processes involving lower feature sizes. This material has a low coefficient of thermal expansion, low compression set and has an extremely low etch rate in aggressive plasma environments.

Kimura[®] K23X can be fully moulded into custom shapes and O-rings (from 6.07mm/0.24" ID & 1.78mm/0.07" CS up to 600mm/23.6" ID & 10mm/0.39" CS).

Key Attributes

- ▶ Exceptionally pure - does not contain any fillers which may cause particulation problems.
- ▶ Low modulus ensures excellent sealing characteristics
- ▶ Outstanding plasma resistance – ideal for Chlorine, Fluorine & Oxygen chemistries.
- ▶ Exceptionally low plasma etch rate
- ▶ Low thermal expansion
- ▶ Retro-fits existing O-ring grooves (including FKM & FFKM grooves)
- ▶ Low permeation
- ▶ Low out-gassing
- ▶ Low adhesion (reduced sticking)

Typical Applications

Dynamic seals - gate valves, door seals, pendulum valves, ISO valves, bonded gates and lip seals.

Static seals - O-rings, body seals, chamber lid seals, cathode assembly seals, electro-static-chuck seals and flange fittings.

Wafer-handling products – end effector pads & vacuum suction pads

Suitable for use in:

Dry semiconductor processes sub 65nm node including:-

- Chemical Vapour Deposition (CVD)
- Etch
- Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD)
- Physical Vapour Deposition (PVD)



Typical Material Properties

Property	ASTM	ISO	Value
Material Type			HPE
Colour			Brown
Hardness: (°IRHD)	D1415	ISO48	70
	(Shore A) D2240	ISO7619	70
Tensile Strength (MPa)	D412	ISO37	12
Elongation at break (%)	D412	ISO37	150
100% Modulus (MPa)	D412	ISO37	6.7
Compression Set (%): 72 hrs @ 204°C (400°F)	D395	ISO815	25%
Minimum Operating Temperature			-15°C (+5°F)
Maximum Operating Temperature			+270°C (+518°F)
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion			2.20x10 ⁻⁴

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