

## GRISWOLD Sponge Rubber Shelf Life

The various factors that affect shelf life of cellular rubber materials are well understood. Changes to the material, as it ages, are primarily related to exposure to oxygen and ozone. Rates of change are affected by exposure to heat and light. The environment in which these materials are stored can have a significant impact on overall storage life. The time frame in which physical properties begin to deviate from the norm is generally accepted as the method for establishing the shelf like of these materials. Therefore, to maximize shelf life, GRISWOLD® Sponge Rubber should be stored under the following conditions:

- Maintain in original packaging
- · Temperature below 80°F (27°C)
- · Humidity range 40% to 50%

When stored under these conditions, Rogers Corporation recommends a shelf life of 1 year from date of receipt for GRISWOLD Sponge Rubber and 3 years from date of receipt for GRISWOLD Neoprene Sponge Rubber.

It is understood that customers may not always be able to maintain the storage conditions noted above. For this reason, we recommend our customers test materials prior to their intended use for suitability to the application. It is further recommended to implement a first in, first out inventory management system.

These recommendations are based on generally accepted experience and maintains that it is the responsibility of the customer to verify suitability of a product for the desired end use.

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