



**TECHNICAL BULLETIN 131** 

# METAL REINFORCED LAMINATES

# **STANDARD GRADES**

**GHE** 

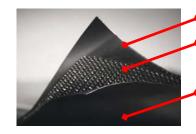


**GHR** 



#### **GRAFOIL Grade GHE**

GRAFOIL Grade GHE laminate is made with GTB flexible graphite mechanically bonded to both faces of a 316 or 316L stainless steel tang metal insert. Surface identifiable, laminate is branded with the GRAFOIL grade and source guarantee.



GRAFOIL Grade GTB

#### 316 or 316L stainless steel tang metal insert

- Pierced to provide protruding tangs
- 0.004" thick (prior to tanging)
- GRAFOIL Grade GTB

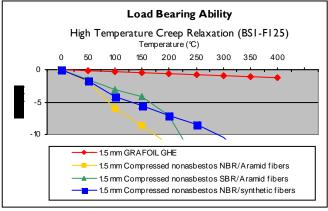
### **APPLICATIONS**

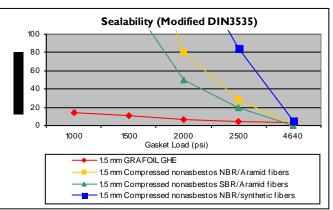
Grade GHE is suitable for standard industrial fluid sealing applications.

- Chemical
- Petrochemcial
- Refinery
- Steam Service
- Cryogenic Applications
- ASME class 150 & 300 Flanges



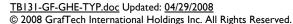
While maintaining an effective seal, GRAFOIL material exhibits virtually no creep relaxation. As a result, the need for periodic bolt tightening is greatly reduced.





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# Grade GHE Typical Properties



## **Laminate Construction:**

- I. GRAFOIL Grade GTB (per Technical Bulletin 436)
- 2. 0.004" thick (prior to tanging) 316 or 316L stainless steel<sup>2</sup> (per ASTM A-240)
- 3. GRAFOIL Grade GTB (per Technical Bulletin 436)

CHARACTERISTIC	TYPICAL PROPERTY
Thickness of Laminate	0.064" (1.63 mm) Standard
	0.084" (2.13 mm) Standard
	0.124" (3.15 mm) Standard
	Non-standard thicknesses may be available upon request
Width	39.4" (1000 mm) Standard
	60" (1524 mm) Standard for 0.064", 0.124" thick
	Non-standard widths may be available upon request
Length	39.4" (1000 mm) Standard
	60" (1524 mm) Standard for 0.064", 0.124" thick
	100' (30.5 m) Standard (available for <=0.064" thick)
	Non-standard lengths may be available upon request
Bulk Density (Graphite)	70 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (1.12 g/cc) Standard
	Non-standard densities may be available upon request
Compressibility	36% Typical for 0.064" thick
at 5000 psi (35 MPa) load	30% Typical for clost affect
Recovery	18% Typical for 0.064" thick
after 5000 psi (35 MPa) load	7,
Creep Relaxation	
Method: BSI-FI25	<3% Typical for 70 lb/ft3
at 6391 psi (44.1 MPa) load	
up to 400°C  Sealability	
Method: Mod DIN 3535	<1.5 ml/min Typical for 70 lb/ft3
at 580 psi N <sub>2</sub> at 32 MPa load	1.5 mi/min Typical for 70 lb/lc3
Temperature Use Range	-400°F to 975°F (-240°C to 525°C)
Resistance in #3 Oil	(-210 C to 323 C)
Thickness increase	<12% Typical
Weight change	<35% Typical
Resistance in #I Oil	/1 -
Thickness increase	<8% Typical
Weight change	<33% Typical
Certification	Certify to Grade

#### **ASME Gasket Factors**

"m" Factor:

"y" Stress: 2,500 psi (17.28 MPa) Max Gasket Unit Load: 24,000 psi (165.87 MPa)

<sup>1</sup> Properties listed are typical and cannot be used as accept/reject specifications. Specifications are listed under Technical Bulletin 161.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Because teeth of the tanged metal interlayer may indent metals softer than 316/316 Stainless Steel, Grade GHE gaskets are not normally recommended for use with glass, bronze, aluminum or other softer metal flanges.