Nitrile (NBR), Hydrogenated Nitrile (HNBR/HSN) and Carboxylated Nitrile (XNBR)

NBR	HNBR/HSN		XNBR	
Nitrile Butadiene Rubber (NBR)	Hydrogenated Nitrile Butadiene Rubber (HNBR) or Highly Saturated Nitrile (HSN)		Carboxylated Nitrile Butadiene Rubber (XNBR)	
Temperature Range: (Buna-N) between -40°C and +135°C (Low-temperature) between -65°C and +120°	Temperature Range: between -26°C and +160°C		Temperature Range: between -54°C and +135°C	
 Key Uses: Aircraft fuel systems Automotive fuel systems Can be used with petroleum oils, water and hydraulic fluids Low-temperature military uses Marine fuel systems Off-road equipment Oil resistance applications of all types 	 Key Uses: All oil resistant applications, including exposure to such oil additives as detergents, anti-oxidants and anti-wear agents Automotive and Oil industries Automotive fuel handling systems Can be used with petroleum oils and water, H2S and CO2 Exposure to oil soured with metal sludge Seals for oil well applications 		Key Uses: • Can be used with petroleum oils and water • Hoses • Reciprocating oil seals • Rubber belts • Sealing parts • Special purpose articles in oil well • Dynamic assemblies, such as seals and rod wipers	
 Limitations: Compounds are attacked by Ozone in small quantities. Phthalate plasticizers, which are used in compounding Nitrile rubber, migrate out and cause issues with some other plastics Not recommended for exposure to ketones, phosphate esters, H2S, ether and chlorinate 	 Limitations: Not recommended for exposure to ethers, esters, ketones or chlorinated hydrocarbons Avoid using with brake fluid 		 Limitations: Compounds are attacked by Ozone in small quantities Not recommended for exposure to phosphate esters, ketones, ozone, weathering and strong acids Do not use with brake fluid 	
hydrocarbonsDo not use with brake fluid				
Chemical Resistance:Acids, diluteGoodAcids, Organic (dilute)GoodAlcoholsGoodAlkalis, diluteGoodAminesPoorAmmoniaGoodAnimal & Vegetable oilsExcellentBrake fluidsPoorDiester oilsGoodEstersPoorFuel, Aliphatic HydrocarbonExcellentFuel, Aromatic HydrocarbonGoodFuelsExcellentHydraulic fluidsExcellentHydrocarbonFairKetonesPoorLP Gasses & Fuel oilsExcellentMineral oilsExcellentOil resistanceExcellentPetroleum based oils & fluidsExcellentWaterExcellent	Biological oils Brake fluids Diester oils Esters Ethers Fuel, Aliphatic Hydrocarbon Fuels Hydraulic fluids Hydrocarbon Ketones LP Gasses & Fuel oils Mineral oils Motor oils Oil resistance Ozone	Good Good Excellent Good Poor Excellent Good Poor Poor Excellent Good Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent	Chemical Resistance: Acids, dilute Acids, Organic (dilute) Alcohols Alkalis, dilute Amines Ammonia Animal & Vegetable oils Brake fluids Diester oils Esters Ethers Fuel, Aliphatic Hydrocarbon Fuels Hydraulic fluids Hydrocarbon Ketones LP Gasses & Fuel oils Mineral oils Oil resistance Petroleum based oils & fluids Silicone oils & greases Solvents Water	Good Good Good Poor Poor Excellent Poor Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent

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Comparison Chart

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Physical and Working Properties:		Physical and Working Properties:		Physical and Working Properties:					
Abrasion Resistance	Excellent	Abrasion Resistance	Excellent	Abrasion Resistance	Excellent				
Adhesion to Metal	Excellent	Adhesion to Metal	Excellent	Adhesion to Metal	Excellent				
Adhesion to Rigid Materials	Excellent	Adhesion to Rigid Materials	Excellent	Adhesion to Rigid Materials	Excellent				
Compression Set	Excellent	Compression Set	Excellent	Compression Set	Good				
Elongation Range	350% - 650%	Elongation Range	90% - 550%	Elongation Range	250% - 600%				
Flame Resistance	Poor	Flame Resistance	Poor	Flame Resistance	Poor				
Flex Cracking Resistance	Good	Flex Cracking Resistance	Good	Flex Cracking Resistance	Fair				
Gas Permeability	Good	Gas Permeability	Good	Gas Permeability	Good				
Hardness Range	20 - 95 Shore A	Hardness Range	30 - 95 Shore A	Hardness Range	50 - 90 Shore A				
Impact Resistance	Good	Impact Resistance	Excellent	Impact Resistance	Excellent				
Oxidation Resistance	Good	Oxidation Resistance	Excellent	Oxidation Resistance	Good				
Ozone Resistance	Fair	Ozone Resistance	Excellent	Ozone Resistance	Fair				
Radiation Resistance	Good	Radiation Resistance	Good	Radiation Resistance	Good				
Resilience	Good	Resilience	Good	Resilience	Good				
Steam Resistance	Good	Steam Resistance	Good	Steam Resistance	Good				
Tear Resistance	Excellent	Tear Resistance	Excellent	Tear Resistance	Excellent				
Tensile Strength Range	200 - 3,500 PSI	Tensile Strength Range	1,500 - 3,500 PSI	Tensile Strength Range	1,000 - 3,500 PSI				
Water Resistance	Excellent	Water Resistance	Excellent	Water Resistance	Good				
Weather Resistance	Good	Weather Resistance	Excellent	Weather Resistance	Fair				
Additional Information:		Additional Information:		Additional Information:					
Economical elastomer, very popular and		Hydrogenated Nitrile is an outcome of		Nitrile with a Carboxyl added to the					
extensively used		the hydrogenation of Nitrile, effecting in		formulation					
		fluctuating quantities of saturation of the							
Presents a great balance of desirable		polymeric sequence, together with a span		Use of Carboxylated Nitrile elastomer can have improved abrasion resistance, while still retaining improved oil resistance					
qualities		of extended physical strength and chemical							
Medium Nitrile compound with Nitrile (ACN)		resistance characteristics							
content of approximately 32	2%, most popular	Also known as Saturated Nitrile, which is		 XNBR compounds present good physical 					
and broadly used		acquired by initiating Hydrogen into the Nitrile in order to saturate the hydrocarbon sequences in the elastomer • HNBR presents improved wear and extrusion		qualities at high temperatures and a high tensile strength • Industries Served: Water, Gas, Agriculture,					
 High Nitrile compound with Nitrile (ACN) content of approximately 50%, commonly recommended for use with Hydrocarbon fuels 									
						Automotive, and Bus, Truck and Trailer			
				 Low Nitrile compound with Nitrile (ACN) 					resistance than Nitrile and has a good
					content of approximately 18%, mostly defined		chemical compatibility		
for use in low-temperature applications		 Enhanced resistance to heat, ageing and 							
 Industries served: Water, Pump & Gas, 		ozone, which makes it ideal for mechanical							
Agriculture, Food & Drink, Rail, Automotive, and Bus, Truck and Trailer		applications							
		 Properties in Hydrogenated Nitrile elastomers makes them ideas for industries that use oil 							
		resistant and high-powered	applications						
		 Industries served: Petrocher 	mical, Offshore						
		Drilling, Agriculture, Earth Moving and							
		Construction, and Automotive							
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