

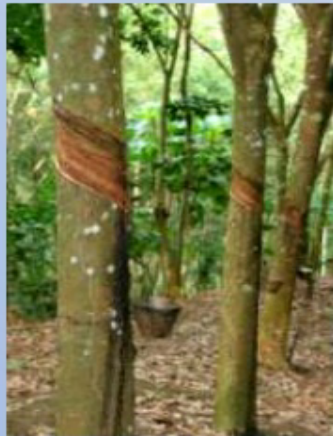
NATURAL RUBBER, SYNTHETIC RUBBER AND NEOPRENE RUBBER

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NATURAL RUBBER

DESCRIPTION

- Elastic polymer.
- It comes from latex.
- Trees: Hevea Brasiliensis and Castilloa elástica.
- Elastic, water repellent and electric resistant.



NATURAL RUBBER

HISTORY

- Discovered by the mayans and aztecs.
- Banned in the 15th century.
- La Condamine rediscovered it in 1735.
- It was a success in Europe.
- In 1791 it was first commercialized.

NATURAL RUBBER

RECYCLING

- Different processes to recycle it.
- Very flammable.
- It creates pollution.
- Cause of diseases.
- E.g: Rubber floors for parks.



NATURAL RUBBER

USES

- Tires.
- Wheel rims.
- Hoses.
- Conveyor belt.



SYNTHETIC RUBBER

DESCRIPTION

- Artificial elastomer.
- Obtained mainly from petroleum.
- Elastic material.
- Good qualities and cheap.
- It is recyclable.



SYNTHETIC RUBBER

HISTORY

- Created in 1909 by Fritz Hofmann.
- Similar structure to natural rubber.
- People were very pleased.
- Cheaper than natural rubber.
- 2/3 of today's rubber is synthetic.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER

PROPERTIES

- Solid, flexible, durable.
- It hardens when it's cooled.
- It can be molded when heated.
- Resistant to heat, light and chemicals.
- Heat and electrical insulator.



SYNTHETIC RUBBER

USES

- Car tires.
- Flexible rubber toys.
- Paint.
- Shoe soles.
- Rubber gloves.
- Tubes and hoses.



NEOPRENE

DESCRIPTION AND PROPERTIES

- Synthetic rubber.
- It's produced by polymerization of chloroprene.
- It has good chemical stability.
- Flexible over a wide temperature range.
- It is colourless.
- Resistant to sun, climate and ozone deterioration.

NEOPRENE

ORIGINS AND HISTORY

- It was invented by DuPont scientist (1930).
- First name: DuPrene.
- It smelled bad and was expensive.
- Problems were solved and was a success.
- Its name was changed to neoprene.

NEOPRENE

RECLYCLING

- Waste burying techniques.
- Incineration.
- Some brands do recycling processes.
- Using old neoprene to create shoes, t-shirts...



NEOPRENE

USES

- Laptop sleeves.
- Wetsuits.
- Small boats.
- Boots.

