Composite Sealing Systems
Products • Markets • Solutions
Headquartered in San Diego, California, Parker’s Composite Sealing Systems Division (CSS) specializes in the design and manufacture of high-integrity composite seals and sealing systems for some of the world’s most demanding applications.

Originally established to provide ultra-reliable sealing devices for the emerging aerospace and military markets of the 1950s, today Parker brings its technical innovation to the aerospace, military, semiconductor, energy, oil and gas, life sciences, heavy-duty diesel, fluid power, and automotive markets. Our engineered static sealing solutions include metal and composite-retained elastomeric seals, oftentimes with specialized finishes, as well as resilient and crush metal seals and custom sealing systems. Our unique sealing geometry combines with over five decades of proven sealing expertise to provide the performance, reliability, longevity, and durability needed in demanding sealing environments.

**Value-added services**
To improve product performance and streamline operations, Parker offers you development support through the following value-added services:
- Custom engineered system solutions
- Applications engineering expertise
- Finite element analysis (FEA)
- Materials development
- Design validation testing
- Rapid prototyping
- Ultra-high purity (UHP) processing
- Parts in assembly (PIA)
- Packaging and kitting
- Worldwide distribution and service center network
Simulated seal performance
Using advanced finite element analysis (FEA) software, our engineers can perform accurate “virtual” simulations of seal performance based on material test data. These simulations eliminate the need for multiple iterations of costly prototype tooling and reduce development lead times. They also ensure first-time selection of the right material for your application. FEA allows us to predict and analyze the following:
- Stress and strain distribution
- Pressure
- Load
- Stability
- Deformation/displacement
- Installation and removal forces

Quality standards
All of our North American facilities are certified to ISO 9000 and AS 9100 quality standards. We also have TS 16949, ISO 17025, ISO 14001, ISO 13485, and NADCAP accreditation for special processing, in addition to specific customer approvals. For applications that demand an extra level of cleanliness, we offer a Class 10,000 certified clean room which is home to ultra-high purity manufacturing of biomedical, pharmaceutical, and microelectronics products.

Power of Parker
Working with CSS gives you access to all of Parker’s sealing solutions, which is a sizeable advantage. As a leading supplier of seals and sealing systems to hundreds of industries worldwide, our market-smart professionals will work cross-divisionally to create total system solutions that lessen your engineering burden, reduce total costs, and improve operating efficiency. What’s more, additional facilities located throughout the world allow us to anticipate and answer global market demands.

For more information about Parker’s broad range of seals and sealing systems, call us at (619) 661-7000 and ask for engineering assistance.
Aerospace and military
If it floats, flies, drives or dives, Parker is on it. You can find our seals on most domestic and international commercial aerospace and military programs. Plus our products work equally well for quick, easy, and precise installation on the assembly line or in the field. Typical products and applications include:
- Engine and accessory seals
- Fuel and air management
- Hydraulics and flight controls
- Braking system seals
- Structure, case, and cover seals
- Line and fitting seals (NAS and MS series seals)
- Electronic enclosures
- Hand-held devices
- Target acquisition systems

Microelectronics
In 1996 Parker pioneered the first vulcanized slit valve door seal for wafer processing tools. Since then, we’ve continued to work with leading semiconductor OEMs to drive innovation forward and lower cost of ownership. Our unique technologies can be applied to the processing of integrated circuits, photovoltaic cells, and flat panel displays. We have engineered successes in:
- UHP slit valve doors
- UHP gate valve doors
- UHP isolation valve seal plates
- Electrochemical deposition (ECD) contact ring seals
- Resilient metal seals for extreme environments
- Advanced elastomeric bonding technology
- Custom engineered sealing systems/kits
- Parker UHP fluoroelastomers and Parofluor™ perfluoroelastomers

Energy, oil and gas
Parker designs and manufactures standard and custom rubber-to-metal and rubber-to-composite seals, as well as resilient metal products. Solutions include:
- Subsea manifold connector seals
- Blowout preventer (BOP) stack flange gaskets
- Valve bonnet seals
- Valve stem seals
- Downhole hydraulic control system seals/turnkey systems
- Power generation gas turbine products:
  – Turbine seals
  – Combustor seals
  – Compressor seals
  – Fuel delivery system seals
- Valve and manifold sealing systems
Heavy-duty diesel and automotive
Parker has been a major supplier to the heavy-duty diesel and automotive market for over 30 years. We offer a variety of products and processes geared to driving value solutions for the industry’s needs through technical innovation, extended life, and elimination of multiple components through parts in assembly (PIA). Applications include:
• Gear, transmission, and cover seals
• Drain and fill plug seals and sealing bolt assemblies
• Air management system seals
• Fuel system seals
• Air conditioning system seals
• Water/coolant and lubrication system seals
• Braking system seals
• Turbo charger inlet and outlet seals
• Emission system seals (EGR)

Life sciences
Inside biomedical devices maintaining our health, bioanalytical instruments analyzing our health, and biopharmaceutical systems augmenting our health, you’ll find Parker high-purity systems offering unsurpassed reliability where performance is critical. Innovative Parker solutions utilize USP Class VI and FDA-compliant elastomers manufactured in a Class 10,000 certified clean room, using processes certified to ISO 13485 standards. Combining material technology with mechanical design, Parker bioengineers solutions for the most challenging life sciences applications, including:
• Critical medical device seals
• Surgical equipment seals
• Medical gas manifolds and valves
• Chromatography/mass spectrometry chamber assemblies
• Vacuum isolation seal plates
• Critical tri-clamp/container gaskets
• Pharmaceutical manufacturing process valves

Additional markets
We also serve the following markets with a wide range of seals and sealing systems:
• Chemical processing
• Fluid power
• General industrial
• Consumer
Engineered Sealing Products

Gask-O-Seals®
Gask-O-Seals are metal, plastic, or composite retainers with a machined groove in the retainer plate into which a custom engineered rubber element is molded. The elastomer seal may be mechanically and/or chemically bonded to create a dependable, responsive seal for flat or curved surfaces. Gask-O-Seals are typically used in applications requiring extreme reliability, longevity, and durability. They offer the following advantages:
- Quick and easy installation – a one-piece solution
- No retorquing required due to metal-to-metal contact
- Leak-proof sealing capability
- Extended service life
- Reusability

Gask-O-Seals

Integral Seals™
Integral Seals eliminate the need for a machined groove in the mating sealing flanges. The seal is kept in place by mechanically and/or chemically bonding the elastomer to a frame edge that is separate from the flange. Integral Seals can be molded to very thin retainers. They offer the following benefits:
- Flexibility to conform to mating surfaces
- Low closure force required to seal
  - Customizable to meet the environmental and pressure sealing requirements
- Quick and easy installation – a one-piece solution
- Direct retrofit capability – no changes required to mating hardware
- Reduced maintenance downtime
- Easy conformance to contoured surfaces

Integral Seals
Fastener and Fitting Seals

Fastener and fitting seals provide reliable static sealing for screws, bolts, tube fittings, and other fasteners. We offer Stat-O-Seals™, typically used for sealing under the heads of bolts and similar fasteners, ThredSeals™, for sealing around the thread roots of any threaded fastener, and Lock-O-Seals™, for sealing tube fitting bosses. Parker’s “splined and coined” mechanical bond is used on many series and sizes. It ensures a positive attachment of the rubber to the retainer, eliminating missing or loose seal elements associated with bonded seals. Fastener and fitting seal advantages include:

- No machined o-ring grooves are required in the mating flange
- Precisely controlled optimum percent squeeze eliminates over-compression
- The retainer edge is visible after installation, facilitating easy visual inspection and reduced failures caused by missing seals
- The ridged self-centering design provides easy and accurate placement of the seal
- The solid metal-to-metal contact improves joint stability and eliminates retorquing
- Long reliable service and high reusability
- Rubber bolt interference provides for easy assembly since the washer stays on the bolt in any position

Metal Seals

When sealing requirements exceed the capabilities of elastomeric seals, resilient metal seals are often the solution. Manufactured by our Advanced Products Business Unit located in North Haven, Connecticut, resilient metal seals are made in a variety of shapes to address diverse sealing needs. The metal construction eliminates permeation problems and can handle an extremely wide range of temperatures and pressures. In fact, Parker has developed hundreds of different metal seal designs for the most demanding applications. Not only can we offer unequalled expertise in the design and manufacture of typical one-piece metal seals, we are also extremely well versed in the development of multi-piece, multi-function sealing systems.

Metal seal advantages include:

- Load, springback, and outer sealing layered ductility/hardness is optimized to ensure the highest sealing performance
- Bonded electroplating onto load-bearing substrate eliminates unnecessary parts
- Self-energizing forces
- Chemical compatibility and high temperature capability due to many jacket-material and plating options