# **Expanding Horizons:**Closed Cell Sponge Silicone and FDA Metal / X-Ray Detectable Custom Silicone Profiles and Gaskets

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### Introduction

The Elastostar Rubber Corporation has long been at the forefront of innovation and versatility in materials engineering. From aerospace to healthcare, silicone rubber has proven its mettle as a dependable, durable, and adaptable material. In keeping with this tradition of excellence, we have recently introduced two exciting new offerings: Closed Cell Sponge Silicone and FDA Metal & X-Ray Detectable Silicone Profiles.

Closed Cell Sponge Silicone: A Revolutionary Leap in Material Technology

Closed Cell Sponge silicone, an innovative variant of traditional solid silicone, has been engineered to provide enhanced compressibility, flexibility, and insulation properties. This advancement opens up a myriad of new possibilities in applications where a softer, more malleable material is required.

# Properties:

- Excellent Compression Set: Retains its shape and properties even after being compressed.
- High Resilience: Quickly returns to its original shape after deformation.
- Temperature Resistance: Can withstand a wide range of temperatures, making it suitable for both high and low temperature applications.
- Chemical Resistance: Resistant to a wide range of chemicals, making it ideal for harsh environments.

## **Applications:**

- Gasketing and Sealing Solutions: Sponge silicone excels in applications where sealing against moisture, dust, or air is critical. It provides a robust yet flexible barrier, ensuring a reliable seal even under varying environmental conditions.
- Vibration Dampening and Shock Absorption: Industries such as automotive and electronics benefit greatly from the shock-absorbing properties of sponge silicone, which helps protect sensitive components from damage due to vibrations and impacts.
- Medical Devices and Prosthetics: The biocompatibility and hypoallergenic nature of sponge silicone make it an excellent choice for medical applications, including implants, orthopedic devices, and wearable healthcare technology.
- Electrical Insulation: Sponge silicone's low thermal conductivity and excellent dielectric properties make it a preferred choice for insulating electronic components.
- Automotive Components: Its resistance to extreme temperatures and automotive fluids positions sponge silicone as an indispensable material in various automotive applications, including gaskets, seals, and vibration dampeners.

FDA Metal / X-Ray Detectable Silicone Profiles: Elevating Safety and Quality Assurance

In critical industries such as food processing and pharmaceuticals, ensuring product safety is paramount. FDA Metal / X-Ray detectable silicone profiles are a game-changer in this regard, combining the benefits of silicone with an added layer of safety.

### **Properties:**

- Metal / X-Ray Detectability: Easily detectable by standard metal detection equipment, ensuring quick identification and removal of any contaminated products.
- Hygiene and Safety: Ideal for industries like food processing and pharmaceuticals where contamination control is critical.
- Chemical Resistance: Retains the chemical resistance properties of standard silicone.

### **Applications:**

- Food Processing: Used in conveyor belts, gaskets, and seals to prevent contamination of food products.
- Pharmaceuticals: Ensures product integrity and safety in the production of drugs and medical devices.
- Manufacturing: Valves, gaskets, and seals in environments where metal contamination is a concern.

### **Key Advantages:**

- Foreign Object Detection: Metal / X-Ray detectable silicone
  is embedded with detectable particles that can be identified
  by standard metal detection equipment. This ensures that
  any stray silicone particles are easily spotted and removed
  during quality control processes.
- Compliance with Industry Standards: The introduction of Metal/X-Ray detectable silicone profiles aligns with the stringent regulatory requirements in industries where contamination control is of utmost importance.
- Improved Traceability: With the ability to detect and remove even minute particles, manufacturers can confidently track the quality and safety of their products, ensuring compliance with industry standards.
- Customizability: Metal / X-Ray detectable silicone profiles can be tailored to specific requirements, offering a versatile solution for a wide range of applications.

### Conclusion

The addition of Closed Cell Sponge Silicone and Metal / X-Ray detectable silicone profiles and gaskets marks a significant milestone in materials engineering. These advancements not only expand the range of applications but also underscore the industry's commitment to safety and quality assurance.

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