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Information on the Storage and Service Life of Oxy-Fuel Gas Hoses

Oxy-fuel gas hoses manufactured in accordance with standards such as ISO 3821 or DIN 20018 can be used for several years after their date of manufacture, provided they have been stored properly in dry and clean conditions. There is no generally applicable requirement stating that only hoses manufactured in the current calendar year may be used.

The date of **first use** must be documented accordingly by the user.

There is no universally defined maximum service life following initial use. The actual operating conditions, proper handling, and condition of the hose are the main determining factors.

To ensure the longest possible service life, hoses must be handled properly and with care during use.

The user is also responsible for regularly inspecting the hoses, particularly by means of a **visual inspection**, for abrasion, damage, cracks, or any other visible defects. If any damage is detected, the hose must be taken out of service immediately and replaced.

Please note that customers are **not entitled to request hoses from a specific year of manufacture** when placing an order. We regularly source newly manufactured products directly from our manufacturers.

However, depending on stock turnover, hoses delivered may have been **manufactured two to three years prior to shipment**.

Our products are stored under suitable conditions that comply with the applicable requirements. This ensures that, provided the hoses have been stored correctly and remain in proper condition, they continue to be suitable for their intended use.

Therefore, **an earlier year of manufacture alone does not constitute valid grounds for a complaint**, provided that the hose has been stored properly, meets the required technical specifications, and shows no signs of damage or other defects.

We kindly ask for your understanding that we are therefore unable to accept complaints based solely on the year of manufacture.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



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