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|---------------------------|------|-------|-----------------------------|------|-------|---------------------------|------|-------|
| Acetaldehyde | S | O | Butter | S | S | Fuel Oil | S | U |
| Acetic acid 1-10% | S | S | Butyl acetate 100% | O | U | Galic acid sat'd | S | S |
| Acetic acid 10-60% | S | O | Butyl alcohol 100% | S | S | Gasolene | S | U |
| Acetic acid 80-100% | S | O | Butyl glycol | S | S | Glycol | S | S |
| Acetic anhydride | S | S | Butyric acid 100% | S | S | Glycolic acid 30% | S | S |
| Acetone | S | S | Calcium Bisulfide | S | S | Grape juice | S | S |
| Acids, aromatic | S | S | Calcium carbonate sat'd | S | S | Grapefruit juice | S | S |
| Acrylic emulsions | S | S | Calcium chlorate sat'd | S | S | Heptane | O | U |
| Adipic acid | S | S | Calcium hypochlorite bleach | S | S | Hydrobromic acid 50% | S | S |
| Aluminum chloride dilute | S | S | Calcium nitrate 50% | S | S | Hydrocyanic acid sat'd | S | S |
| Aluminum chloride Conc. | S | S | Calcium sulfate | S | S | Hydrochloric acid 30% | S | S |
| Aluminum fluoride Conc. | S | S | Carbon dioxide 100% dry | S | S | Hydrofluoric acid 40-60% | S | S |
| Aluminum sulfate Conc. | S | S | Carbon dioxide 100% wet | S | S | Hydrogen 100% | S | S |
| Alums (all types) Conc. | S | S | Carbon dioxide cold sat'd | S | S | Hydrogen bromide 10% | S | S |
| Amino acetic acid | S | S | Carbon monoxide | S | S | Hydrogen chloride gas dry | S | S |
| Ammonia 100% dry gas | S | S | Chlorine liquid | O | U | Hydroquinone | S | S |
| Ammonium acetate | S | S | Chlorosulfonic Acid 100% | U | U | Hydrogen sulfide | S | S |
| Ammonium bromide | S | S | Chromic Acid 50% | S | O | Hypochlorous acid con't | S | S |
| Ammonium carbonate | S | S | Cider | S | S | Inks | S | S |
| Ammonium chloride Sat'd | S | S | Coconut oil alcohols | S | S | Iodine crystals | O | O |
| Ammonium fluoride 20% | S | S | Copper chloride sat'd | S | S | Isobutyl alcohol | S | S |
| Ammonium hydroxide | S | S | Copper cyanide sat'd | S | S | Isopropyl alcohol | S | S |
| Ammonium nitrate sat'd | S | S | Copper fluoride 2% | S | S | Isopropyl ether | O | U |
| Ammonium persulfate sat'd | S | S | Copper Nitrate sat'd | S | S | Kerosene | O | O |
| Ammonium sulfate sat'd | S | S | Copper sulfate dilute | S | S | Lactic acid 10-90% | S | S |
| Ammonium sulfide sat'd | S | S | Copper sulfate sat'd | S | S | Lanolin | S | S |
| Ammonium thiocyanate | S | S | Cuprous chloride sat'd | S | S | Lard | S | S |
| Amyl acetate 100% | O | U | Cyclohexanone | U | U | Lead acetate sat'd | S | S |
| Amyl alcohol 100% | S | S | Dextrin sat'd | S | S | Lead nitrate | S | S |
| Amyl chloride 100% | O | U | Dextrose sat'd | S | S | Lemon juice | S | S |
| Aniline 100% | S | U | Disodium phosphate | S | S | Lemon oil | O | U |
| Anise seed oil | O | U | Diethylene glycol | S | S | Lime juice | S | S |
| Antimony chloride | S | S | Emulsions photographic | S | S | Linseed oil | S | S |
| Aqua regia | O | U | Ether | O | O | Magnesium carbonate sat'd | S | S |
| Aromatic hydrocarbons | U | U | Ethyl acetate 100% | O | O | Magnesium chloride sat'd | S | S |
| Arsenic | S | S | Ethyl alcohol 100% | S | S | Magnesium hydroxide sat'd | S | S |
| Aspirin | S | S | Ethyl chloride | O | U | Magnesium nitrate sat'd | S | S |
| Barium carbonate sat'd | S | S | Ethylene glycol | S | S | Magnesium sulfate sat'd | S | S |
| Barium chloride sat'd | S | S | Ferric chloride sat'd | S | S | Mercuric chloride | S | S |
| Barium sulfate sat'd | S | S | Ferric nitrate sat'd | S | S | Mercuric cyanide sat'd | S | S |
| Barium sulfide sat'd | S | S | Ferrous chloride sat'd | S | S | Mercurous nitrate sat'd | S | S |
| Benzene sulfonic acid | S | S | Ferrous sulfate | S | S | Methyl ethyl ketone 100% | U | U |
| Bismuth carbonate sat'd | S | S | Fluoboric acid | S | S | Methyl bromide | O | U |
| Black liquor | S | S | Fluorine | S | U | Methylsulfuric acid | S | S |
| Borax cold sat'd | S | S | Fluosilicic acid 32% | S | S | Methylene chloride 100% | U | U |
| Boric acid dilute | S | S | Fluosilicic acid con't | S | S | Milk | S | S |
| Bromic acid 10% | S | S | Formic acid 20%-100% | S | S | | | |
| Bromine liquid 100% | O | U | Fructose sat'd | S | S | | | |
| Butanediol 10% | S | S | | | | | | |
| Butanediol 60% | S | S | | | | | | |
| Butanediol 100% | S | S | | | | | | |



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| Mineral Oils | S | U | Salicylic acid | S | S | Turpentine | O | U |
| Molasses | S | S | Sea water | S | S | Urea | S | S |
| Mustard (prepared) | S | S | Shortening | S | S | Urine | S | S |
| Naphtha | O | U | Silicic acid | S | S | Vanilla extract | S | S |
| Naphthalene | S | U | Silver nitrate sol'n | S | S | Vaseline | S | S |
| Natural gas (wet) | S | S | Soap solution con't | S | S | Vinegar common | S | S |
| Nickel chloride sat'd | S | S | Sodium acetate sat'd | S | S | Wetting agents | S | S |
| Nickel nitrate con't | S | S | Sodium benzoate 35% | S | S | Whiskey | S | S |
| Nickel sulfate | S | S | Sodium bicarbonate sat'd | S | S | Wines | S | S |
| Nicotinic acid | S | S | Sodium bisulfate sat'd | S | S | Xylene | U | U |
| Nitric acid 0-30% | S | S | Sodium bisulfite sat'd | S | S | Yeast | S | S |
| Nitric acid 30-70% | S | O | Sodium borate | S | S | Zinc chloride sat'd | S | S |
| Nitric acid 95-100% | U | U | Sodium carbonate con't | S | S | Zinc oxide | S | S |
| Nitroglycerine | O | U | Sodium chlorate sat'd | S | S | Zinc sulfate sat'd | S | S |
| Octane | S | S | Sodium dichromate sat'd | S | S | | | |
| Oleum con't | U | U | Sodium ferricyanide sat'd | S | S | | | |
| Olive oil | S | S | Sodium ferricyanide | S | S | | | |
| Orange juice | S | S | Sodium fluoride sat'd | S | S | | | |
| Oxalic acid dilute | S | S | Sodium hydroxide con't | S | S | | | |
| Oxalic acid sat'd | S | S | Sodium hypochlorite | S | S | | | |
| Ozone | O | O | Sodium nitrate | S | S | | | |
| Petroleum ether | U | U | Sodium nitrite | S | S | | | |
| Phosphoric acid 0-30% | S | S | Sodium perborate | S | S | | | |
| Phosphoric acid 90% | S | S | Sodium phosphate | S | S | | | |
| Photographic solutions | S | S | Sodium sulfide 25% to sat'd | S | S | | | |
| Potassium bicarbonate sat'd | S | S | Sodium sulfite sat'd | S | S | | | |
| Potassium carbonate | S | S | Sodium thiosulphate | S | S | | | |
| Potassium chlorate sat'd | S | S | Soybean oil | S | S | | | |
| Potassium chloride sat'd | S | S | Stannous chloride sat'd | S | S | | | |
| Potassium chromate 40% | S | S | Stannic chloride sat'd | S | S | | | |
| Potassium cyanide sat'd | S | S | Starch solution sat'd | S | S | | | |
| Potassium ferri cyanide | S | S | Stearic acid 100% | S | S | | | |
| Potassium fluoride | S | S | Sulfuric acid 0-50% | S | S | | | |
| Potassium nitrate sat'd | S | S | Sulfuric acid 70% | S | O | | | |
| Potassium perborate sat'd | S | S | Sulfuric acid 80% | S | U | | | |
| Potassium perchlorate 10% | S | S | Sulfuric acid 96% | O | U | | | |
| Potassium sulfate con't | S | S | Sulfuric acid 98% con't | O | U | | | |
| Potassium sulfide con't | S | S | Sulfuric acid fuming | U | U | | | |
| Potassium sulfite con't | S | S | Sulfurous acid | S | S | | | |
| Potassium persulfate sat'd | S | S | Tartaric acid | S | S | | | |
| Propargyl alcohol | S | S | Tannic acid 10% | S | S | | | |
| Propylene glycol | S | S | Tea | S | S | | | |
| Pyridine | S | O | Tetrahydrofurane | O | O | | | |
| Rayon coagulating bath | S | S | Toluene | U | U | | | |
| Resorcinol | S | S | Tomato juice | S | S | | | |
| | | | Transformer oil | S | O | | | |
| | | | Trisodium phosphate sat'd | S | S | | | |
| | | | Trichloroethylene | U | U | | | |

NOTE: The above information concerns general chemical resistance only. Since other factors such as permeation, ESCR, and container design are involved full compatibility is recommended.