

## PRODUCT DATASHEET

# SIGMA® 588



SIGMA® 588 is a high performance biaxially oriented PTFE sheet sealing material with enhanced handling & low stress sealing characteristics.



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### Health & Safety

For further Health and Safety information please see the relevant Material Safety Datasheets or contact Flexitallic Ltd.

### Service:

SIGMA® 588 is capable of creating a seal at very low stresses. This makes the product suitable not just for use in standard metallic flanged connections but also in load compromised bolted connections; such as those applications involving glass lined, plastic flanges and thin or distorted metal flanges.

Sigma® 588 comprises of soft microcellular PTFE faces sintered onto a rigid pure PTFE core therefore enhancing handling and installation of large or complex gaskets.

Suitable for sealing most chemicals across the whole pH range (0-14) with the exception of molten alkali metals and fluorine gas. Consisting entirely of PTFE, SIGMA® 588 is suitable for use with practically all chemical media.

**Recommended temperature range:**  
- 250°C to 260°C

**Recommended pressure range:**  
Vacuum to 85 bar (1230 psi)

### Typical Physical Properties:

Thickness	1.5mm
Density	1.1g/cm <sup>3</sup>
ASTM F36A Compressibility	55%
ASTM F36A Recovery	24%
ASTM F152 Tensile Strength	10MPa
DIN 52913 Residual Stress @ 175°C	28MPa
DIN 3535-6 Gas Permeability	0.01mL/min
ASTM F37A Liquid Leakage	1.5mL/hr
1000 psi gasket stress, 50 psi Fuel A	

### Note:

These temperature and pressure guides cannot necessarily be used simultaneously and may not apply at all thicknesses.

Complies with the requirements of FDA regulations.

WRAS approval 1206528

TA-LUFT approved

Do NOT use gasket pastes.

### Availability:

**Sheet size:**  
1.5m x 1.5m

**Thickness range:**  
1.5mm to 6.4mm

**Colour:** White (Pigment free)