

CHEMOTHERM

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Graphite/ Metal Laminates

Technical Data Sheet 141 (previously TDS 641)

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Material **CHEMOTHERM** is the designation for asbestos- free materials made of expanded graphite and various metal cores.

Designation	Core type	Core material	Thickness
CHEMOTHERM SP	tanged core	galvanized steel	0.2/0.25 mm
CHEMOTHERM SPE	tanged core	1.4401	0.1 mm

Properties **CHEMOTHERM** is characterized by exceptionally good chemical and thermal resistance, high compressibility, i.e. good conformability to irregular and rough sealing faces, low creep, good gas sealability, and consistent material properties even under alternating operating conditions. The tanged core guarantees excellent resistance against blow- out at high pressures.

Application **CHEMOTHERM SP** is used to seal cylinder heads and exhaust systems of IC engines and wherever high, alternating thermal and mechanical stress is encountered and where the medium to be sealed allows the use of a zinc-galvanized steel core. This version is also a very economical alternative to **CHEMOTHERM SPE**.

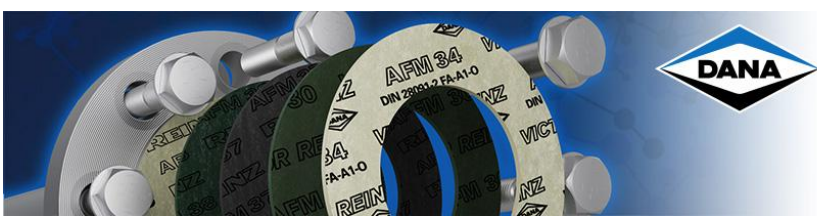
Thanks to its stainless steel core, **CHEMOTHERM SPE** covers the same application range of **CHEMOTHERM SP**. However, the material is also used primarily to seal aggressive media in pipelines and apparatus construction.

Approvals **CHEMOTHERM SPE:**

DIN- DVGW In accordance with DIN 3535, Part 6

BAM German Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing. Gaskets for flanged joints of copper, copper alloys, and steel. Gaseous oxygen up to 130 bar and 200 °C. Liquid oxygen.

Germanischer Lloyd (DNV GL) Approval for shipbuilding



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CHEMOTHERM SP
(nominal thickness
2.0 mm)

Purity of graphite layer		
ash content	%	< 4
chloride content	ppm	< 50
Initial density of graphite layer	g/ cm ³	1.0 - 1.1
Residual stress acc. to DIN 52 913 16 h, 300 °C	N/ mm ²	> 45
Compressibility and recovery acc. to ASTM F 36, procedure J		
compressibility	%	15 - 25
recovery	%	> 20
Sealability against nitrogen acc. to DIN 3535, part 6 (FA)	mg/ (s·m)	< 0.1
Swelling acc. to ASTM F 146:		
in IRM 903 Oil (replaces ASTM Oil No. 3) 5 h, 150 °C		
increase in thickness	%	< 5
in ASTM Fuel B 5 h, room temp.		
increase in thickness	%	< 10
Operating temperature in inert or reducing atmosphere		up to the operating limits of the core material used
in air	°C	-200 up to +450
Operating pressure (max.)		
at 450 °C	bar	100



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CHEMOTHERM SPE
(nominal thickness
2.0 mm)

Purity of graphite layer		
ash content	%	< 2
chloride content	ppm	< 50
Initial density of graphite layer	g/ cm ³	1.0
Residual stress acc. to DIN 52 913 16 h, 300 °C	N/ mm ²	> 48
Compressibility and recovery acc. to ASTM F 36, procedure J		
compressibility	%	30 - 45
recovery	%	10 - 20
Sealability against nitrogen acc. to DIN 3535, part 6 (FA)	mg/ (s·m)	< 0.08
Swelling acc. to ASTM F 146:		
in IRM 903 Oil (replaces ASTM Oil No. 3) 5 h, 150 °C		
increase in thickness	%	< 5
in ASTM Fuel B 5 h, room temp.		
increase in thickness	%	< 10
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Sealing parameters see corresponding [Tables](#)



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Form of delivery

CHEMOTHERM SP, CHEMOTHERM SPE

- Gaskets** according to a drawing, dimensions supplied, or other arrangements
- Rolls** 500 mm wide (guaranteed minimum usable width 490mm)
Other forms of delivery by arrangement

Nominal thicknesses
1.0 mm/1.5 mm/2.0 mm, other thicknesses by agreement.

Tolerances according to DIN 28 091-1