

## Chemical resistance

### Chemical resistance of the piping material

Chemical resistance of the piping material Plastics are widely used not only for water, but also to handle aggressive chemicals. Consequently the determination of the fluid to be carried is therefore one of the prime concerns in the selection process. Other factors, such as the installation environment, also need to be considered. However, the usual starting point for most applications is to determine which material provides the best chemical resistance performance.

The chemical resistance of thermoplastic piping against a broad range of commonly used chemicals can be found in the chemical resistance tables, however we would recommend that in case of doubt that you contact our technical department for clarification. The data shown is based on immersion tests and is given as a guide only as no guarantees can be given in respect of the information shown. Where there is any concern over the suitability of a material, it is recommended to test using the specific working conditions in a pilot installation.

In all cases the suitability of the piping materials, jointing methods and sealing materials (elastomeric for 'O' rings, and flange gaskets). must be verified before the commencement of an installation.

When referring to the chemical resistance tables, the classifications Resistant, Conditionally Resistant and Not Recommended are shown using the symbols +, 0 and - respectively. Whilst the terms Resistant and Not Recommended are self explanatory, the term Conditionally Resistant indicates that the medium can attack or cause swelling in the material. The service life is usually shortened and may be restricted by pressure and/or temperature. Note that the data in the tables is based on information from the raw material suppliers, gained using direct contact between the chemical and the un-processed raw material. The resistance of any of the finished products against these media has not been verified. There is no given or intended legally binding assurance of material properties or of suitability for a specific purpose. Materials must be tested under actual service conditions to determine the suitability for a specific application

### Chemical resistance of solvent cement welded joints

The chemical resistance of the joints in a solvent welded piping system are the same as the material itself. However, PVC-U or PVC-C solvent welded joints in systems handling the following chemicals can be degraded and require the use of Weld On 724 solvent cement to ensure chemical compatibility:

Hydrochloric Acid 25%+ concentration  
Nitric Acid 20%+ concentration  
Sulphuric Acid 70%+ concentration  
Hydrofluoric Acid in any concentration

### Chemical resistance of fusion welded joints

Thermoplastic piping systems in polypropylene, polyethylene, ECTFE or PVDF are made with fusion-welded joints using either socket fusion, electro fusion and IR or butt fusion welding techniques. Correctly made fusion joints will have the same chemical resistance as the pipe itself, however in situations where the piping material may be susceptible to stress cracking from the media, the joint itself may be subject to increased risk.

### Chemical resistance of valves

Chemical resistance of valves In most cases, valves are manufactured from the same parent material as the pipe-fittings and it can therefore be regarded that their chemical resistance matches that of the piping material. However, valves will usually incorporate elastomeric materials that will be exposed to the media during normal operation. Care should be taken to check the chemical resistance of the elastomeric seals against the chemical to be used in the chemical resistance tables.



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Media A - CO	Material °C Concentration	PVC-U	PVC-C	ABS	PE	PP	PVDF	EPDM	FPM
		20 40 60	20 40 60 80 95	20 40 60 80	20 40 60	20 60 80 100	20 60 80 100 120	20 40 60 80	20 60 80 100 120
ACETALDEHTDE	Technically pure	-	-	-	+ 0 0	0 -	-	+ 0 -	0 -
ACETIC ACID	40% aqueous solution	0 -	0 0	-	+ + 0	+ + 0 -	- +	+ + + +	+ 0 0
	technically pure, glacial	0 -	0 -	-	+ + 0	+ 0 -	+ 0 -	0	-
	10% aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	+ 0 -	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + + +	+ + 0	0 -
ACETIC ACID ANHYDRIDE	technically pure	-	-	-	+ + +	+ +	-	0	-
ACETONE	technically pure	-	-	-	+ + +	+ +	- +	+ + +	-
ACRYLONITRILE	technically pure	-	-	-	+ + +	+ +	0 +	+ + 0	0 -
ADIPIC ACID	saturated, aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	-	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + +	+ +
ALCOHOLIC SPIRITS	app, 40% ethyl alcohol	+ + +	0	-	+ + +	+ +	+ + + +	+ + +	+ +
ALLTL ALCOHOL	96%	0 -	0	-	+ + +	+ + + 0	+ + + +	0 0 0	0 -
ALUMUNUM CHLORIDE	saturated	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ + + +
ALUMUNUM SULPHATE	cold saturated, aqueous	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ + + +
AMMONIA	gaseous, tech pure	+ + +	-	-	+ + +	+ + + +	-	+ + +	+ +
AMMONIUM ACETATE	aqueous, all	+ + 0	+ + + +	-	+ + +	+ +	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ +
AMMONIUM HYDROGEN FLUORIDE	50%, aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	-	+ + +	+ +	+ + +	+	+
AMMONIUM AOMPOUNDS:									
SEE SODIUM									
AMYL ACETATE	c	-	-	-	0 + +	0 -	+ 0	0	-
AMYL ALCOHOL	technically pure	+ + 0	-	-	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + + 0	+ + +	0
ANILINE	technically pure	-	-	-	0	0	+ 0 -	-	0 +
ANILINE HYDROCHLORIDE	aqueous, Saturated	+ 0	-	-	+ + 0	+ 0	+ + + +	+ + + +	0 -
ANTIMONY TRICHLORIDE	90% aqueous	+ +	-	-	+ + +	+ +	+ +	+ +	+
AQUA REGIA		+ 0	+ + 0	-	0	0 -	0	-	0
ARSENIC ACID	80% aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ + + +
BARIUM HYDROXIDE	aqueous, saturated	+ + 0	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ +	-	+ + + +	+ + +
BARIUM SALTS	aqueous, all	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + +	+ + +
BEEF TALLOW EWULSION, SULPHONATED									
BEER	usual commercial	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ +	+ + +	+	+
BENZALDEHYDE	aqueous, saturated	-	-	-	+ + +	+ +	+ + +	+ + +	+ +
BENZENE	technically pure	-	-	-	0 0 0	0 -	+ 0 -	-	+
BENZENE	free of lead and aromatic compounds	+ + +	0 0 0	-	+ + +	0 -	+ + + + +	-	+ +
BENZONIC ACID	aqueous, all	+ + 0	+ + -	+ + 0 -	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + + +	-	+ + + 0
BENZYL ALCOHOL	technically pure	0	-	-	+ + +	+ + 0	+ 0 -	+ +	0
BLEACHING LYE	12.5% active chlorine aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	0	0 - -	0 -	0 +	+	+
BORAX	aqueous, all	+ + 0	+ + + +	0	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ +
BORIC ACID	aqueous, all	+ + 0	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ + +
BRINE, SEA WATER		+ + 0	+ + + +	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ + + +
BROMINE, LIQUID	technically pure	-	-	-	-	-	+ + + 0	-	+
BULADIENE	technically pure	+	-	-	+ + +	+ +	+ + + +	-	0
BUTANE	technically pure	+	+	+	+ + +	+ +	+ + +	+	+
BUTANEDIOL	aqueous, 10%	+ 0	-	-	+ + +	+ +	+ + +	+ + +	+ +
BUTANOL	technically pure	+ + 0	+	-	+ 0 0	+ 0 0	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ 0
BUTYLE ACETATE	technically pure	-	-	-	+	0	+ -	+	0 -
BUTYL PHENOL, P-TERTIARY	technically pure	0 -	-	-	0	+	+ + +	-	0
BUTYLENE GLYCOL	technically pure	+ + 0	+	+	+ + + 0	+ +	+ + +	+ + +	+ 0
BUTYLENE LIQUID	technically pure	+	-	-	-	-	+ + +	0	+
BUTYRIC ACID	technically pure	+	-	-	+ + 0	+	+ + + 0	0	0
CALCIUM BISULPHATE	cold saturated, aqueous	+	+ + + +	-	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + + +	+	+ + + +
CALCIUM CHLORIDE	saturated, aqueous, all	+ + 0	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ + + +
CALCIUM HYDROXIDE	aqueous, saturated	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ + +	0 0 -	+ + + +	+ + + +
CALCIUM HYPOCHLORITE	cold saturated, aqueous	+ +	+ + + +	+ + -	+ + +	+ +	0 0	+ + +	+ + + +
CALCIUM NITRATE	50% aqueous	+ +	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ +	+ + + +	+ + +	+ + +
CARBON DIOXIDE (CARBON ACID)	technically pure moist	+ + 0	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ +	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + +
CARBON DISULPHIDE	technically pure	-	-	-	0	0	+	-	+
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	technically pure	-	-	-	-	-	+ 0	-	+
CAUSIT SODA SOLUTION (sodium hydroxide)	up to 40% aqueous	+ + 0	+ - + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ + + +	0 0 -	+ + +	0 -
	up to 50% aqueous	+ + +	+ - + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ + + +	0 0 -	+ + 0	0 -
CHLORAL HYDRATE	technically pure	-	-	-	+ + + 0	-	-	0	-
CHLORIC ACID	10% aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	-	+ +	-	+	+ + +	-
CHLORINE	moist, 97% gaseous	0	-	-	-	-	+ + + 0	0	+
	anhydrous, tech pure	0	0	-	0 0 -	-	+ + + 0	0	+
	liquid, technically pure	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	0
CHLORINE WATER	saturated	0 0	+ + + +	0 0	0 0	0	+ + + +	0	0
CHLOROACETIC ACID, MONO	50% aqueous	+ +	-	-	+ + +	+ +	+ -	0	-
CHLOROENZENE	technically pure	-	-	-	0	+	+ + 0 0	-	-
CHLOROETHANOL	technically pure	-	-	-	+ + +	+ +	+ 0 -	0	-
CHLOROFORM	technically pure	-	-	-	-	0	+ + +	-	0
CHLOROSULPHONIC ACID	technically pure	0	-	-	-	-	0 -	-	-
CHROME ALUM (CHROMIUM POTASSIUM SULPHATE)	cold saturated, aqueous	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ +	+	+ + + +	+ + + +
CHROME ACID	all, aqueous	+	+	-	0	0	+ + 0 0	0	+ 0
CIDER		+	+ + + +	+ +	+	+	+ +	+	+
CITRIC ACID	10% aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + +	+ + +	+ +
COPPER SALT	10% aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ -	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + +

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		20 40 60	20 40 60 80 95	20 40 60 80	20 40 60	20 60 80 100	20 60 80 100 120	20 40 60 80	20 60 80 100 120
CORN OIL	technically pure	0	0 0	0	+ + 0	+ 0	+ + +	0 -	+ +
CRESOL	cold saturated, aqueous	0	-	-	+ +	+	+ 0 -	-	+
CROTONIC ALDEHYDE	technically pure	-	-	-	+	+	+ -	+	+
CYCLOHEXANE	technically pure	-	-	-	+ + +	+	+ + +	-	+
CYCLOHEXANOL	technically pure	+ + + 0	0	-	+ + +	+ 0	+ + 0 -	-	+
CYCLOHEXANONE	technically pure	-	-	-	+ 0 0	+ 0	+ -	0	-
DETERGENTS									
(WASHING POWDERS)	usual washing lathers	+ + 0	0	-	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + +	+ +
Dextrine (Starch Gum)	usual commercial	+ + +	-	+ + + 0	+ + +	+	+ + + + +	+ + +	+ +
DIBUTYL ETHER	technically pure	-	-	-	0	0 -	+ + + +	-	+ 0
DIBUTYL PHTHALATE	technically pure	-	-	-	+ 0 0	+ 0	+ -	0	0
DIBUTYL SEBACATE	technically pure	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
DICHLOROACETIC ACID	technically pure	+ + 0	0 0 0 0	-	+ + 0	+ 0	+ 0 -	+ + +	0 -
DICHLOROACETIC ACID									
METHYL ESHER	technically pure	-	-	-	+ + +	+	0	+ + 0	-
DICHLOROBENZENE	technically pure	-	-	-	0	0	+ + 0	-	+
DICHLOROETHYLENE	technically pure	-	-	-	-	0	+ 0	-	0
DIESEL OIL		+ +	0	0	+ 0	0	+ + + + +	-	+
DIETHYLAMINE	technically pure	0	-	-	-	+	-	0	-
DI-ISOBUTYL KETONE	technically pure	-	-	-	+	+	+ 0	0	-
DIMETHYL FORMAMIDE	technically pure	0	-	-	+ + 0	+	-	0	+
DIMETHYLAMINE	technically pure	0	-	-	+ + 0	+	0 -	0	-
ETHYL ACETATE	technically pure	-	-	-	+ 0 0	+ 0	0 -	0 0 0	-
ETHYL ALCOHOL	technically pure, 96%	+ + 0	0	-	+ + +	+ + +	+ 0 0	+ + + +	0 0
ETHYL ALCOHOL									
+ ACETIC ACID	fermentation mixture	+ + 0	-	-	-	+	+ + 0	+ + 0 +	0 0
ETHYL BENZENE	technically pure	-	-	-	0	0 -	+	-	0
ETHYL CHLORIDE	technically pure	-	-	-	0	0	+ + + 0	-	0
ETHYL ETHER	technically pure	-	-	-	0	+	+	-	-
ETHYLENE CHLORIDE	technically pure	-	-	-	0	0	+ + + 0 -	0 0 -	+ 0
ETHYLENE DIAMINE	technically pure	0	-	-	+ + +	+	0 -	+ + +	0 -
ETHYLENE GLYCOL	technically pure	+ + +	0 0 0 0	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + +	+ + 0 0
ETHYLENE OXIDE	technically pure, liquid	-	-	-	-	0	+ + 0	0	-
FATTY ACIDS. C <sub>6</sub>	technically pure	+ + +	0 0 0	-	-	-	+ + +	-	+
FATTY ALCOHOL									
SULPHONATES	aqueous	+ + 0	-	-	+ + +	+	+ + + +	+ + +	+
FERRIC CHLORIDE	saturated	+ + +	-	-	+ + +	+ 0	+ + + + 0	+ + + 0	+ + + + +
FERRIC NITRATE	saturated	+ + +	-	+ 0 -	+ + +	+ + 0	+ + + + 0	+ + 0 -	+ + + + +
FERROUS SULPHATE		+ + +	-	+ + + 0	+ + +	0 -	+ + + + 0	+ + + +	+ + + + +
FLUOSILICIC ACID	32%, aqueous	+ + +	+ + + 0	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + +	0 0 -	-
FORMALDEHYDE	40%, aqueous	+ +	0	+ + + 0	+ + +	+	+ + +	+ + +	0
FORMAMIDE	technically pure	-	-	-	+ + +	+	+	+	+
FORMIC ACID	technically pure	+ 0 -	0 -	-	+ + +	+	+ + + + +	+ + + 0	-
FRUIT JUICES		+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ + + + +
FUEL OIL		+ +	0	0	0 - -	+ + +	+ + + + +	-	+ +
FURFURYL ALCOHOL	technically pure	-	-	-	+ + +	0 -	+ 0 -	0	-
GELATINE	all, aqueous	+ +	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+ 0	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ + + +
GLUCOSE	all, aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+	+ + + + +	+ + + 0	+ 0 -
GLYCERINE	technically pure	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + 0	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + + +	+	+
GLYCOCOLL	10%, aqueous	+ +	-	+ + +	+ + +	+ + +	+ + +	+ +	+
GLYCOLIC ACID	37%, aqueous	+	-	+ +	+ + +	+	+ + + +	+	+
HEPTANE	technically pure	+	+	+	+ 0	+ 0	+ + + +	-	+ +
HEXANE	technically pure	+	+	-	+ 0	+ 0	+ + + +	-	+ +
HYDRAZINE HYDRATE	aqueous	+	-	-	+ + +	+	+ 0	+	+
HYDROBROMIC ACID	50%, aqueous	+ + +	+ + + +	+ +	+ + +	+	+ + + +	+ + 0 -	+ +
HYDROCHLORIC ACID	up to 10%, aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	+ + + 0 -	+ + +	0 0	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ + 0
	up to 36%, aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	-	+ + +	+	+ + + +	+ 0 -	+ - +
HYDROCYANIC ACID	technically pure	+ + 0	-	+ +	+ + +	+	+ + + +	+ 0	+
HYDROFLUORIC ACID	up to 10%, aqueous	+ 0 0	+	+	+ + 0	+	+ + + +	-	+ 0
	40%, aqueous	+	0 0	-	+ + 0	+	+ + + +	-	+
	70%, aqueous	+	-	-	+ 0	+	+ + + +	-	+
HYDROGEN	technically pure	+ + +	-	+ + + 0	+ + +	+	+ + + +	+ + + +	+ + + +
HYDROGEN CHLORIDE	tech. pure, gaseous	+ + 0	+	-	+ + +	+	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ + + +
HYDROGEN PEROXIDE	3%, aqueous	+ + 0	+	+	+ + +	+	+ + + +	+ 0 -	+
	30%, aqueous	+	+	-	+ + +	+ 0	+ + + +	0 -	+ 0 -
	90%, aqueous	+	-	-	+	-	+	0	0
HYDROGEN SULPHIDE	technically pure	+ + +	-	+	+ + 0	+	+ + + + +	+ 0 -	+ 0 -
IODINE SOLUTION	6.5% iodine in ethanol	-	0	-	+ 0	+	+ +	+	+
IRON SALTS	all, aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	+	+ + +	+ + +	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ + + +
ISO-OCTANE	technically pure	+	-	-	+ 0	+ 0	+ + + +	-	+
ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL	technically pure	+	0	-	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + 0	+ + + 0	+ + 0
ISOPROPYL ETHER	technically pure	-	-	-	0 -	0 -	+	-	-
LACTIC ACID	10%, aqueous	+ 0 -	+ + 0	+ 0 -	+ + +	+ + + +	+ 0 0 -	0 0 0 -	+ 0 0
LANOLIN	technically pure	+ 0	0 0 0	+ + + 0	+ + +	+	+ + + + +	0 -	+ +
LEAD ACETATE	aqueous, saturated	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + 0	+ + +	+	+ + + +	+ + +	+
LINSEED OIL	technically pure	+ + 0	0 0 0	+	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + + +	0 -	+ +
LUBRICATING OILS		+ + +	-	0	+ + 0	0	+ + + + +	-	+ + + -
MAGNESIUM SALTS	all, aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	+	+ + +	+ + + +	+ + + + +	+ + + +	+ + + +
MALEIC ACID	cold saturated, aqueous	+ + 0	+ + + +	+	+ + +	+	+ + + + +	0 -	+ + -

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