

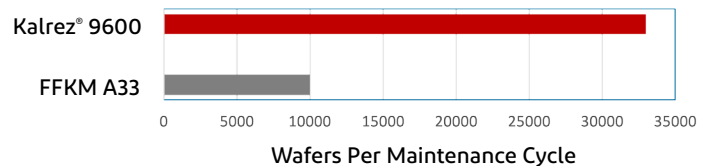
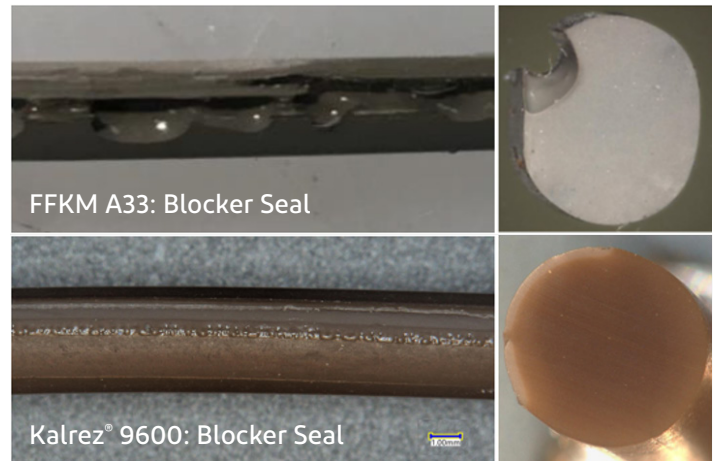
DuPont™ Kalrez® 9600 Perfluoroelastomer Parts Chamber Seals In High Temperature PECVD Process

Plasma Enhanced Chemical Vapor Deposition (PECVD) is a demanding process that utilizes cycles of NF_3 plasma at elevated temperatures as high as 250 °C and above to produce hard masks and diverse film materials in 3D NAND structures. Seal degradation is a major issue, and in addition to causing unplanned downtime, can cause chamber contamination. A major 300 mm US Fab faced this issue and Kalrez® 9600 perfluoroelastomer parts met the challenge.

- **Process Chemistry:** Hard Mask Precursors
- **Cleaning chemistry:** NF_3 Plasma
- **Process conditions:** Chamber Temperature > 250 °C
- **Incumbent solution:** FFKM A33
- **Performance challenge:** Long seal durability

Kalrez® 9600 Benefits:

- Seal lifetime extended to >3X the incumbent FFKM A33, resulting in much higher wafer output
- Cleaner seal material resulted in lower chamber contamination, decreased chamber preparation time and overall reduced maintenance cycle time



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