No single substitute fiber material possesses all desired qualities to the same degree as asbestos. However, for any particular application, a substitute fiber can often be employed to achieve the necessary combination of properties. Table 13 lists the raw materials identified as substitutes for asbestos-containing gaskets and packings.

For a fiber-for-fiber replacement, the cost of packings and gaskets is proportional to the cost of fibers used because the manufacturing processes are identical. A cost comparison of various fibers is presented in Table 14.

A cost comparison of asbestos gaskets and substitute gasket materials is shown in Table 15.