

# BIOCOM PATIBLE LUBRICANTS FOR MEDICAL O-RINGS

# **INDUSTRY:**

Medical

## **APPLICATION:**

Sinus Implant Deployment System

# COMPONENT: O-Ring

**LOCATION:** 

USA



Biocompatible lubricants are often recommended for medical applications, especially those that may come in contact with the skin or body cavity. These lubricants should not be confused with foodgrade lubricants which are not required to pass ISO-standard biocompatibility testing. A customer designing a hand-held, sinus implant deployment system approached Nye in search of a lubricant for their silicone O-ring. The customer was only able to find silicone-based lubricants on the market, which are not compatible with silicone components. They came to Nye in search of a non-silicone, biocompatible lubricant to seal their O-ring and protect the implant against saline and water.

# CHALLENGES

Nye must provide lubricant that:

- · Protects implant against saline and water
- Is plastic and silicone-compatible
- Is biocompatible and compatible with E-beam sterilization

# SOLUTION NYEMED® 7471

A completely fluorinated, inert fluid, exhibiting low solubility.

- Biocompatible per ISO 10993-5, 10993-10, and 10993-11
- · Does not swell plastics and elastomers
- · Seals against moisture
- · Resists oxidation and chemicals

# **RESULTS**

Nye sent the customer two lubricants from our biocompatible NyeMed® product line for testing. Ultimately, NyeMed® 7471 passed the customers material compatibility and e-beam sterilization testing. The product was also able to successfully seal the O-ring to prevent saline from reaching the implant. The customer's application is now FDA-approved and NyeMed® 7471 has been approved for its delivery system.

### **Typical Properties**

| Base Oil Properties              | Conditions             | NyeMed® 7471           | Test Method |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Chemistry                        | -                      | PFPE                   | -           |
| Temperature Range                | -                      | -50 to 250 °C          | -           |
| Flash Point                      | _                      | Non-Flammable          | ASTM D92    |
| Base Fluid<br>Apparent Viscosity | 25 °C                  | 840 cP                 | CTM*        |
|                                  | 45 °C                  | 476 cP                 | CTM*        |
| Grease Properties                |                        |                        |             |
| Apparent Viscosity (cP)          | 25 °C, 50/s shear rate | N/A                    | CTM*        |
| Density                          | 25 °C                  | 1.83 g/cm <sup>3</sup> | CTM*        |
| Oil Separation                   | 24 h, 100 °C           | N/A                    | ASTM D6184  |
| Evaporation                      | 24 h, 100 °C           | 0.01%                  | CTM*        |

<sup>\*</sup>CTM: Nye Company Test Method

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