



When handled and stored in normal warehouse conditions, the shelf life of Soft-chem<sup>®</sup> expanded PTFE material is essentially indefinite. The material will not age or deteriorate over time.

The ability of a gasket to make and maintain a seal depends not only on the style and quality of the gasket material, but also on medium being sealed, the flange design, the amount of pressure applied to the gasket by the bolts and how the gasket is assembled onto the flanges and tightened. These factors are beyond the manufacturer's control.

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