



Kalrez® perfluoroelastomer
parts

From DuPont Performance Elastomers

Kalrez® Sahara™ 8575

Compound Description

Kalrez® Sahara™ 8575 is a white compound for etching, ashing, PVD, metal CVD and ALD processes. It offers low weight loss in oxygen and fluorine-based plasmas, low outgassing, and excellent elastic recovery properties. Kalrez® Sahara™ 8575 has excellent vacuum and long-term sealing performance, good mechanical properties and is well-suited for both static and dynamic sealing applications (e.g., gas inlets, chamber lid seals, slit valve doors, etc.). A maximum continuous service temperature of 300°C is suggested. Ultrapure post-cleaning and packaging is standard for all parts made of Kalrez® Sahara™ 8575.

Key Performance Features Contribute to Extended Seal Life

- Excellent resistance to oxygen and fluorine-based plasmas, as well as chlorinated cleaning gasses (e.g., ClF₃)
- Low weight loss
- Very low outgassing
- Excellent (low) compression set properties
- Improved elastic recovery properties

Suggested Applications

Kalrez® Sahara™ 8575 is an excellent choice for:

- Chamber lids
- Gas inlets
- Quartz windows
- Throttle valves
- Other plasma applications

Typical Physical Properties¹

Color	White
Hardness, Shore A (pellet) ²	62
Hardness, Shore M (O-ring) ³	72
100% Modulus ⁴ , MPa	2.47
Tensile Strength at Break ⁴ , MPa	12.04
Elongation at Break ⁴ , %	230
Compression Set ⁵ , % 70 hr at 204°C	29
Max. Continuous Service Temperature ⁶ , °C	300

¹Not to be used for specification purposes

²ASTM D2240 (pellet test specimens)

³ASTM D2240 and ASTM D1414 (AS568 K214 O-ring test specimens)

⁴ASTM D412 Test Method (dumbbell test specimens)

⁵ASTM D395B (pellet test specimens)

⁶DuPont Performance Elastomers proprietary test method

Fabs Choose Kalrez® Sahara™ 8575 for Improved Performance

Kalrez® Sahara™ 8575 has been reported to significantly improve wafer production in semiconductor etching and ashing applications. In evaluations by a fabline customer, Kalrez® Sahara™ 8575 exhibited longer seal life compared to a competitive perfluoroelastomer in both dynamic and static sealing applications.

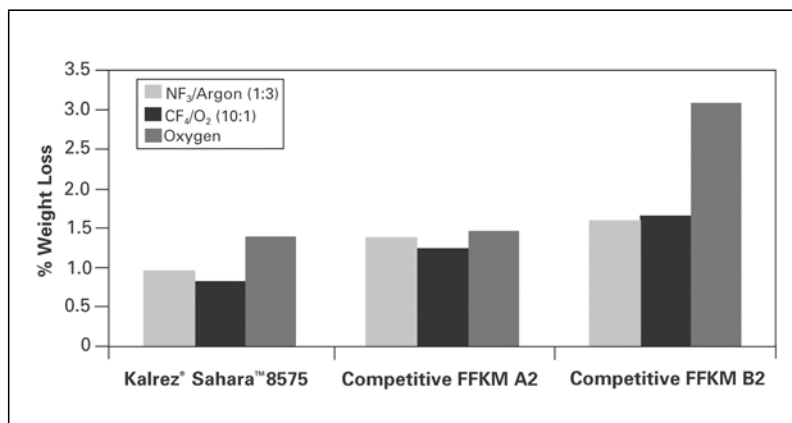
Kalrez® Sahara™ 8575 Case Report

Customer	Large East Coast Fab Line
Equipment	TEL Unity
Process Type	Deep Trench Etch
Components	End Point Window Seal (229 O-ring) (most difficult location for seal performance)
Process Gasses	HBr, O ₂ , SF ₆ , NF ₃
Rf Power	1500 Watts
Process Temperature	~70°C
Incumbent Material	Competitive FFKM A2
Incumbent Performance	After 6 months, fluoroelastomer was half eroded, competitive FFKM became brittle, developed cracks and leaked.
Kalrez® Sahara™ 8575	Evaluated in application for over 10 months without failure. Based upon this success, customer evaluated complete seal set (15 sizes) and has changed all competitive FFKM to Kalrez® 8575.

Plasma Performance

Because there is no industry standard to characterize elastomer plasma resistance, OEMs and Fab lines rely on in-use testing and actual performance. To further assist the industry in proper seal selection, DuPont Performance Elastomers has developed a test method that approximates chamber conditions to quantify seal resistance to plasma. In this test, O-rings are placed on a silicon wafer in a process change and directly exposed to extremely damaging plasma environments. Kalrez® Sahara™ 8575 exhibited low weight loss upon exposure to reactive plasmas versus the competitive perfluoroelastomers tested.

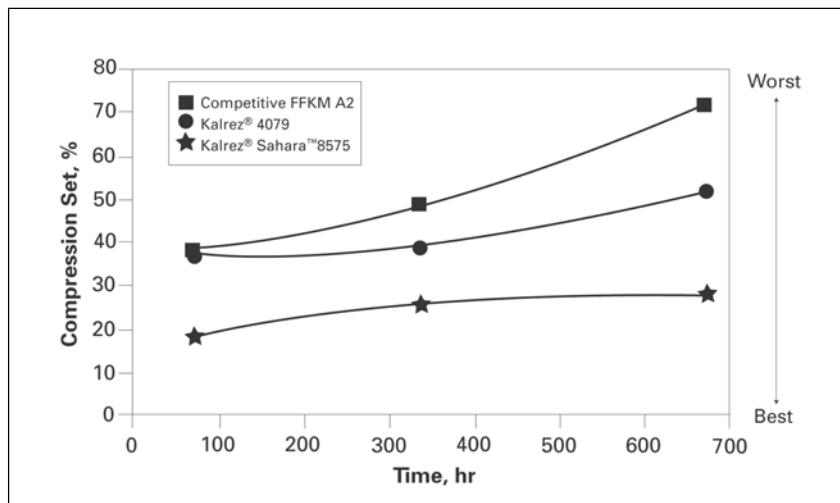
Weight Loss, %1 hr at 900 W, 0.1 Torr, Direct Exposure Parallel Plate Reactor, RIE Mode



Compression Set Performance

Compression set is routinely used in the elastomers industry to compare relative sealing performance, particularly at elevated temperatures. However, in many cases, short-term data (70 hr) is used which is not representative of long-term performance. Kalrez[®] Sahara[™] 8575 exhibits excellent long-term compression set performance.

Long-Term Compression Set Performance* at 204°C

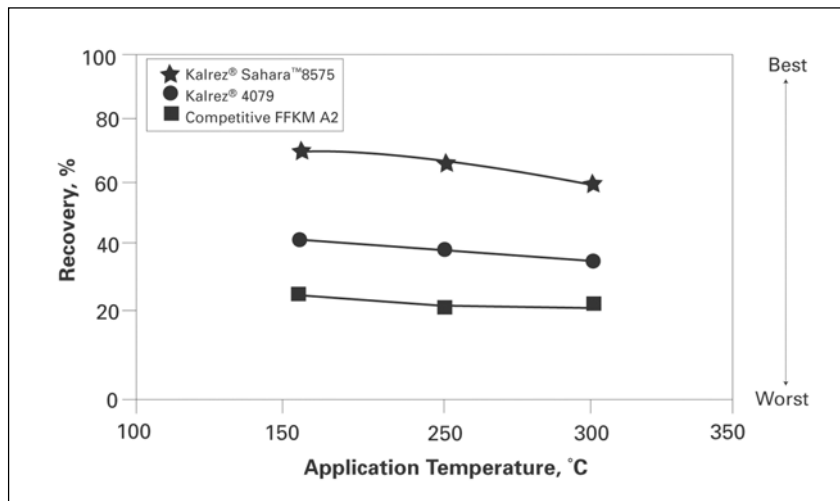


* ASTM D 395B and D 1414 (214 O-rings)

O-Ring Elastic Recovery Performance

While compression set results are an important measure of long-term sealing performance, this test method does not adequately reflect the elastic recovery of a seal that is cooled down under compression. Good elastic recovery properties enable a seal to recover quickly and be ready for service faster between process or maintenance cycles. Many compounds have good compression set values but poor elastic recovery after cool down under compression. The data below reflects O-ring recovery after samples were compressed 25% for 16 hours at elevated temperatures, then cooled down under compression. Percent recovery was measured 30 minutes following removal of compression plates. Kalrez[®] Sahara[™] 8575 exhibits excellent elastic recovery properties.

Elastic Recovery Performance (214 O-rings)



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