

# Inflatable sealing technology

Innovative and economical solutions for cable entries



Sealing against periodically accumulating water (3 m water column DIN 18195-x) and gas diffusion

In addition: solutions against propagation of fire and smoke penetration





## Sealing cushions for ...



... cable and duct entries, distribution cabinets, cable conduits, core boreholes, wall feed-throughs, service entries in buildings, annular spaces and more.  
For inner diameters up to 500 mm.

# **Reasons for using sealing technology for cable feedthroughs to protect against water entry or gas diffusion e.g. carbon monoxide**

- Prevention of personal injury caused by gas diffusion
- Prevention of damage to property in buildings and technical rooms
- Prevention of short-circuits caused by water entry
- Prevention of network failure caused by optical fibre breakage  
(optical fibres are particularly sensitive to water entry or immersion in water)
- Cable manhole facilities do not have to be pumped out
- Prevention of costly repair and renovation measures

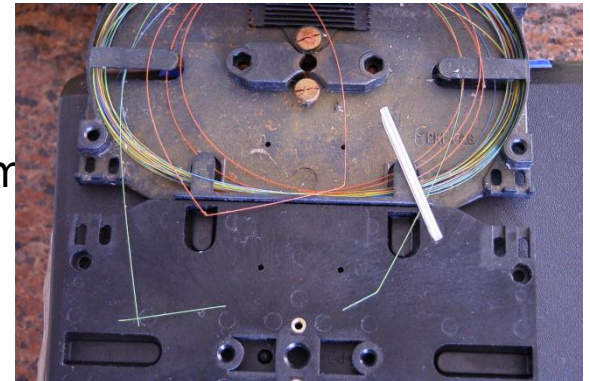


# Consequences of non-existent or inadequate sealing, e.g. in cable feedthroughs



Penetration of water and mud in cable manholes, substations, technical rooms etc.

Damage and breakage of technical components, fibre breakage in joint boxes



# Damage due to unsealed or inadequately sealed conduits etc.

- Soil particles and water may be washed into the conduit and swept along it. High costs may be incurred for removing the contamination and cleaning up. See §4 BBodSchV (German Federal Soil Protection Act and Ordinance).
- Conduits blocked by contaminants can cause damage to cables during installation. Damage may also be caused by solutions with pH2-pH12 entering conduits.



# The requirements of international telecommunication network providers

Regulations governing the closure of cabled ducts against the entry and further passage of water, and the requirements for the sealing elements used for this purpose, are to be found in the following:

Deutsche Telekom TS 0307/96

British Telecom pls LN584

France Telecom (RAD) ST/FTR/7644

Bell Canada 2017-05-23 (Rev.)

DOI Japan

Fibre Optics CT GmbH –Test Principles PG-DMPK-1 and 2

# Requirements of international telecommunication network providers for sealing elements

(also to be found in Fibre Optics CT GmbH – Test principles PG-DMPK-1 and 2)

Examples of requirements are:

- Tightness against 3 m water column and gas diffusion  
(\* after removal and re-installation without damage to conduit or cables)
- Service life (defined by the total leak rate)
- Tightness after temperature cycling from -15°C to +30°C (ageing)
- Tightness despite vibration
- Resistance to chemicals, petrol, diesel or kerosene mixtures, paraffin oil, cable lubrication agents

\* A more stringent demand from France Telecom, Fibre Optics CT



# Wolf GmbH: Inflatable sealing cushions –APPLICATIONS

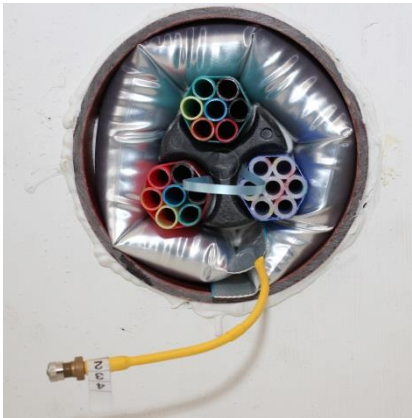
For telecommunication cables



For power cables



Protected microtubes



Ducts within ducts  
(Ø up to 500 mm)



Additional protection against the propagation of fire and smoke penetration





# Wolf GmbH: Inflatable sealing cushions –**ADVANTAGES**

- Reliable sealing against water entry and gas diffusion for **round or oval** boreholes, or **concrete, plastic, cast iron or stoneware** cable conduits
- Universal application, independent of cable and duct diameters or cable configuration, i.e. the diameter and number of cables in a duct)
- Reusable sealing cushions
- Additional sealing solutions are available against smoke penetration or fire propagation
- Installation, removal and retrofitting are quick and easy
- CO<sub>2</sub>-free inflation with compressed air

# Inflatable sealing cushions from Wolf GmbH ....

## fulfil and even exceed international requirements

These include:

T-Com TS 0307/96, France **Telecom** RSD CSE C75-11H,  
British Telecom LN584, Testing for power cables VDE 0278-629-1/A1 and  
DIN EN 61442, as well as the DVGW\* provisions in VP601 for service entries  
for gas and water in houses, etc.

\*standardization body for the gas and water industry

- Sealing effectiveness against pressing water up to 5 m water column
- Tightness against gas diffusion  $\leq 0.1$  bar, in acc. with DVGW-VP601
- Fulfilment of the demands of temperature cycling tests
- Resistance to various chemicals with pH2 to pH12, petrol, diesel, kerosene...
- Reusability, with a removal time of  $< 1.5$  min, in acc. with FO PB 179/2011

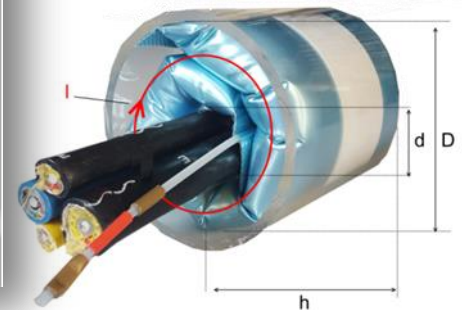
## Advantage: A comparison of service lifetimes

We measured and compared the total leak rates of inflatable sealing elements in an independent laboratory.

The result: Wolf sealing elements outperformed those of competitor products and exceeded the Deutsche Telekom requirement, i.e. they have a **longer service life**

	Wolf GmbH		T-Com requirement (current technology)	Competitor product CO2
[Unit]	SSB2	QADK/V (valve) with valve cap		
mbarl/sec	* $<2.3 \times 10^{-8}$	* $<2.3 \times 10^{-8}$	$\leq 4.4 \times 10^{-6}$	$\leq 6.5 \times 10^{-6}$
mbarl/year	0.73	0.73	138.8	205.0

Duct Ø [D] [cm]	Config. Ø [d] [cm]	Inflatable length l [cm]	Resulting height h [cm]	Resulting width w [cm]	Filling volume V [cm³]	Cushion fill pressure p			Calculated service life T		
						At installation	Min. requ.	Permissible loss	SSB2-100	QADE/V L100	T-Com requ. ADE-100
						p1 [bar]	p2 [bar]	Δp=(p1-p2) [mbar]	Leak rate L · (mbarl/year)		
				$w = (D-d)/2$	$V = l \cdot h \cdot w$						
				[cm]	[cm]	2.8	1.0		0.73	66.23	138.76
10.5	0	33	5.1	5.25	884	2474	884	1590		24	11
10.5	2.9	33	7.8	3.8	978	2739	978	1761		27	13
10.5	6.5	33	10.5	2	693	1940	693	1247	> 20-yr	19	9





*Wolf GmbH inflatable sealing cushions– qualification tests*

## **Tightness 3 m water column and gas diffusion 0.1 bar**

Extract from Test Report FO 127/2013



Practice-oriented test setup

*Requirements fulfilled!*

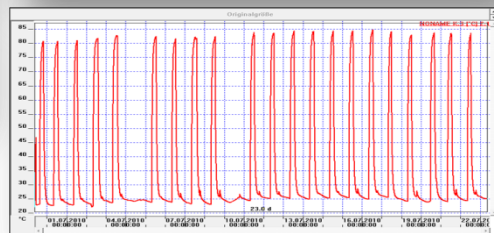
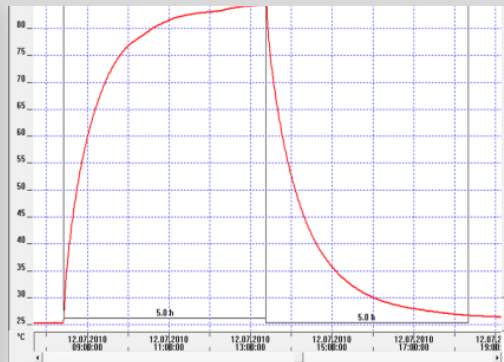
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## **Temperature cycling test (ageing)**

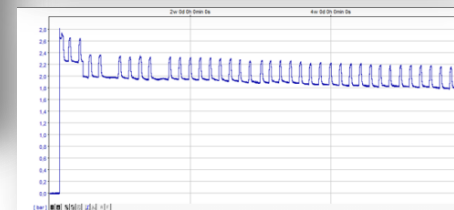
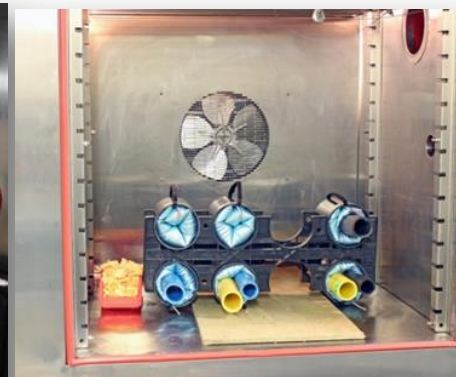
Extract from Test Report FO 076/2010 und FO 176/2011

Short-circuit requirement and tightness tests after ageing (temperature cycling)

Simulation of cable sheath temperature 70°C (in alternating cycles)



Ambient temperature cycling with tightness check



**Requirements fulfilled!**

# *Wolf GmbH inflatable sealing cushions– qualification tests*

## Chemical resistance


In order to verify chemical resistance pH2 to pH12, various substances were tested in the presence of TÜV-Süd\* (Test protocol FO 175/2011)

\* Technical Supervisory Association)



*Requirements fulfilled!*

Test Report No. 175/2011

 fibre optics  
CT Consulting & Testing GmbH

**FO 7 Part 47**  
**Test Report No.: PB 175/ 2011**

Resistance of  
inflatable sealing elements (valve) / the sealing system  
to chemicals, petrol, diesel, leak detector agent

Product: Reusable sealing elements made of an aluminium composite film and with a welded-on tyre valve extension




Application: For cable and duct sealing against gas diffusion and chemicals in underground civil engineering (telecommunication installations, fuel storage depots etc.)


Client: Wolf Kabeltechnik GmbH, Zazenhäuser Str. 52, 70437 Stuttgart, Germany

Test specifications:

- FO 17-02 PG2 Test No. 1347 Method 10 „Tightness of the sealing elements“ (static test)
- British Telecommunications plc Specification LN 584 for duct sealing
- Deutsche Telekom TS 0307/96 „Sealing element for cable-configured ducts“
- DVGW Regulations, test specification VP 601: March 2007

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Managing director  Pneumatic measuring technology  Random participation in testing 



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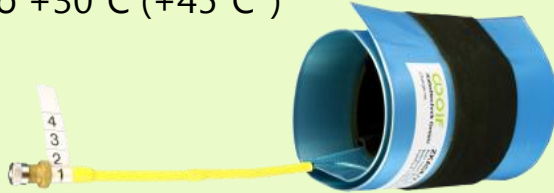


# Wolf GmbH inflatable sealing cushions – **PRODUCTS**

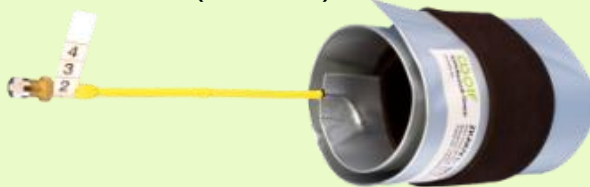
Two basic types

## ► **Sealing elements / V (valve)**

- Temperature range  
-15°C to +30°C (+45°C\*)



- Temperature range  
-30°C to +45°C (+70°C\*)



Inflatable 4 times, with air

\*kurzzeitig 4h

## ► **Sealing Bag**

(Crimping technology)

- Temperature range  
-15°C to +30°C (+45°C\*)



Inflatable twice, with air

# Wolf GmbH inflatable sealing cushions

## Coating material

Sealing element coating	Cellular rubber (cushion type <b>ZKAK/V</b> ) Prod.-No. 16.3 & 16.4
Sealing tape material	Self-sealing cellular rubber sealing strip [Prod.-No. 24] based on ethylene-propylene-diene rubber. Closed-cell, soft-flexible cellular rubber, cell size approx. 0.1 – 0.5 mm
Advantage	<b>Installation in stagnant or running water possible</b>
Tightness	ensures tightness up to 0.5 bar/ 5 m water column immediately on contact with water ----- Tightness against creeping gases (volatile halogenated hydrocarbons in the soil air $\leq 100$ mbar)
Installation	In the case of multi-configurations: We recommend a lubricant or a mixture of dish washing soap - water to reduce the frictional resistance
Removal	Simple & non-destructive. No adhesion to cables or duct
Tightness after water contact	immediately on contact with water
Reuseability	Reusable (re-installation) after recovery of the deformed cellular rubber

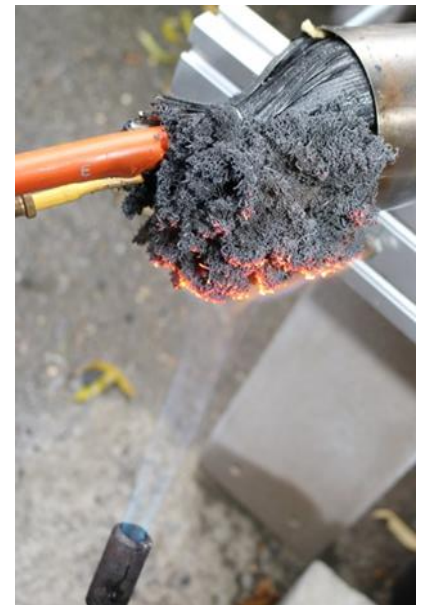
# Wolf GmbH inflatable sealing cushions – PRODUCTS

Now including: Heat protection F60 or F90

Fire-resistant sealing elements (Product Group 17), supplied ready-equipped with fire-resistant tapes (in brush form), available in two categories, F60 and F90.

Although the sealing element itself will lose tightness in the event of fire, the foaming exfoliated graphite forms a stable, flameproof mass at a temperature of 145 °C, reliably shutting off the cable duct from **heat, smoke penetration and fire propagation.**

The cable duct remains uncontaminated!





# Wolf GmbH: Fire-resistant sealing cushions

- Include all the familiar benefits of the sealing cushion (valve), for example: no penetration by water or gas
- Make the process of retro-fitting of cables or ducts quick and easy (reusability)
- Help to prevent mice and rats from entering
- Heat protection F60 and F90 are resistant to ageing, water, thawing and UV
- Start to react at a temperature of approx. +145°C



Direkt flame treatment  
15 minutes



... 16 min.



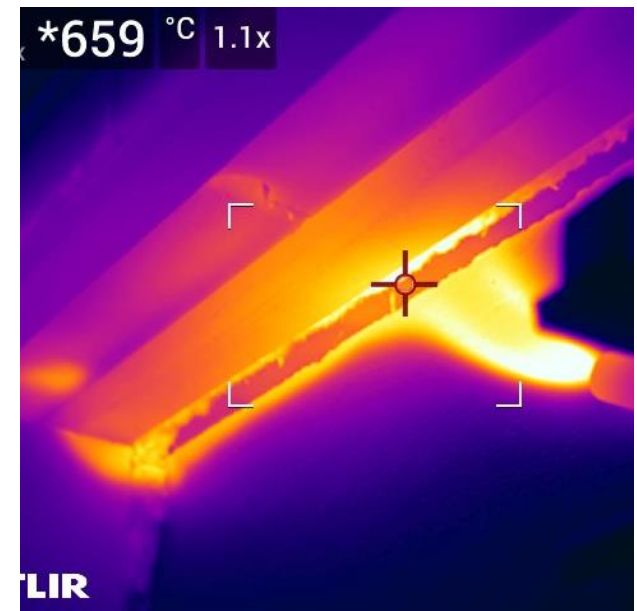
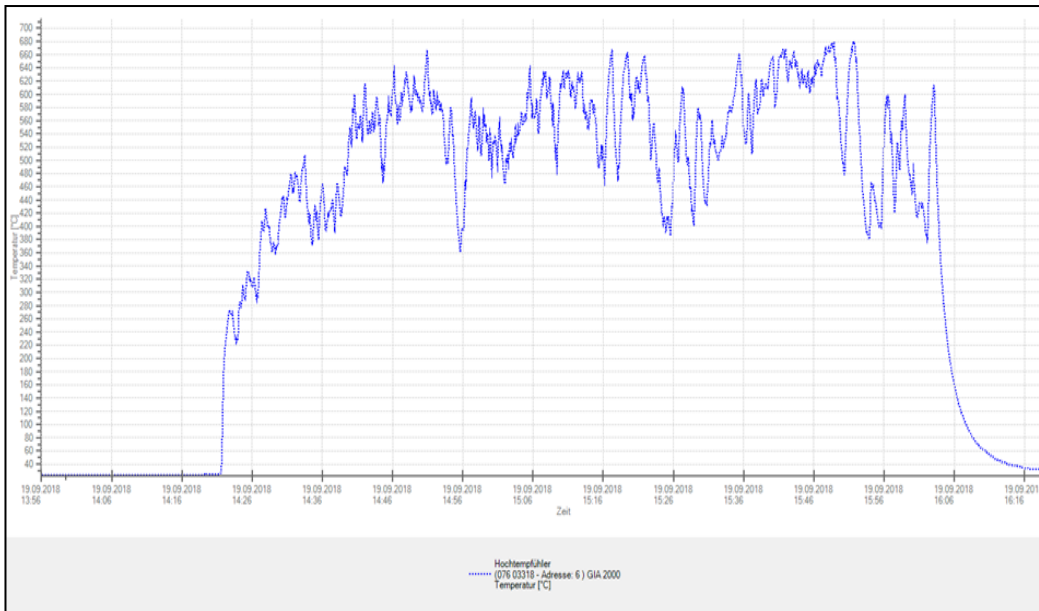
.... 17 min.



.... 60 min.

# Wolf GmbH: Fire-resistant sealing cushions

- Funktion test with flame exposure lasting 110 minutes at temperatures up to +680°C
- The fire-resistance tape fulfils the conditions for approval, DIBt\* No. Z 19.11-1713
  - \* German building supervisory authority



# Wolf GmbH Sealing technology

Easy assembly – few accessories – simple

Gap-sealing  
for multi-configured cable ducts or cable feedthroughs

Swelling sealing tape or cable separator



Standard compressor with  
pressure gauge (display max. 4 bar)  
Filling capacity max. 20 l/min



# Wolf GmbH Sealing technology

Easy removal!

No adhesion to surrounding structures

Non-destructive removal

Reusable



Competitor product:

Difficult removal

Disposable product



# Wolf GmbH Sealing technology

Videos of installation and removal on YouTube

Sealing element (valve)



Sealing Bag



# Wolf GmbH sealing technology

Innovative and reliable!

- It is important to protect cable ducts and infrastructure systems if follow-on costs and breakdowns are to be avoided and problems such as water entry, gas diffusion or fire are to be effectively prevented
- As a rule, renovation and repair are more expensive than precautionary protective measures
- Wolf GmbH has products for fibre-optic security technology, such as water detectors, unauthorised access and hazard alarms (EMA and GMA), which complete the full product range and serve the purpose of timely danger detection.
- All products are the result of expertise gained in long years of practical experience and can be tailored to the needs of your particular application.

**We will be pleased to advise you!**

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