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ChemLiner Chemical Resistance Chart

ChemLiner Round-Bottom Liners are made from only the highest-quality, raw materials available. These materials demonstrate outstanding resistance to both physical and chemical attack. The following chart may be used as a guide as part of an evaluation of the suitability of the ChemLiner series with intended chemical agents. Prior to employing ChemLiners, the user should thoroughly and independently determine the suitability of the liner for the intended use (See Effects of Factors.)

EXPLANATION OF THE COLUMNS

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SUBSTANCE	W/%	° C	RESISTANCE
Acetaldehyde soln	40		12+
Acetic acid conc.	95		-
	95	90	S
Acetic acid dil.	10		(+)
	10	50	-
Acetic acid very dil.	5		10+
Acetone	T		2+
Air at all pressures			+
Alkylbenzenes (Shellsol A)	T		+
Aluminum hydroxide soln	s.s.		+
Aluminium salts of strong mineral acids in soln	s.s.	50	-
	20		(+)
Amines, aliphatic	T		8+
Aminoacid mixture	C		+
Antimony trichloride soln	s.s.		-
Aqua regia (hydrochloride & nitric acid)	75:50 (Vol.)		-
Aromatic hydrocarbons (arenes)	T	80	+
Asphalt	C		+
	C	100	(+)
Baking enamels	C	150	+
Barium salts of strong mineral acids in soln	s.s.		+
Benzene, alkylbenzenes	H	80	+
		20	
Benzoic acid soln	20		+
	s.s.		-
Bleaching fluid (12.5% active chlorine)	H		-
Boric acid soln	10		10+
Boron trifluoride	T		-
Butadiene	T		+
Butane to DIN 51622	T		+
1,4-Butanediol (BASF Diol 14B)	T	>140	S

COLUMN #4

RESISTANCE FINDINGS

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- s The ChemLiner material is soluble in the substance

The level to which various plastics absorb liquids or vapors depends on the crystallinity of the polymer, the chemical composition of the contacting substances, temperature and vapor pressure. With time, a state of equilibrium will be reached. For these cases and where known, the relative gain in mass in parts percent (W%) is also given in Column 4.

EFFECTS OF FACTORS

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2-Butoxyethanol	T		+
Butyl acetate	T		2+
Butyric acid soln	20		+
C ₄ - Alcohols (Isanol)			2-
Calcium chloride in conc. acetic acid		50	s
Calcium chloride sol in alcohol	20		s
Calcium chloride soln in water	s.s.		10+
Calcium hydroxide soln (limewater)	s.s.		+
Calcium hypochlorite & bleaching powder soln	s.s.	-	-
Calcium or lithium chloride in methanol	20		s
Carbon disulphide	T		2-
Carbon tetrachloride	T		1-
		60	+
Casein	C		+
Cellulosic lacquers	H		+
Cellulosic lacquers alcoholic other	C		+
Chloramines	d.s.		-
Chlorine, chlorine water	C		-
Chloroacetic acid soln	10		-
Chlorobenzene	T	50	+
		20	
Chromic acid soln	10		8(-)
Citric acid soln	10		10+
	10	50	+
	20	80	+
Citrus fruit juices	C		+
Citrus Oil	C		+
Cooking fats & oils	C	100	+
Copper (II) salt solns	10		(+)
Coumarin, coumarin resins			+
Crude oil, natural gas	C		+
Cyclohexanol	T		3+
Cyclohexanone	T		+
Dibutyl phthalate	T		+
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	T		2+
Dimethyl ether	T		+
Dimethylamine	T		+
Electroplating baths	C		(+)
Ethane	T		+
Ethanol, dilute	40		+
Ethyl acetate	T		1+
Ethylene	T		+
Ethylene oxide	T		+
Fat acids	C		+
Fat alcohols	C		+
Fats & waxes	C		+
Fertilizers	C		+
Floor polishes	C		+
Fluorinated hydrocarbons (refrigerants)	C	70	+
Formic acid soln	10		(+)
	10	50	-

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Furfuryl alcohol	T		+
	T	>90	S
Gelatin, bone glue	C		+
Glycerol	T		+
		>170	S
Glycolic acid soln	30		-
Heptane, hexane	T		+
Hexachlorobenzene	T	80	1+
Hydrobromic acid soln	10		-
Hydrochloric acid, strong & dilute	20 2		S -
Hydrogen peroxide soln	0.5 30		+ -
Indian ink	C		+
Isocyanates, aromatic (ex. tolylene diisocyanate)	C		+
Isopropyl alcohol	T		5-
		60	+
Ketones (aliphatic)	T		+
Lactic acid soln	10 90		+ -
Linseed Oil	C		+
Lithium chloride or bromide soln in water	10		(+)
Lubricating greases, ester based	C	110	+
Lubricating oil, HD & special oils, including hydraulic & transformer oils	C		+
Mercury	T		+
Mercury (II) chloride soln	s.s.		-
Methane	T		+
Methyl acetate	T		2+
Methyl ethyl ketone	T		2+
		60	
Milk	C		+
Molasses	C		+
Naptha	C		+
Naphthalene	T		+
Naphthenic acids	T		+
Nickel plating baths			(+)
Nitric acid, strong & dilute	>50 2		S -
Oils (vegetable, ethereal, mineral)	C		+
Oleic acid	C		3+
Palamoll & Palatinol plasticizers	C		+
Perchloroethylene (tetrachloroethylene)	T T	80	2(+) -
Perfumes in alcohol	C		+
Photographic emulsion	C		+
Plasticizers	C		+
Plastomoll plasticizers (adipates)	C		+
Potassium chloride soln	10		+
Potassium dichromate soln	5		(+)
Potassium nitrate soln	10		+
Potassium permanganate soln	1		-

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Pyridine	T		+
	T	80	15(+)
Resorcinol in ethanol	50		S
Resorcinol-methanol-benzene-water (40:35:10:5)	40		S
Salicylic acid soln	s.s.		+
Soap soln	d.s.	80	+
Sodium chlorate soln	10		(+)
Sodium chlorite soln	10		(+)
Sodium hypochlorite soln	10		-
Sodium lactate soln	60		(+)
Sodium lauryl sulphate paste	30		+
Sodium salt solns (neutral or alkaline)	10		+
Stearic acid & its salts & esters	T		+
Styrene	T		+
	T	80	+
Suplhuric acid conc. & dil.	80		S
	2		-
Sulphurous acid soln	s.s.		(+)
Tall oil	C		+
Tallow	C		+
Tar	C		+
		80	(+)
Tetrafluoromethane (R 14)	T		+
Tetrahydrofuran	T		2-
Toluene	T		+
	T	100	+
Trichlorethylene	T		4+
	T	80	20(-)
Trimethylamine	T		+
Urea soln	20		+
Uric acid soln	10		+
Vaseline	C		+
Vinyl halides	T	80	+
Wax	C	80	+
Wines & spirits	C		10+
Xylenes	T		+
	T	100	+

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