



Chemical Resistance Chart

Chemical & Formula	Concentration	ABS	PP	PVC	HDPE
Acetic acid, Aqueous	25%	N	82	60	60
CH ₃ COOH	40%	-	-	-	-
	60%	N	82	23	23
	85%	N	49	23	23
Ammonium Sulfate (Alum) AlNH ₄ (SO ₄) ₂ 12H ₂ O	Sat'd	-	60	60	60
Ammonium Hydroxide NH ₄ OH	10%	49	100	60	60
	30%	-	-	-	R to 60
Ammonium Nitrate NH ₄ NO ₃	Sat'd	49	100	60	60
Ammonium Phosphate (Monobasic) NH ₄ H ₂ PO ₄	All	49	100	60	60
Ammonium Sulfate (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	Sat'd	49	100	60	60
Borax Na ₃ B ₄ O ₇ ·10H ₂ O	Sat'd	71	100	60	60
Calcium Carbonate CaCO ₃	Sat'd	-	82	60	60
Calcium Chloride CaCl ₂	5%	-	-	-	-
Calcium Hypochlorite Ca(OCl) ₂	Sat'd	49	82	60	60
	30%	71	60	60	60
Copper Sulfate CuSO ₄ · 5H ₂ O	Sat'd	-	-	-	-
	Sat'd	49	49	60	60
Chlorine Gas (Moisture Content)	0-20 ppm	N	N	C to 23	C to 23
	20 - 50	N	N	N	C to 23
	50+ ppm	N	N	N	C to 23
Chlorine	Liquid	N	N	N	N
Chlorinated Water	10 ppm	-	82	60	60
Chlorinated Water	Sat'd	-	82	60	C to 49
Detergents	-	-	82	60	R to 60
Ferrous Sulfate FeSO ₄	-	71	60	60	60
	1%	-	-	-	-
Hydrochloric Acid HCl	10%	C to 49	60	60	60
	20%	-	-	-	-
	30%	C to 23	60	60	60
	Conc.	-	-	-	-
Hypochlorous Acid HOCl	10%	23	23	60	60
	70%	-	-	-	-
Nitric Acid HNO ₃	5%	-	-	-	-
	10%	C to 23	82	60	23
	20%	-	-	-	-
	30%	N	60	60	23
	35%	-	-	-	-
	40%	N	23	60	23
	50%	N	N	38	C to 23
	70%	N	N	23	C to 23
100%	N	N	N	N	
Lubricating Oil	-	-	C to 60	60	23
Phosphoric Acid H ₃ PO ₄	10%	-	100	60	60
	50%	23	100	60	60
	85%	-	100	60	23
	98%	-	-	-	-

Potassium Permanganate KmnO ₄	10%	-	82	23	60
	25%	-	23	23	60
Soap	-	23	60	60	R to 60
Sodium Bicarbonate NaHCO ₃	-	23	100	60	60
Sodium Carbonate Na ₂ CO ₃	-	23	100	60	60
Sodium Chloride NaCl	-	49	100	60	60
Sodium HypoChlorite NaOClO 5H ₂ O	-	49	23	23	60
Sulfur S	-	-	100	60	60
Sulfuric Acid H ₂ SO ₄	30%	49	82	60	60
	50%	23	82	60	49
	60%	C to 23	23	60	49
	70%	C to 23	23	60	R to 49
	80%	C to 23	82	60	R to 49
	90%	C to 23	66	23	49
	93%	N	C to 23	23	C to 23
	94% - 98%	N	C to 23	N	C to 23
100%	N	C to 23	N	C to 23	
Urea	-	-	82	60	60
Urine	-	71	82	60	60
Water, Acid Mild H ₂ O	-	71	60	60	60
Water, Deionized H ₂ O	-	71	60	60	60
Water, Distilled H ₂ O	-	71	100	60	60
Water, Potable H ₂ O	-	71	100	60	60
Water, Salt H ₂ O	-	71	100	60	60
Water, Sea H ₂ O	-	71	100	60	60
Water, Soft H ₂ O	-	71	100	60	60
Zinc Sulfate	-	71	82	60	60

Resistance Codes

Code	Meaning	Typical Results
60	Plastic type is generally resistant to temperature (°C) indicated by code.	Swelling < 3% or weight loss < 0.5% and elongation at break not significantly changed.
R to 23	Plastic type is generally resistant to temperature (°C) indicated by code and may have limited resistance at higher temperatures.	Swelling < 3% or weight loss < 0.5% and elongation at break not significantly have limited resistance at higher temperatures. changed.
C to 23	Plastic type is generally resistant to temperature (°C) indicated by code and may be suitable for some conditions	Swelling 3-8% or weight loss < 0.5-5% and / or elongation at break decreased by suitable for some conditions. < 50%.
N	Plastic type is not resistant.	Swelling < 8% or weight loss < 5% and / or elongation at break decreased by > 50%.
--	Data not available	

- Chemicals that do not normally affect the properties of an unstressed thermoplastic may cause completely different behavior (such as stress cracking) when under thermal or mechanical stress (such as constant internal pressure or frequent thermal or mechanical stress cycles).
- Unstressed immersion test chemical resistance information is applicable only when the thermoplastic pipe will not be subject to mechanical or thermal stress that is constant or cycles frequently.
- When the pipe will be subject to a continuous applied mechanical or thermal stress or to combinations of chemicals, testing that duplicates the expected field conditions as closely as possible should be performed on representative samples of the pipe product to properly evaluate plastic pipe for use in this application.

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