CLAIMS

[Claim 1] An annular seal material comprising a core and an outer layer covering a periphery of the core, wherein

the annular seal material has a parting line on each of an outer diameter side and an inner diameter side, and

in a cross section of the annular seal material, when one end of a straight line connecting the parting line on the outer diameter side and the parting line on the inner diameter side is set at a position where a central angle having a midpoint of the straight line as the center is 0°, and in at least one direction from the one end of the straight line, when a thickness of the outer layer at a position where the central angle is 90° is T90 and a thickness of the outer layer at a position where the central angle is 45° is T45, the annular seal material satisfies the following expression (1):

(1) T45>T90.

[Claim 2] The annular seal material according to claim 1, wherein the annular seal material satisfies the following expression (2):

(2) 1.1≤T45/T90≤25.

[Claim 3] The annular seal material according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the core comprises a colorant.

[Claim 4] The annular seal material according to any one of claims 1-3, wherein the outer layer comprises a crosslinked product of at least one selected from the group consisting of a perfluoroelastomer and a fluororubber, and the core comprises a crosslinked product of at least one selected from the group consisting of a perfluoroelastomer, a fluororubber, silicone rubber, and fluorosilicone rubber.

[Claim 5] A rope-like preform used for manufacturing the annular seal

material according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein

the rope-like preform comprises an uncrosslinked core comprising a crosslinkable rubber composition for a core, and an uncrosslinked outer layer comprising a crosslinkable rubber composition for an outer layer, covering a periphery of the uncrosslinked core, and

in a cross section of the rope-like preform, the shape of the uncrosslinked core is an elliptical shape or a rounded rectangle shape.

[Claim 6] The rope-like preform according to claim 5, wherein the cross-sectional shape is a circular shape.

[Claim 7] The rope-like preform according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the uncrosslinked outer layer has a small thickness portion, and has a line-shaped protrusion on the outside surface of the small thickness portion.

[Claim 8] A method for manufacturing an annular seal material, using the rope-like preform according to any one of claims 5-7.

[Claim 9] The method for manufacturing an annular seal material according to claim 8, comprising:

a preforming step of carrying out extrusion using a crosslinkable rubber composition for a core and a crosslinkable rubber composition for an outer layer to obtain the rope-like preform, and

a hot press molding step of contacting two end portions of the rope-like preform with each other and placing the same in a mold to carry out hot press molding, wherein

the uncrosslinked outer layer of the rope-like preform has a small thickness portion, and

in the hot press molding step, the rope-like preform is placed in a mold in such a way that the small thickness portion of the uncrosslinked outer layer is on the upper

side.

[Claim 10] The method for manufacturing an annular seal material according to claim 9, wherein in the preforming step, a line-shaped protrusion is formed on the outside surface of the small thickness portion of the uncrosslinked outer layer.

[Claim 11] The method for manufacturing an annular seal material according to claim 10, wherein in the hot press molding step, the rope-like preform is placed in a mold in such a way that the line-shaped protrusion is on the upper side.