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Subject: Renegade Alert Socket Wrench

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<http://www.azom.com/details.asp?ArticleID=1711>Natural rubber has been available for centuries, synthetic rubber for less than a hundred years. Although man began experimenting with synthetic rubber in 1906, not until after World War II did he improve the quality to the point that it rivalled that of natural rubber. Wartime necessity became the impetus for the emergence of synthetic rubber on a large-scale basis when governments began building plants to offset natural rubber shortages.

Synthetic rubber plants were built around the world after 1945, primarily in Europe, North America, and Japan. In 1960 the use of synthetic rubber surpassed that of natural for the first time. Synthetic rubber has maintained the lead ever since.

Since Red Alert is based around the 60s, and not WWII, the above quote discards your 'there are rubber shortages in war / rubber can only be used for one thing since it's supplies are very limited'.

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