



Fluorosurfactant-free high performance FKM for the oil & gas industry

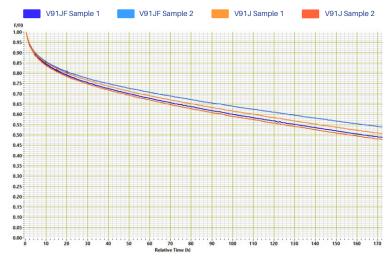
EnDura® V91JF is a fluorosurfactant-free alternative to EnDura® V91J, PPE's versatile rapid gas decompression (RGD) resistant FKM terpolymer.

EnDura® V91JF uses a fluorosurfactant-free version of the polymer used in EnDura® V91J. The two materials are otherwise compounded and processed identically.

Extensive testing has been carried out that show, as detailed in this document, strong alignment between the original and NFS (non-fluorosurfactant) versions from a thermal, mechanical, RGD and functional sealing perspective.

Material Properties	Method	EnDura® V91J	EnDura® V91JF
Hardness (Shore A)	ASTM D412	86	85
Hardness (IRHD)	ASTM D1415	90	89
Density (g/cm³)	ASTM D792	1.91	1.90
Tensile Strength (MPa)		27.5	25.7
Elongation at Break (%)	ASTM D412	245%	245%
Modulus @ 50% (MPa)		6.1	5.2
Modulus @ 100% (MPa)		12.3	10.9
Compression Set (24h @ 200°C / 392°F)	ASTM D395 Method B	21%	20%
Compression Set (24h @ 200°C / 392°F)	ISO 815 Method B	52%	50%
Compression Set (24h @ 200°C / 392°F)	ISO 815 Method C	24%	23%
Compression Set (72h @ 200°C / 392°F)	ASTM D395 Method B	32%	31%

Thermal Performance: (High Temperature)



High temperature performance has been compared using compressive stress relaxation ISO 3384-1 Method B at a constant temperature of 210°C (410°F) for 168 hours with -214 O-Rings under 25% compression.

The results show a high degree of correlation between the original and NFS materials under these conditions.

Stress relaxation is a reduction in the counterforce for maintaining the applied strain; the force is not constant but decreases with time when the material ages.



Thermal Performance: (Low Temperature)

Low temperature flexibility has been compared using the midpoint Glass Transition Temperature (Tg) obtained through Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC) ASTM D3148.

The results show a high degree of correlation between the original and NFS materials.

Material Grade	Glass Transition Temperature (°C)	
EnDura® V91J	-3.4 °C / 25.8°F	
EnDura® V91JF	-4.4 °C / 24°F	

DSC: Comparable Glass Transition Temperature

Thermal Expansion:

The Coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) has been compared using a thermomechanical analyser (TMA).

The results show a high degree of correlation between the original and NFS materials.

Material Grade	Coefficient of Thermal Expansion µm/(m°C)	
EnDura® V91J	205 μm/(m °C)	
EnDura® V91JF	205 μm/(m °C)	

TMA: Comparable Coefficient of Thermal Expansion

RGD Performance:

Resistance to rapid gas decompression (RGD) has been compared using the 8-cycle pressure test procedure from ISO23936-2 Annex B using -325 O-Rings at 100°C (212°F) and 150bar (2175.5psi). Both materials passed the testing with 0 ratings.

Compound	EnDura® V91J	EnDura® V91JF
Specimen	O-ring	O-ring
Squeeze	15.4%	15.6%
Gland fill	83.8%	83.9%
O-ring score		
1	00000000	00000000
2	00000000	00000000
3	00000000	00000000
4	00000000	00000000
Result	Pass	Pass



EnDura® V91J O-ring cross section after testing



EnDura® V91JF O-ring cross section after testing

Sealing Performance:

Sealing performance has been compared using an arduous, proprietary fixture test using -341 O-Rings supported by profiled back-up rings. The seals are subjected to temperature cycling from ambient temperature to 177°C (350°F) and to a series of pressure reversals at a maximum pressure of 1034bar (15psi).

Unlike O-Ring extrusion testing which is typically subjective, this test is more objective, and success at each stage of the test is dependent on maintaining the pressure differential for the required duration.

The original and NFS material performed very similarly in the test conducted.