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C-RAM RGD-S

FLEXIBLE SILICONE RUBBER TRANSMISSION LINE ABSORBER

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C-RAM RGD-S is a filled silicone rubber sheet material with a high magnetic loss. It is available in two grades: -117 and -124. The -124 grade has higher loading and higher losses.

C-RAM RGD-S is used for terminations, loads, and attenuators in waveguides, coaxial lines, and microstrip circuits. It can also be used for lowering the Q of cavities and eliminating unwanted resonances.

C-RAM RGD-S is cut readily with a sharp knife, and can be sawed, die cut, waterjet cut, or otherwise machined to complex shapes. Since it is ferromagnetic, it is easily held in place during machining with magnetic chucks. It is flexible and can be bonded to contoured surfaces.

Because it is flexible, C-RAM RGD-S can withstand temperature cycling when bonded to metals. The material has good thermal conductivity and can be used to dissipate heat, including that generated by its own magnetic loss mechanism.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

The normal method of applying C-RAM RGD-S to a substrate is with a silicone RTV adhesive. For best results, the substrate should be scuffed with sandpaper, wiped with alcohol to remove dust and grease, and have a silicone primer applied, such as C-PRIME 215.

A silicone adhesive, such as C-BOND 255 or equivalent, is brushed or rolled onto one of the surfaces, and the part is then applied to the metal. An overnight cure is generally required, and a modest temperature cycle, such as a few hours at 150 °F, helps the bond.



TYPICAL PROPERTIES

Color: Grey
Flammability: non-flammable
Specific Gravity: 4.0
Thermal Expansion per °C: 6×10^{-5}
Thermal Conductivity: .0021 cal-cm/sec-cm²-°C
6.0 BTU-in/hr-ft²-°F
Service Temperature: -55 to +200 °C
(-65 to +400 °F)
Hardness, Shore A: 75
Water Absorption, 24 hrs: <0.1%
Volume Resistivity, ohm-cm: $>10^{10}$
Dielectric Strength, kV/mm: >400 (>100 V/mil)
Relative Impedance (Z/Z₀): 0.3 for -117
0.4 for -124

Attenuation, dB/cm:

	-117	-124
1.5 GHz	2.9	5.6
3.0 GHz	11.0	20.0
8.6 GHz	46	63
10.0 GHz	51	69

(Note: attenuation is a measure of the absorption of RF energy within the material, and is not the same as insertion loss, which includes reflected energy at the air-material interface)

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C-RAM RGD-S can be supplied with a pressure sensitive adhesive. The bond is not as strong as an RTV adhesive, but provides an adequate strength in many applications, particularly when one is bonding small pieces. Simply peel off the backing and stick the part to a clean surface.

AVAILABILITY

Standard product sizes for both grades are flat sheets 12 x 12 in (300 x 300 mm), available in several standard thicknesses including:

0.030 in (0.75 mm)
0.060 in (1.5 mm)
0.125 in (3.2 mm)
0.250 in (6.35 mm)
1.000 in (25.4 mm)

Specify the product as C-RAM RGD-S-117 (or -124), followed by the dimensions.

Cuming Microwave can supply RGD-S in other shapes and sizes, and can cut and/or machine parts to your drawings.

Thinner sections of C-RAM RGD-S can also be supplied with a peel-and-stick pressure sensitive adhesive backing (specify by adding a /PSA suffix to the part name).

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