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## COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

### CORK SHEET (PACKAGING AND GASKETING)

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description in preference to Federal Specification HH-C-576.

This commercial item description covers cork composition to be used as cushions and gaskets between glass or porcelain metal; and as gaskets for oil pans, cover plates, gear cases, fuel systems, water pumps, transformers, and similar applications.

#### Salient characteristics:

Cork sheets, strips and gaskets shall be of the following types, as specified.

Type I - Protein binder  
A. Untreated  
B. Mildew resistant

Type II - Resin binder  
A. Untreated  
B. Mildew resistant

Shall be of the following classes, as specified.

Class 1 - Light (Density = 14 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>)  
Class 2 - Medium (Density = 17 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>)  
Class 3 - Heavy (Density = 24 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>)

Thickness of material and dimensions shall be as specified.  
Shall be in the form of sheets, strips or gaskets, as specified.  
Shall be in accordance with the requirements of ANSI/ASTM F 104.

The issue of ANSI/ASTM F 104 in effect on the date of the solicitation shall be used to determine compliance with this requirement.

Workmanship. The cork composition sheets, strips and gaskets shall be free from defects which affect their serviceability.

Certification. The contractor shall certify that the product offered meets the salient characteristics of this description, and that the product conforms to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and is the same product sold in the commercial marketplace. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance prior to first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract.

Regulatory requirements. The manufacturer shall utilize recovered materials to the maximum extent practicable.

Packaging, packing, and marking. The items shall be packaged in accordance with normal commercial practice and packed to assure acceptance by common carrier and provide product protection against loss and damage during multiple shipments, handling and storage. The shipping container shall be in compliance with the National Motor Freight Classification and Uniform Freight Classification. Shipping containers shall be marked as specified in the contract or order.

Copies of ASTM standards are available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

#### MILITARY INTERESTS

##### Military Coordinating Activity:

Navy - OS

##### Preparing Activity:

GSA-FSS

##### Custodians:

Navy - OS  
Air Force - 99