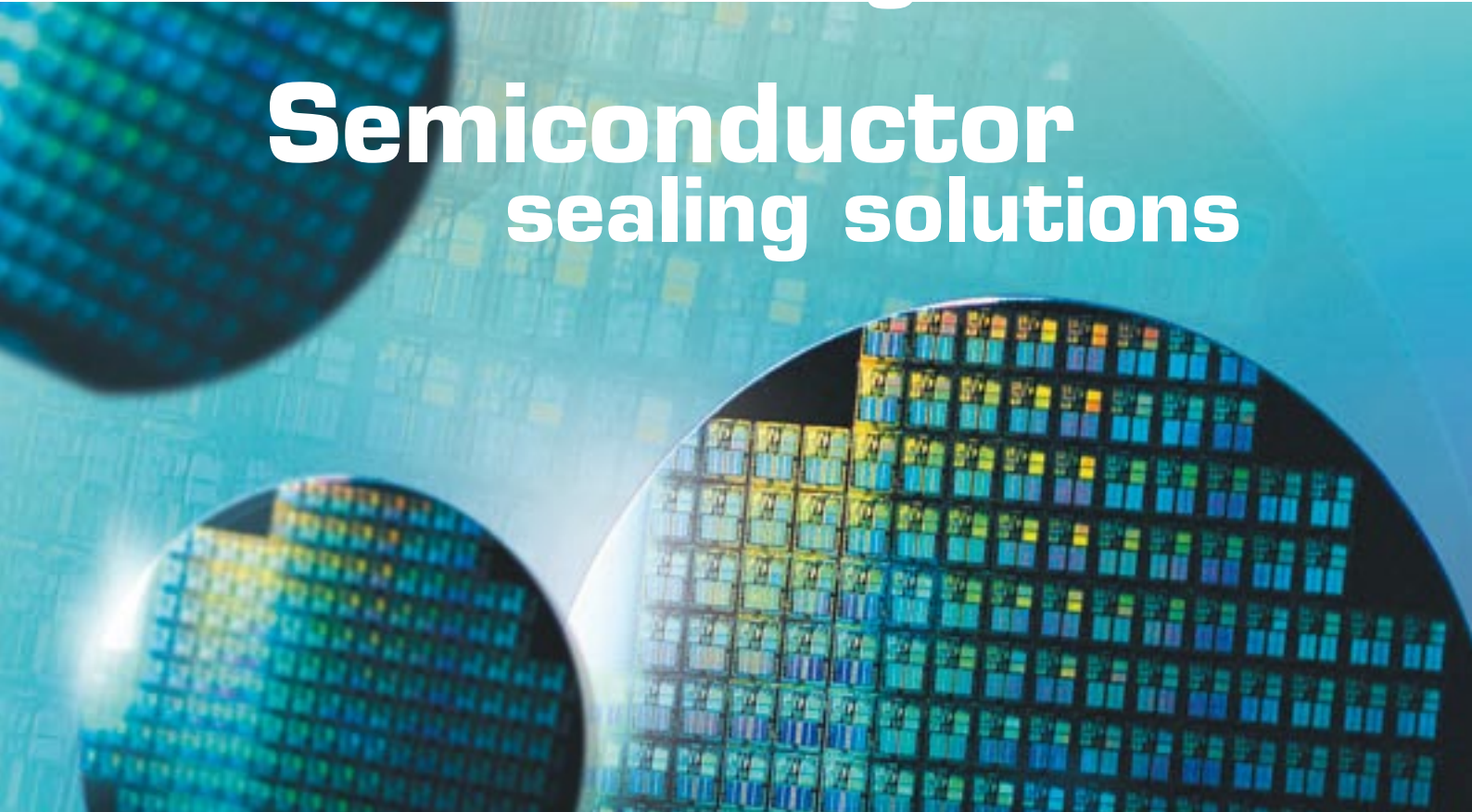
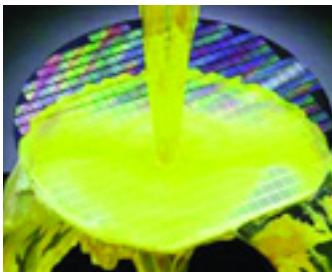


Semiconductor sealing solutions



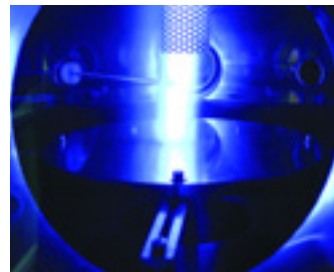
Your Partner for Sealing Technology

Optimum semiconductor sealing solutions



Wet process applications

Wet process sealing options combine continuous mid-range operating temperatures with excellent performance in ultra pure de-ionised water and a low level of extractable total organic carbon.



Aggressive plasma systems

Seals can meet the needs of aggressive plasma applications for ultra high purity, cleanliness, reliability and long life, demonstrating minimal particulation and extremely low outgassing.



The semiconductor manufacturing process is extremely aggressive and seals are invariably housed in areas of the processing system where they need to withstand highly corrosive liquids, gases and plasmas often at elevated temperatures or in vacuum conditions. Trelleborg Sealing Solutions are a leading developer and manufacturer of high performance sealing options and we work with our customers to help them establish the optimum seal material and design to maximise the performance of semiconductor manufacturing equipment. This can result in increased service life and extended mean time between planned maintenance (MTBM) thereby reducing downtime and maximising production efficiency and yields, process reliability and minimising overall cost of ownership.

The considerable practical experience of Trelleborg Sealing Solutions in solution provision allows us to recommend the best possible option from our extensive range of innovative seal materials and products, many specifically engineered to meet the increasingly demanding requirements of the industry and to provide exceptional sealing integrity. We provide a single source for the majority of semiconductor equipment sealing requirements including the most stringent within critical manufacturing processes.

The range of products offer:

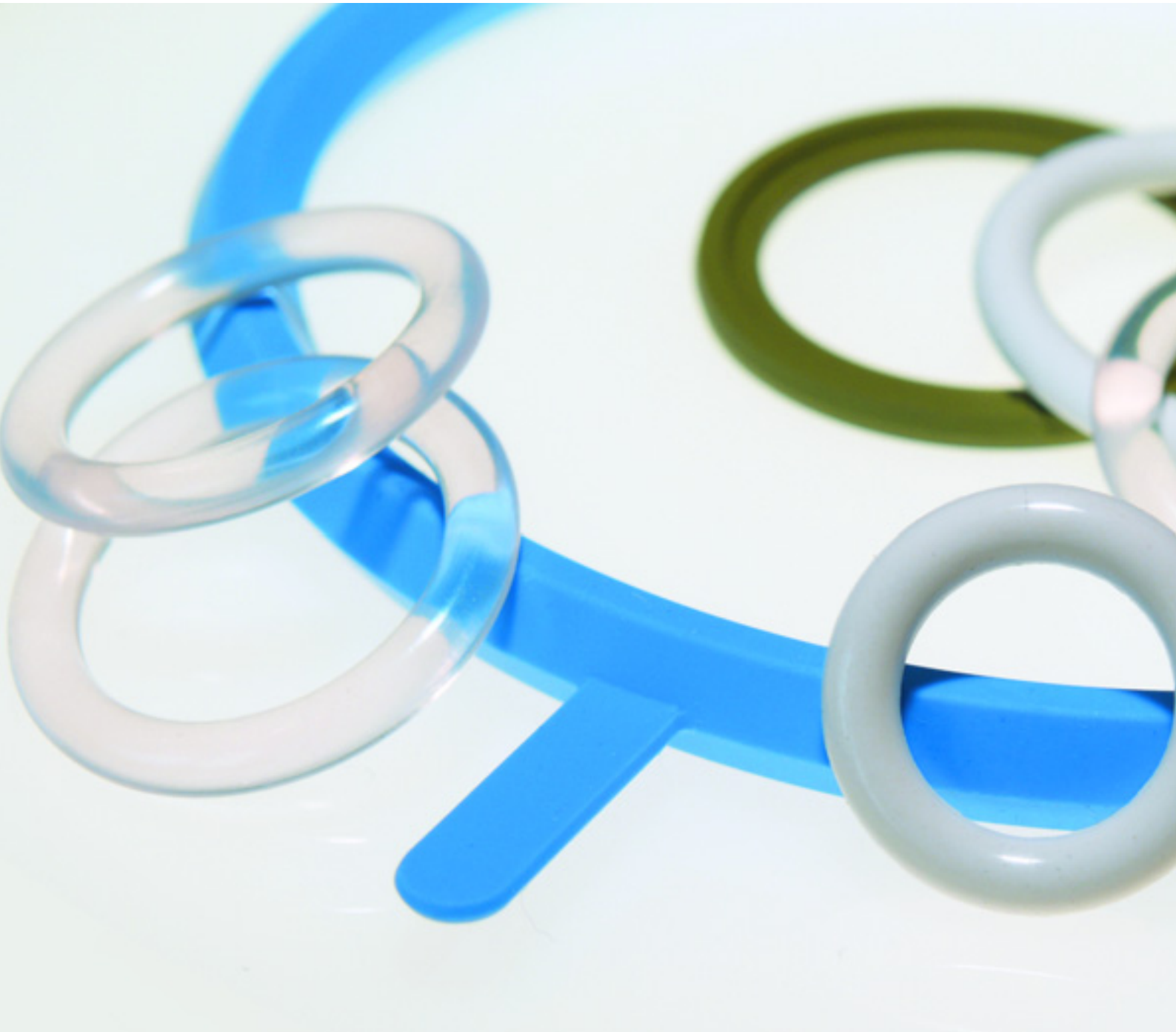
- Temperature resistance from cryogenic up to 850 °C
- Almost universal chemical resistance; withstanding aggressive fluids including acids, bases, solvents amine based strippers and gases, chlorinated cleaning gases, oxygen and fluorine plasmas
- Excellent stability both thermal and when operating within a vacuum or under pressure
- Extremely low levels of ionic impurities (anionic and cationic) and TOCs (Total Organic Carbon)
- Minimal particle generation and outgassing even at elevated temperatures
- Low permeation rates
- Reduced IR absorption and weight loss
- Good mechanical performance
- Low long-term compression set
- Resistance to dry and wet process chemistry



High temperature resistance

The challenge of continuous high temperature operation requires high performance materials, which minimise outgassing even when sealing aggressive chemicals and media.

High performance elastomer sealing technology



Crystal clear elastomer

A specially developed translucent elastomer offers a sealing solution with an extremely low level of ionic impurities.



Isolast® Fab Range™

The ultimate in elastomer sealing, these virtually inert and almost universally chemical compatibility materials have been specifically designed to operate effectively in aggressive semiconductor processing systems.



Breadth of range

Due to the breadth of range offered by Trelleborg Sealing Solutions, designers can specify seals that meet the challenge of balancing cost effectiveness with performance. Any size of O-Ring (standard or custom) is available alongside custom moulded designs and bonded products; in materials ranging from basic elastomer grades to leading edge, high specification compounds, specifically developed for semiconductor equipment applications. These innovative compounds help reduce downtime and improve production efficiency by extending seal life.

Advanced elastomer seals

Fluoroelastomer (FKM) seals are ideal for downstream applications such as vacuum pumps and wet process applications where temperatures do not exceed 180°C. These materials exhibit excellent resistance to a wide range of chemicals deployed in the semiconductor industry, whilst offering high purity with low permeation and outgassing levels for vacuum applications.

Isolast® Fab Range™

The ultimate in elastomer sealing is the Trelleborg Sealing Solutions Isolast® Fab Range™. These high performance Perfluoroelastomers (FFKM) are virtually inert and demonstrate almost universal chemical compatibility. Suitable for wet processing systems at elevated temperatures and in aggressive plasma applications, they are ideal as an upstream sealing solution. For thermal applications, specialist grades have been developed to operate at continuous temperatures up to 325°C.

Bonded to metal

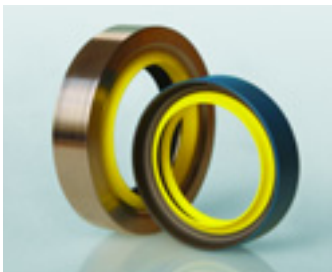
Trelleborg Sealing Solutions can effectively bond FKM and Isolast® seals to a wide variety of surfaces including stainless and mild steel, aluminium, brass and various plastics. This gives the major advantages of maximising seal integrity, eliminating contamination associated with groove voids, providing ease of assembly, reduced inventory and cost effective seal solutions.



Seals bonded to metal

FKM and Isolast® seals are successfully bonded to metals and plastics, maximising seal integrity, eliminating contamination associated with groove voids and providing cost effective seal solutions.

Innovative engineered sealing options



Varilip® PDR in rotary applications

Outstanding, high performance rotary shaft seals effectively prevent gearbox oil entering the processing system and allow the introduction of an inert gas barrier system within semiconductor processing pumps.



Variseal® extreme sealing

Field-proven in extreme gas and liquid handling situations, Variseal® have been used in the most demanding of semiconductor sealing applications including high vacuum and corrosive environments.



Varilip® PDR

At the leading edge of sealing developments, Trelleborg Sealing Solutions provide a broad range of custom and standard options based on engineered plastic and metal technologies. Outstanding, high performance Varilip® PDR rotary shaft seals, comprise a Turcon® PTFE sealing lip retained in a crimped or clamped metal case. These multi-lip seals are ideal for use in semiconductor process pumps where they effectively prevent gearbox oil entering the processing system and allow the introduction of an inert gas barrier system. Custom designed for each application, they demonstrate low friction and wear characteristics and offer almost universal chemical compatibility over an extremely wide temperature range.

Variseal®

Field-proven in extreme gas and liquid handling situations, Variseal® spring energised Turcon® PTFE seals have been used in the most demanding of semiconductor sealing applications including high vacuum and corrosive environments. With the correct selection of PTFE, filled PTFE compounds and appropriate spring material and profile, Variseal® can provide the highest level of system integrity.

Engineered thermoplastics

High performance engineered thermoplastics offer novel sealing solutions in materials such as PEEK™ (Polyether Ether Ketone) and polyimide. This withstands high service temperatures, demonstrating good chemical and plasma resistance, electrostatic control and low outgassing. HiMod® wear rings and bearings for piston and rod applications have proved successful in a number of semiconductor applications which require outstanding dimensional stability and low particle shedding. Specialist Turcon® PTFE components include bellows offering a high purity and chemically compatible option to rubber joints.

Wills Rings®

Wills Rings® are metallic seals providing the optimum solution in static sealing on connectors, flanges and plates for gases and liquids under extremes of temperature and pressure, from cryogenic to 850°C and hard vacuum to 1000 MPa. Wills Rings® are available in a wide range of metals, O or C cross section with either pressure filled or system pressure activation.



High performance engineered thermoplastics

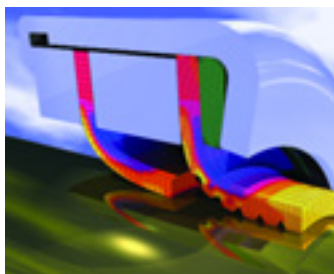
These offer novel sealing and bearing solutions in proprietary materials such as HiMod® (PEEK™ or polyimide based) and Turcon® (PTFE based).



Wills Rings® for the optimum solution

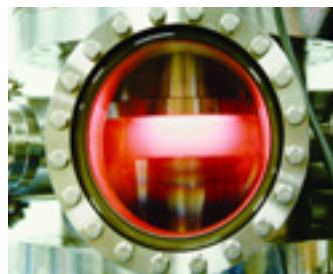
Wills Rings® in O or C cross sections can operate in high pressure and hard vacuum situations within continuous temperatures from cryogenic up to 850°C.

Development partnerships optimise applications



Advanced FEA methods

FEA modeling techniques were used in conjunction with test rigs to prove the Variip® PDR sealing solution developed for high-speed semiconductor pumps and boosters.



Excellent chemical resistance

Seals have to withstand some of the harshest of environments in plasma applications. The Isolast® Fab Range™ has been specially designed to offer materials resistant in this environment.



Trelleborg Sealing Solutions work with semiconductor customers in development partnerships, identifying the best sealing option for specific applications from a broad choice of materials and seal profiles. Trelleborg Sealing Solutions also develop unique formulations and products specifically to meet particular industry or functional requirements, with proposed solutions proven in leading edge test facilities and backed by independent tests through internationally recognised institutes.

High speed operation

The low surface tension of PFPE oil, typically used in semiconductor pumps and boosters, means it is difficult to maintain a meniscus of fluid, necessary for good sealing. For high speed rotary applications Trelleborg Sealing Solutions developed a Varilip® PDR with hydrodynamic sealing lip in a specially formulated grade of Turcon® PTFE, giving high integrity sealing and low level of power consumption.

Resisting harsh chemicals

In contact with harsh chemicals, gases and plasmas in semiconductor processing systems, seals suffer degradation. Aiming at developing resistant materials, the resultant Isolast® Fab Range™ offer perfluoroelastomer seals demonstrating market leading chemical resistance. These give extended seal life, increased MTBO and equipment reliability, leading to improved production yields.

Hard vacuum sealing

Vacuum sealing is a critical application within the semiconductor industry. In-house helium leak testing to 10^{-12} mbar/l/sec has been used to analyse the integrity of different sealing arrangements in vacuum conditions, enabling the development of solutions in elastomer, plastic and metal, proven to be capable of sealing extreme hard vacuums.

Ensuring consistent purity

Trelleborg Sealing Solutions invested in a cleanroom manufacturing facility for its high performance Isolast® Fab Range™ to meet the increasing demand from semiconductor manufacturers for cleanliness and purity. This is ensured with seal production of ultra-pure polymers with high purity fillers in the specialist cleanroom, which incorporates final wash and pack in class 100 conditions and double bag packaging.



Helium testing in vacuum

Analysis of sealing integrity in vacuum conditions is carried out on an in-house helium test rig. This has enabled development for effective solutions for hard vacuum applications.



Clean room production

To ensure purity in seal production, the Isolast® Fab Range™ are manufactured in clean room conditions, washed and packed to class 100 conditions and double bagged.

Market leading global sealing capabilities



Extensive test facilities
Strategically positioned materials and development laboratories and fully resourced design and application centres, continuously succeed in the delivery of sealing solutions.



Innovative material development
Developing and formulating materials in-house and engaging in on-going programmes of development, Trelleborg Sealing Solutions are also skilled in the field of applied materials technology.



Total – Sealing technology

Trelleborg Sealing Solutions is a major international sealing force, uniquely placed to offer a dedicated design and development service for sealing arrangements, from our market leading product and material portfolio; one which has provided solutions that feature in virtually every application conceivable within the aerospace, industrial, and automotive industries.

Global – A worldwide presence

Globally servicing, supporting and supplying our customers, Trelleborg Sealing Solutions have an international network of over 80 facilities worldwide. They include more than 30 manufacturing sites, strategically positioned materials and development laboratories and fully resourced design and application centres, continuously succeeding in the delivery of sealing solutions to the highest standards. Facilities are certified to ISO 9001-2000, with many manufacturing sites also working to QS9000 and VDA 6.1.

Expertise – Our proven capabilities

With over 50-years experience in development and application of sealing systems, Trelleborg Sealing Solutions engineering personnel contribute their knowledge of this specialised technology directly to customers. This includes project management of design, prototyping, production, test and installation using state-of-the-art design tools, fully customer-compatible CAD systems and leading edge Finite Element Analysis (FEA).

Innovation – In materials and supply

Developing and formulating our materials in-house, Trelleborg Sealing Solutions have also acquired significant skills in the field of applied materials technology. Working in close cooperation with worldwide partners, we are engaged in on-going programmes of material and product development to provide customers with competitive advantage, utilising latest technologies and the resource of our material database, which includes over 2,000 proprietary compounds.

Commitment – To customers' needs long-term

The aim of Trelleborg Sealing Solutions is to facilitate customers in the achievement of cost effective, durable solutions that match their specific business requirements and needs. This includes our logistical support which effectively delivers over 40,000 different seals and sealing systems to our customers worldwide. As the global sales and marketing organisation of Trelleborg Sealing Solutions, who develop, manufacture and market safety-critical polymer-based precision seals and associated systems, we have the backing of one of the world's foremost experts in polymer sealing technology.



Superior logistics support

Trelleborg Sealing Solutions invested in an advanced logistical support system, which effectively delivers products to our customers worldwide.

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