

THE SAFE CHOICE IN FIRE-SAFE PLASTICS

**Halar<sup>®</sup> ECTFE**

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## Meeting the needs of the most demanding clean room equipment applications

Clean Room process equipment must be constructed of high purity, chemically-inert and fire-safe materials

### **Fire Safety**

Halar ECTFE meets the demands for fire-safe, non-fire propagating plastics. It is approved and listed to the FM Global 4910 Clean Room Fire Safety Protocol. Halar has been tested and meets the UL 2360 Fire-Safe Clean Room Materials Standard.

In fire-safe tools, Halar eliminates the need for fixed fire suppression with its associated installation and maintenance costs.

### **Purity & Chemical Compatibility**

Halar ECTFE is used as a lining and coating for ultrapure water systems in the semiconductor industry. FM Global 4922 complete exhaust duct systems use Halar ECTFE coated stainless steel.

Halar has complete chemical compatibility handling the full pH range. It is ideal for alkaline chemistries.

### **Strength**

A strong yet ductile material, Halar welded corner seams will flatten before breaking.

**When chemical compatibility and fire safety are crucial, your first choice is Halar ECTFE**

**1998 - Sematech Fire-Safe Plastics Test Project**

Following the Sematech Fire-Safe Plastics Test Project (Technical Report #98123623A-Eng), Halar ECTFE was evaluated against Corzan® CPVC, PVDF flex copolymer, and PVDF homopolymer.

**Halar ECTFE outperformed the field in three of the most critical areas**

- Outgassing
- Leaching in ultrapure water
- Extractables in process chemistry

**1999 - Solvay Solexis Post Chemical Exposure Weld Strength Report**

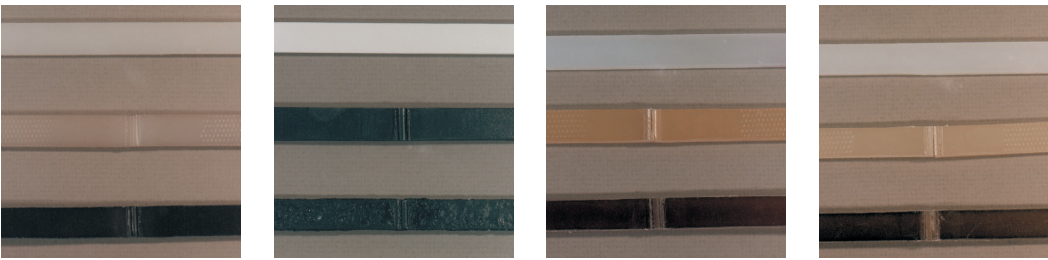
Following the conditions used in the Sematech Test Project referenced above, plaques of welded plastic sheets were exposed and evaluated for:

- Retention of weld strength
- Swelling
- Weight loss
- Color and surface changes

Halar outperformed all of the competing plastics in all areas. Each material was immersed in aggressive chemicals commonly found in semiconductor processing plants for 30 and 90 days at 190°F, including piranha (98:2-99% sulfuric acid + 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), 30% ammonium hydroxide, SC1, 20% TMAH, and 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. The results are documented here.



# Piranha



Halar ECTFE

Corzan CPVC

PVDF Copolymer

PVDF Homopolymer

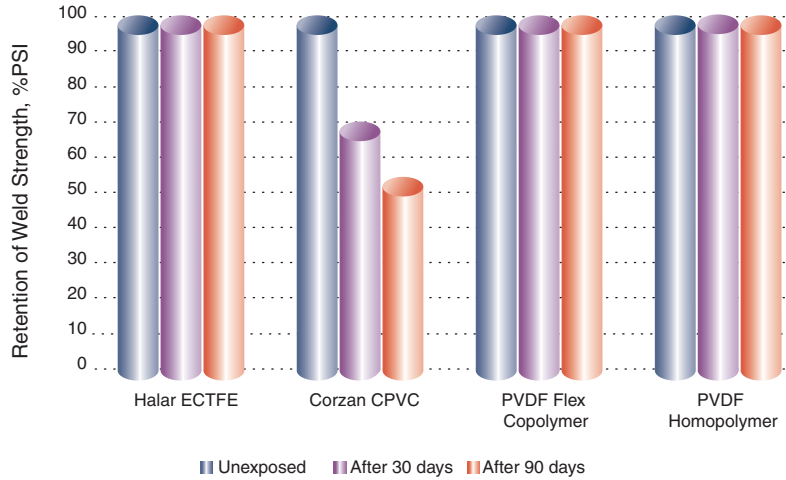
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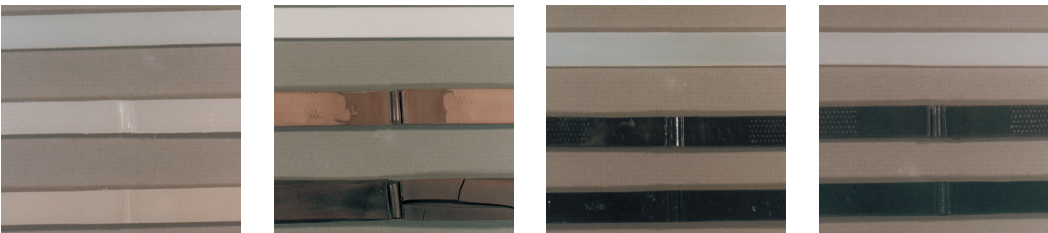
30-DAY EXPOSURE

90-DAY EXPOSURE

## Retention of Weld Strength, %PSI



# 30% Ammonium Hydroxide



Halar ECTFE

Corzan CPVC

PVDF Copolymer

PVDF Homopolymer

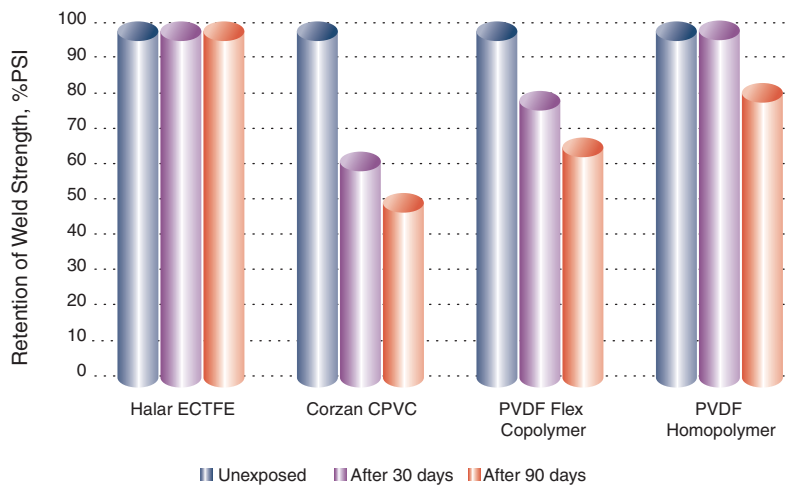
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## Retention of Weld Strength, %PSI





Halar ECTFE



Corzan CPVC



PVDF Copolymer



PVDF Homopolymer

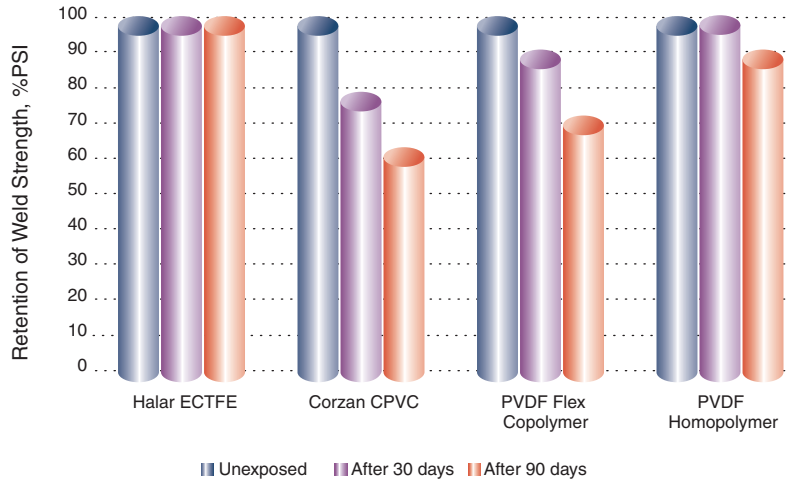
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Retention of Weld Strength, %PSI



20% TMAH



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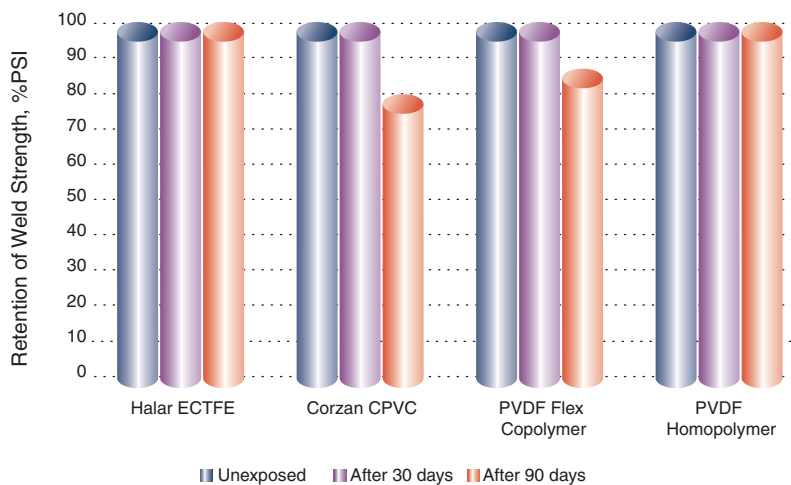
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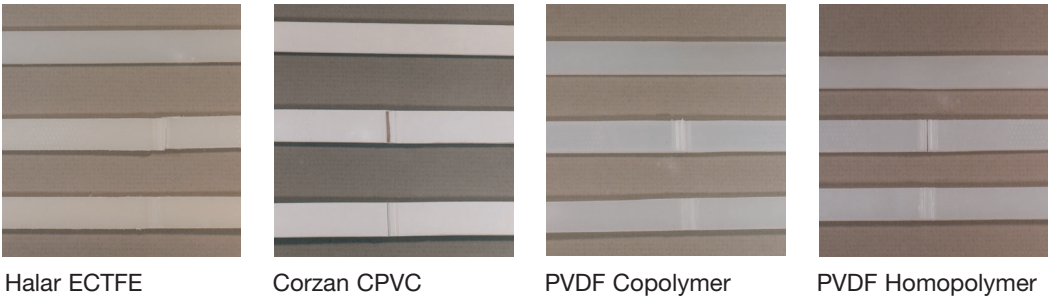
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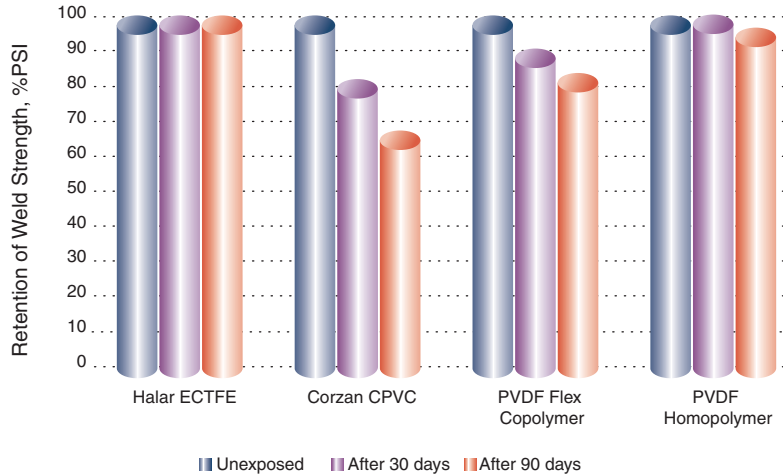


# 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>



**Sample Legend:**  
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## Retention of Weld Strength, %PSI



# 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

## Corner Weld Strength Evaluation

### The Test:

**Samples:** 1" wide (1.5" x 1.5" right angle bars)  
**Test Device:** Tinius-Olsen 1000 Tensile Strain and Compression Tester  
**Test Parameter:** 1" per minute compression  
**Units of Measure:** lbs. per linear inch  
**Weld type:** Triple bead - one bead 1/8", two beads 5/32"  
**Halar Sheet Thickness:** 0.480"

### The Results:

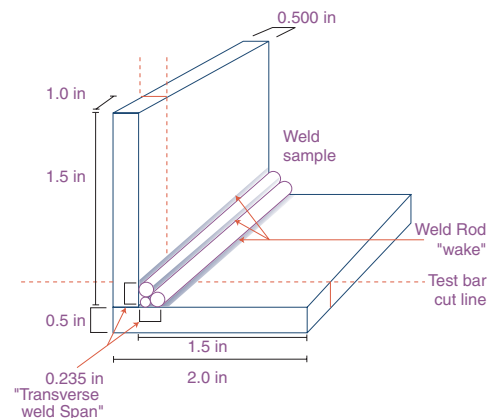
Material	lbs. per linear 1" of weld
Halar ECTFE	952
PVDF	827
PP	700
FRPP(CP7D)	570
FRPP (94VO)	549

### Conclusion:

Only the Halar specimens did not break, either at the weld or in the adjacent sheet. All of the Halar samples compressed flat onto the test platens. This strength/ductility property is unique to Halar among the rigid plastics Materials of Construction (MOC) tested. Full report details are available.



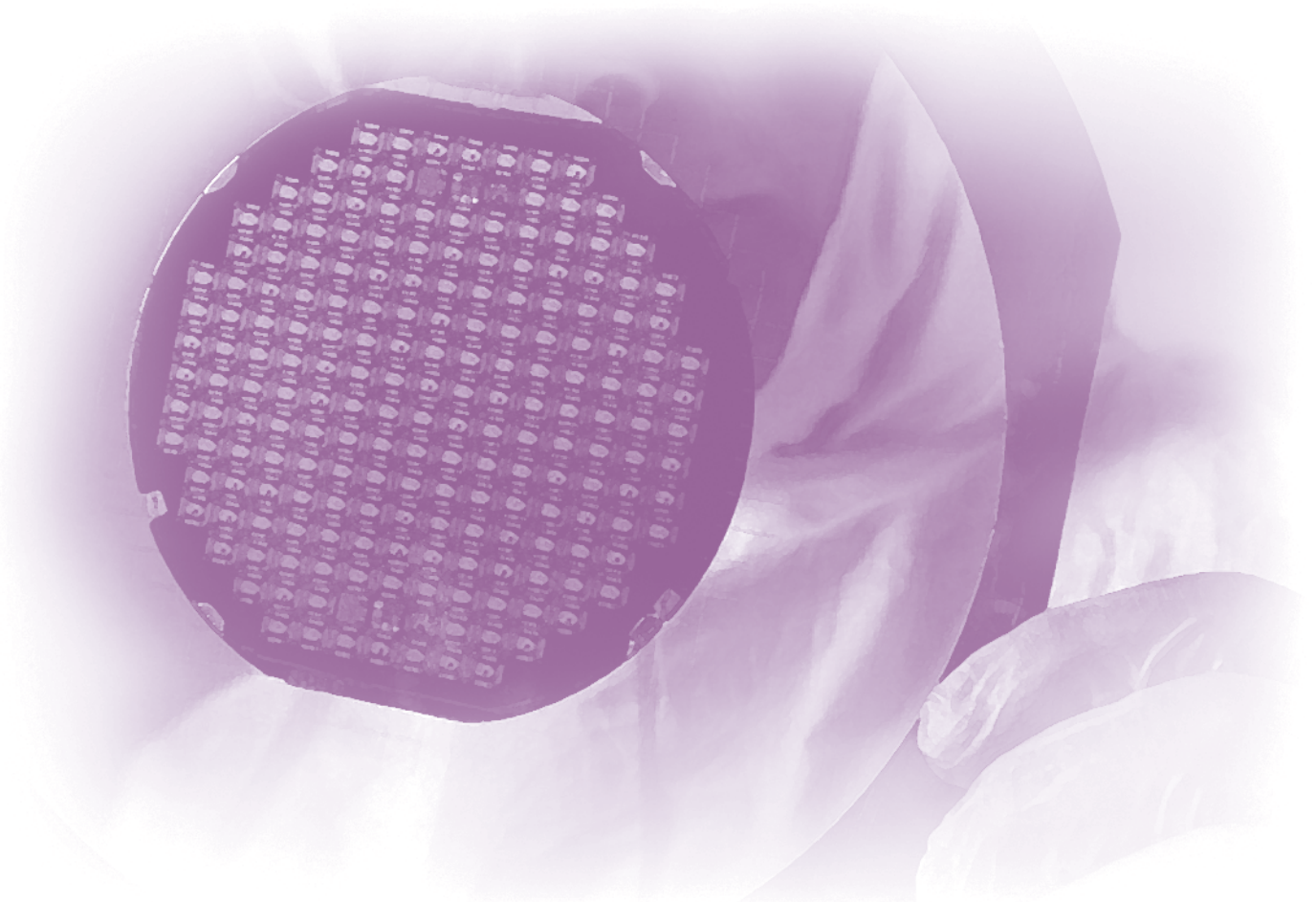
Corner Weld Strength Sample Preparation Diagram



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