

## Caster Wheel Selection Guide

## **Wheel Materials**

**Cast Iron** – High-capacity and abrasion resistant for easy rolling and long service life on concrete.

**Ductile Iron** – Superior resistance to breakage, cracking, and chipping for long service life in the most severe of applications. **Forged Steel** – Indestructible in normal applications and long

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**Glass Filled Nylon** – Will not chip, absorb water, or breakdown in caustic environments.

**Monoprene** – Reject debris, while offering the same great features as a pneumatic wheel, without going flat.

**Neoprene** – High resistance from oil and chemicals while providing sufficient cushioning to substantially lower or eliminate shock, vibration, and noise levels.

**Nylatron** – Impact-resistant and impervious to corrosion and nearly all chemicals. Durable with low rolling resistance.

**Nylon** – Withstands solvents, corrosive environments, and temperature extremes.

Phenolic – Floor protective and highly resistant to oil, grease, gasoline and mild acids. Recommended for use on smooth

concrete. Not recommended for wet applications or use over rough surfaces.

**Polyolefin** – Lightweight, one-piece solid sanitary design suited for use in wet and corrosive applications.

**Polypropylene** – Resist absorption and withstand most chemicals and solvents.

**Polyurethane** – Easy-rolling wheels, cushion loads, protect floors, and offer superior chemical resistance.

**Rubber** – Long-wearing wheel provides floor protection and quiet operation.

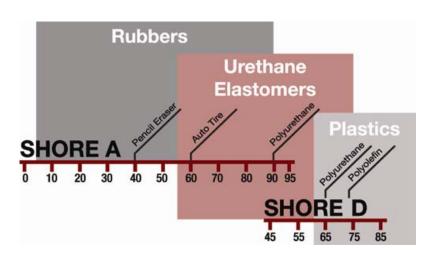
**Stainless Steel** – Strong and durable design, ideal for use in a wet, corrosive or sanitary environments.

**Steel** – Provides strength and shock resistance with long service life and economy for use in rough service conditions.

**Thermoplastic Rubber (TPR)** – Chemical- and water-resistant, absorbs shock and protects floors, while providing easy rollability. **Vulkollan** – Highest quality polyurethane. Extremely durable with excellent abrasion resistance. Easy to roll.

## **Durometer**

**Durometer** – Measures the hardness of the wheel material - the higher the number, the harder the material. Using either the Shore A or Shore D scale, is the preferred method for rubbers/elastomers and is also commonly used for 'softer' plastics such as polyolefins, fluoropolymers, and vinyls. The Shore A scale is typically used for 'softer' rubbers, while the Shore D scale is used for 'harder' ones.



## **Wheel Size**

