

PTFE Machining & Tolerance Guide

Manufacturing Capabilities and Precision Standards for PTFE Components

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Introduction

This guide provides detailed information about our PTFE (Polytetrafluoroethylene) manufacturing capabilities, including available processing methods, achievable tolerances, standard practices, and quality assurance procedures. Understanding these capabilities will help customers optimize their designs for manufacturability while achieving required performance specifications.

1. PTFE Processing Methods

Compression Molding

Process Description: Powdered PTFE resin is compressed in a mold cavity and then sintered at high temperature to form solid billets or preforms.

Typical Applications:

- Large diameter sheets and rods
- Complex near-net-shape preforms
- High-volume standard components
- Parts requiring maximum material density

Advantages:

- Excellent material utilization
- No directional properties (isotropic)
- Suitable for large components
- Cost-effective for high volumes

Turning/Machining

Process Description: Solid PTFE stock (molded billet or extruded rod) is precision machined using CNC lathes and milling centers to create finished components.

Typical Applications:

- Precision seals and gaskets
- Valve seats and balls
- Insulating bushings and spacers
- Custom fittings and adapters

Advantages:

- Tight dimensional tolerances
- Complex geometries possible
- Quick turnaround for prototypes
- Wide range of stock sizes available

Expansion (ePTFE)

Process Description: PTFE is stretched under controlled conditions to create a microstructure of nodes and fibrils, resulting in expanded PTFE with unique properties.

Typical Applications:

- Membrane filters and venting elements
- Medical implant materials
- Sealing tapes and gaskets
- Clothing and protective gear

Unique Properties:

- Microporous structure with controlled pore size
- Enhanced flexibility and conformability
- Improved tensile strength in machine direction
- Breathable yet liquid impermeable

2. Dimensional Tolerances

Linear Dimensions

Nominal Dimension Range	Standard Tolerance (\pm mm)	Precision Grade (\pm mm)	Notes
Up to 10mm	0.10	0.05	For critical sealing surfaces
10-50mm	0.15	0.08	Standard machined components
50-100mm	0.20	0.10	Large cross-section parts
100-200mm	0.30	0.15	Requires special tooling
Over 200mm	0.50	0.25	Special quote required

Geometric Tolerances

Characteristic	Standard Tolerance	Applicable To
Flatness	0.1mm per 100mm	Sealing surfaces, mounting plates
Roundness	0.05mm	Shafts, bearing journals
Straightness	0.1mm per 100mm	Long rods, guide elements
Parallelism	0.05mm per 25mm	Flange faces, slide ways
Perpendicularity	0.1°	Mounting surfaces, right angle features
Concentricity	0.1mm	Rotating components, balanced parts

Surface Finish Requirements

Finish Type	Ra Value (µm)	Applications
Standard Machined	3.2-6.3	General purpose components
Fine Turned	1.6-3.2	Sealing surfaces, sliding elements
Polished	0.8-1.6	Optical components, clean room use
Mirror Finish	0.2-0.8	Critical optical or aesthetic surfaces

3. Manufacturing Equipment Capabilities

CNC Turning Centers

Specification	Capacity	Accuracy
Max. Swing Diameter	400mm	±0.02mm
Max. Workpiece Length	1000mm	±0.05mm
Spindle Speed Range	50-2000 RPM	Variable control
Positioning Resolution	-	±0.005mm
Tool Holders	ER16, ER20, ER25	Multiple options

CNC Milling Centers

Specification	Capacity	Accuracy
Work Envelope (X×Y×Z)	500×400×300mm	±0.03mm
Max. Spindle Speed	12000 RPM	Precise control
Tool Magazine Capacity	20 positions	Automatic change
Minimum Corner Radius	0.5mm	Depends on tooling
Surface Finish Capability	Ra 1.6µm	Standard option

4. Quality Assurance & Inspection

All PTFE components are manufactured under strict quality control procedures compliant with ISO 9001:2015 standards. Each order undergoes multiple inspection stages:

- Raw material certification verification
- In-process dimensional checks

- Final inspection with calibrated measuring equipment
- Documentation package preparation

Available Inspection Equipment

Equipment Type	Measurement Range	Accuracy
Digital Calipers	0-300mm	±0.02mm
Outside Micrometers	0-100mm	±0.002mm
Height Gauges	0-600mm	±0.03mm
Coordinate Measuring Machine (CMM)	500×400×300mm	±0.005mm
Surface Roughness Tester	0.02-10µm Ra	±0.01µm
Profile Projectors	Up to 200mm	±0.01mm

Conclusion

This machining and tolerance guide represents our current capabilities for PTFE component manufacturing. For applications requiring tighter tolerances or special processing techniques, we recommend consulting with our engineering team to discuss custom solutions. We continuously invest in advanced manufacturing equipment and training to expand our capabilities and improve product quality.

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