

Rating system

This chart rates the chemical resistance of polypropylene resin according to the following code:

Note: The user is advised to make his or her own tests to determine the suitability of polypropylene in the particular environment.

A = Negligible effect

Should be suitable for all applications where these environmental conditions exist.

B = Limited absorption or attack

Should be suitable for most applications, but the user is advised to make his or her own tests to determine the suitability of polypropylene in the particular environment.

C = Extensive absorption and/or rapid permeation

Should be suitable for applications where only intermittent service is involved, or where the swelling produced has no detrimental effect on the part. The user should make his or her own tests to determine the suitability of polypropylene in the particular environment.

D = Extensive attack

The specimen dissolves or disintegrates. Polypropylene is not recommended.

Environment	Conc. %	Temp., °C		
		20	60	100
Acetic acid (glacial)	97	A	B	-
			(80°C)	
Acetic acid	50	A	A	-
			(80°C)	
Acetic acid	40	A	-	-
Acetic acid	10	A	A	-
Acetone	100	A	A	-
Acetophenone	100	B	B	-
Acriflavine	2	A	A	-
(2% solution in H ₂ O)			(80°C)	
Acrylic emulsions		A	A	-
Aluminum chloride		A	A	-
Aluminum fluoride		A	A	-
Aluminum sulfate		A	A	-
Alums (all types)		A	A	-
Ammonia (aqueous)	30	A	-	-
Ammonia gas (dry)		A	A	-
Ammonium carbonate	Satd.	A	A	-
Ammonium chloride	Satd.	A	A	-
Ammonium fluoride	20	A	A	-
Ammonium hydroxide	10	A	A	-
Ammonium metaphosphate	Satd.	A	A	-
Ammonium nitrate	Satd.	A	A	-
Ammonium persulfate	Satd.	A	A	-
Ammonium sulfate	Satd.	A	A	-
Ammonium sulfide	Satd.	A	A	-
Ammonium thiocyanate	Satd.	A	A	-
Amyl acetate	100	B	C	-
Amyl alcohol	100	A	B	-
Amyl chloride	100	C	C	-
Aniline	100	A	A	-
Anisole	100	B	B	-
Antimony chloride		A	A	-

Environment	Conc. %	Temp., °C		
		20	60	100
Aviation fuel (115/145 octane)	100	B	C	-
Aviation turbine fuel	100	B	C	-
Barium carbonate	Satd.	A	A	-
Barium chloride	Satd.	A	A	-
Barium hydroxide		A	A	-
Barium sulfate	Satd.	A	A	-
Barium sulfide	Satd.	A	A	-
Beer		A	A	-
Benzene	100	B	C	C
Benzoic acid	A	A	-	-
Benzyl alcohol		A	A	-
			(80°C)	
Bismuth carbonate	Satd.	A	A	-
Borax		A	A	-
Boric acid		A	A	-
Brine	Satd.	A	A	-
Bromine liquid	100	D	-	-
Bromine water	(a)	C	-	-
Butyl acetate	100	C	C	-
Butyl alcohol	100	A	A	-
Calcium carbonate	Satd.	A	A	-
Calcium chlorate	Satd.	A	A	-
Calcium chloride	50	A	A	-
Calcium hydroxide		A	A	-
Calcium hypochlorite bleach	20 ^{ppm}	A	B	-
Calcium nitrate		A	A	-
Calcium phosphate	50	A	-	-
Calcium sulfate		A	A	-
Calcium sulfite		A	A	-
Carbon dioxide (dry)		A	A	-
Carbon dioxide (wet)		A	A	-

Environment	Conc. %	Temp., °C		
		20	60	100
Carbon disulfide	100	B	C	-
Carbon monoxide		A	A	-
Carbon tetrachloride	100	C	C	C
Carbonic acid		A	A	-
Castor oil		A	-	-
Cetyl alcohol	100	A	-	-
Chlorine (gas)	100	D	D	-
Chlorobenzene	100	C	C	-
Chloroform	100	C	D	D
Chlorosulfonic acid	100	D	D	D
Chrome alum		A	A	-
Chromic acid	80 ²¹	A	-	-
Chromic acid	50 ²¹	A	A	-
Chromic acid	10 ²¹	A	A	-
Chromic/sulfuric acid		D	D	-
Cider		A	A	-
Citric acid	10	A	A	-
Copper chloride	Satd.	A	A	-
Copper cyanide	Satd.	A	A	-
Copper fluoride	Satd.	A	A	-
Copper nitrate	Satd.	A	A	-
Copper sulfate	Satd.	A	A	-
Cottonseed oil		A	A	-
Cuprous chloride	Satd.	A	A	-
Cyclohexanol	100	A	B	-
Cyclohexanone	100	B	C	-
Decalin	100	C	C	C
Detergents	2	A	A	A
Developers (photographic)		A	A	-
Dibutyl phthalate	100	A	B	D
Dichloroethylene	100	A	-	-
Diethanolamine	100	A	A	-
Diisooctyl phthalate	100	A	A	-
Emulsifiers		A	A	-
Ethanolamine	100	A	A	-
Ethyl acetate	100	B	B	-
Ethyl alcohol	96	A	A	-
			(80°C)	
Ethyl chloride	100	C	C	-
Ethylene dichloride	100	B	-	-
Ethylene glycol		A	A	-
Ethylene oxide	100	B	-	-
			(10°C)	
Ethyl ether	100	B	-	-
Fatty acids (C ₂)	100	A	A	-
Ferric chloride	Satd.	A	A	-
Ferric nitrate	Satd.	A	A	-
Ferric sulfate	Satd.	A	A	-

Environment	Conc. %	Temp., °C		
		20	60	100
Ferrous chloride	Satd.	A	A	-
Ferrous sulfate	Satd.	A	A	-
Fluorosilicic acid		A	A	-
Formaldehyde	40	A	A	-
Formic acid	100	A	-	-
Formic acid	10	A	A	-
Fructose		A	A	-
Fruit juices		A	A	-
Furfural	100	C	C	-
Gas liquor		C	-	-
Gasoline	100	B	C	C
Gearbox oil	100	A	B	-
Gelatin		A	A	-
Glucose	20	A	A	-
Glycerin	100	A	A	A
Glycol		A	A	-
Hexane	100	A	B	-
Hydrobromic acid	50 ²⁰	A	A	-
Hydrochloric acid	30 ²⁰	A	B	D
Hydrochloric acid	20	A	A	-
			(80°C)	
Hydrochloric acid	10	A	A	B
			(80°C)	
Hydrochloric acid	2	A	A	A
50-50 HCl-HNO ₃	(a)	B	D	-
			(80°C)	
Hydrofluoric acid	40	A	-	-
Hydrofluoric acid	60 ²⁰	A	A	-
			(40°C)	
Hydrogen chloride gas (dry)	100	A	A	-
Hydrogen peroxide	30	A	-	D
Hydrogen peroxide	10	A	B	-
Hydrogen peroxide	3	A	-	-
Hydrogen sulfide		A	A	-
Hydroquinone		A	A	-
Inks		A	A	-
Iodine tincture		A	-	-
Isooctane	100	C	C	-
Isopropyl alcohol	100	A	A	-
Ketones		A	-	-
Lactic acid	20	A	A	-
Lanolin	100	A	A	-
Lead acetate	Satd.	A	A	-
Linseed oil	100	A	A	-
Lubricating oil	100	A	B	-

Environment	Conc. %	Temp., °C			Environment	Conc. %	Temp., °C		
		20	60	100			20	60	100
Magenta dye (aqueous solution)	2	A	A	-	Plating solutions, cadmium		A	A	-
			Some staining		Plating solutions, chromium		A	A	-
Magnesium carbonate	Satd.	A	A	-	Plating solutions, copper		A	A	-
Magnesium chloride	Satd.	A	A	-	Plating solutions, gold		A	A	-
Magnesium hydroxide	Satd.	A	A	-	Plating solutions, indium		A	A	-
Magnesium nitrate	Satd.	A	A	-	Plating solutions, lead		A	A	-
Magnesium sulfate	Satd.	A	A	-	Plating solutions, nickel		A	A	-
Magnesium sulfite	Satd.	A	A	-	Plating solutions, rhodium		A	A	-
Meat juices		A	A	-	Plating solutions, silver		A	A	-
Mercuric chloride	40	A	A	-	Plating solutions, tin		A	A	-
Mercuric cyanide	Satd.	A	A	-	Plating solutions, zinc		A	A	-
Mercurous nitrate	Satd.	A	A	-	Potassium bicarbonate	Satd.	A	A	-
Mercury	100	A	A	-	Potassium borate	1	A	A	-
Methyl alcohol	100	A	A	-	Potassium bromate	10	A	A	-
Methylene chloride	100	A	-	-	Potassium bromide	Satd.	A	A	-
Methyl ethyl ketone	100	A	B	-	Potassium carbonate	Satd.	A	A	-
Milk and its products		A	A	A	Potassium chlorate	Satd.	A	A	-
Mineral oil	100	A	B	-	Potassium chloride	Satd.	A	A	-
Molasses		A	A	-	Potassium chromate	40	A	A	-
Motor oil	100	A	B	-	Potassium cyanide	Satd.	A	A	-
					Potassium dichromate	40	A	A	-
Naphthalene	100	A	A	A	Potassium ferri-/ferrocyanide		A	A	-
Nickel chloride	Satd.	A	A	-	Potassium fluoride		A	A	-
Nickel nitrate	Satd.	A	A	-	Potassium hydroxide	50	A	A	-
Nickel sulfate	Satd.	A	A	-	Potassium hydroxide	10	A	A	A
Nitric acid	fuming	D	D	D	Potassium nitrate	Satd.	A	A	-
Nitric acid	70 ^{wt}	C	D	-	Potassium perborate	Satd.	A	A	-
Nitric acid	60	A	D	-	Potassium perchlorate	10	A	A	-
			(80°C)		Potassium permanganate	20	A	A	-
Nitric acid	10	A	A	A	Potassium sulfate		A	A	-
50-50 HNO ₃ -HCl	(a)	B	D	-	Potassium sulfide		A	A	-
			(80°C)		Potassium sulfite		A	A	-
50-50 HNO ₃ -H ₂ SO ₄	(a)	C	D	-	Propyl alcohol	100	A	A	-
			(80°C)		Pyridine	100	A	-	-
Nitrobenzene	100	A	A	-					
Oleic acid		A	B	-	Silicone oil	100	A	A	-
Oleum	-	-	-	D	Soap solution (concentrated)		A	A	-
Olive oil	100	A	A	-	Sodium acetate		A	A	-
Oxalic acid (aqueous)	50	A	B	-	Sodium bicarbonate	Satd.	A	A	-
					Sodium bisulfate	Satd.	A	A	-
Paraffin	100	A	B	-	Sodium bisulfite	Satd.	A	A	-
Paraffin wax	100	A	A	-	Sodium borate		A	A	-
Petrol	100	B	C	-	Sodium bromide oil solution		A	A	-
Petroleum ether (boiling point 100°-140°C)	100	C	C	-	Sodium carbonate	Satd.	A	A	-
Phenol	100	A	A	-	Sodium chlorate	Satd.	A	A	-
Phosphoric acid	95	A	A	-	Sodium chloride	Satd.	A	A	A
Plating solutions, brass		A	A	-	Sodium chlorite	2	A	A	-
							(80°C)		
					Sodium chlorite	5	A	A	-
							(80°C)		

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		20	60	100
Sodium chlorite	10	A	A	-
		(80°C)		
Sodium chlorite	20	A	A	-
		(80°C)		
Sodium cyanide	Satd.	A	A	-
Sodium dichromate	Satd.	A	A	-
Sodium ferricyanide	Satd.	A	A	-
Sodium ferrocyanide	Satd.	A	A	-
Sodium fluoride	Satd.	A	A	-
Sodium hydroxide	50	A	A	-
Sodium hydroxide	10	A	A	A
Sodium hypochlorite	20	A	B	B
Sodium nitrate		A	A	-
Sodium nitrite		A	A	-
Sodium silicate		A	A	-
Sodium sulfate	Satd.	A	A	-
Sodium sulfide	25	A	A	-
Sodium sulfite	Satd.	A	A	-
Stannic chloride	Satd.	A	A	-
Stannous chloride	Satd.	A	A	-
Starch		A	A	-
Sugars and syrups		A	A	-
Sulfamic acid		A	A	-
		(80°C)		
Sulfates of [Calcium and magnesium]		A	A	-
	Satd.			
Sulfates of [potassium and sodium]		A	A	-
Sulfur		A	A	-
Sulfuric acid	98 ^{wt}	C	-	D
Sulfuric acid	60	A	B	-
		(80°C)		
Sulfuric acid	50	A	B	-
Sulfuric acid	10	A	A	A
50-50 H ₂ SO ₄ /HNO ₃	(a)	C	D	-
		(80°C)		
Tallow		A	A	-
Tannic acid	10	A	A	-
Tartaric acid		A	A	-
Tetrahydrofuran	100	C	C	C
Tetralin	100	C	C	C
Toluene	100	C	C	-
Transformer oil	100	A	C	-
Trichloroacetic acid	10	A	A	-
Trichloroethylene	100	A	A	-
		(80°C)		

Environment	Conc. %	Temp., °C		
		20	60	100
Turpentine	100	C	C	C
Urea		A	A	-
Urine		A	A	-
Water (distilled, soft, hard and vapor)		A	A	A
Wet chlorine gas		-	D	-
		(70°C)		
Whiskey		A	A	A
White Paraffin	100	A	B	-
		(80°C)		
White spirit	100	B	C	-
Wines		A	A	-
Xylene	100	C	C	C
Yeast		A	A	-
Zinc chloride	Satd.	A	A	-
Zinc oxide		A	A	-
Zinc sulfate	Satd.	A	A	-

(a) May produce cracking in material under stress