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SHELF LIFE & STORAGE OF RUBBER

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the shelf life of rubber.

It is impossible to give a totally accurate shelf life for material, as this obviously depends on the type of compound, storage/use conditions, temperature and regular inspections. If stored in ideal conditions as advised most material will be good for UP TO seven years. Ideally it should be checked after 5 years to ensure it is still within its spec and can then be kept for UP TO another 2 years. Obviously usage would have an effect and may shorten the life of the rubber.

BS3574 offers guidance on storage . Generally, the main criteria are fully wrapped away from ozone sources, electrical motors, magnetic forces, away from sunlight, water, oils and chemicals . Ideally it should be store in the dark and in temperatures between 15°C to 25°C.

Our comments are offered in good faith but without guarantee.

If you require more in depth information, may I suggest that you contact RAPRA in Shrewsbury on 01939 250383, quoting our names as members , for extra assistance. Alternatively you can access RAPRA's website at :- <http://www.smithersrapra.com>