

## Product innovation from SIGRI introduced to the market

## SIGRAFLEX® NORMAL, the first graphite gasket sheet with reinforcement

After commissioning the first foil line in Meitingen, engineers worked constantly to improve the manufacturing process as well as to develop new products. In particular, the idea of producing a graphite sealing sheet with higher mechanical strength was intensively pursued.

At the end of the 1970s, the SIGRI engineers - most notably Alfred Hirschvogel - succeeded in producing tanged stainless-steel sheets that could be used to reinforce graphite foils. In this graphite-metal gasket composite/laminate, the flexible graphite takes over the sealing function whereas the metal reinforcement increases the strength and facilitates the handling of the gasket.

Thus, in 1979, the first reinforced graphite gasket sheet was introduced to the market. The product known as SIGRAFLEX NORMAL consisted of an adhesive-free lamination of two graphite foils and a tanged stainless-steel reinforcement.



## Lieferformen: Gestanzte SIGRAFLEX-Flachdichtungen nach allen Standards (Dichtungen mit einem größeren Außendurchmesser als 500 mm werden in Segmenten geliefert).

 Gestanzte SIGRAFLEX-Flachdichtungen mit Blecheinlage\* nach allen Standards bis 500 mm Durchmesser.
 SIGRAFLEX-Platten mit und ohne Blecheinlage\* gibt es in den Dicken 1,0, 1,5 und 2 mm und in einer Breite von 500 mm.

Sorte	Werkstoff- Nummer	Blechdicke
B 1: Stahlblecheinlage	1.1203	0,2 mm
B 2: Edelstahlblecheinlage	1.4401	0,15 mm

SIGRI's SIGRAFLEX product portfolio in 1979 contained also metal reinforced sheets and cut gaskets



Gaskets with metal reinforcement on a German SIGRAFLEX data sheet, 1979\*



German SIGRAFLEX data sheet, 1979\*\*



<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Not a cheap gasket. But in many cases the most economical solution for extreme sealing problems. SIGRAFLEX®

<sup>\*\* &</sup>quot;There are enough cheap gaskets. Corroded. Aged. Deformed. Embrittled. Leaking. Off."