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ASTM consensus has not yet been obtained on this information letter. An appropriate ASTM ballot will be issued in order to achieve such consensus.

TO: OSCT Mailing List

SUBJECT: Extension of Shelf Life of Nitrile Elastomer Batch NI332.

During the October 7, 2008 OSCT Surveillance Panel teleconference meeting, the panel approved a motion to change Section 7.4 of Test Method D 5662 regarding the allowable shelf life of the latest batch of Nitrile elastomer, NI332. The shelf life of Batch NI332 is extended from October 10, 2008 to December 31, 2008, to prevent an industry shortage of testing material. A revised Section 7.4 is attached. This change is effective October 7, 2008.

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Attachment

c: ftp://ftp.astmtmc.cmu.edu/docs/gear/osct/procedure\_and\_ils/il08-2.pdf

Distribution: Email

7.4 The shelf life for the seal elastomers is two years from the date the batch was cured. Invalidate any test with a seal cure date older than two years. Consult the TMC for any approved exceptions to this lifespan. Place a note in the comments section of the test report where exceptions have been approved.

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