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Chemical Resistance Guide

Permeation & Degradation Data

Introduction to the 7th Edition

When reviewing the following recommendations, remember that tests are conducted under laboratory conditions, and that actual workplace conditions usually dictate a *combination* of performance capabilities. A product's resistance to cuts, punctures, and abrasion must also be taken into account as a critical usage factor. A glove with excellent permeation resistance may not be adequate if it tears or punctures easily. Always factor in the physical performance requirements of the job or application when selecting a chemical-resistant glove.

Ansell's ASTM standard permeation and degradation tests are presented on the following pages as an aid in determining the general suitability of various products for use with specific chemicals. Because the conditions of ultimate use are beyond our control, and because we cannot run permeation tests in all possible work environments and across all combinations of chemicals and solutions, these recommendations are advisory only. THE SUITABILITY OF THE PRODUCT FOR A SPECIFIC JOB MUST BE DETERMINED BY TESTING BY THE PURCHASER.

Definition of Key Terms

Permeation is a process by which a chemical can pass through a protective film without going through pinholes, pores, or other visible openings. Individual molecules of the chemical enter the film, and "squirm" through by passing between the molecules of the glove compound or film. In many cases the permeated material may appear unchanged to the human eye.

Chemical permeation can be described in simple terms by comparing it to what happens to the air in a balloon after several hours. Although there are no holes or defects, and the balloon is tightly sealed, the air gradually passes through (permeates) its walls and escapes. This simple example uses gas permeation, but the principle is the same with liquids or chemicals.

Permeation data are presented in two values: **Breakthrough** time and **Rate.** Breakthrough times (min.) are the times observed from the start of the test to first detection of the chemical on the other side of the sample (for test methodology, see the outside back cover of this guide). These times represent how long a glove can be expected to provide effective permeation resistance when totally immersed in the test chemical.

Permeation rates are the highest *flow rates* recorded for the permeating chemicals through the glove samples during a six-hour or eight-hour test. These qualitative ratings are comparisons of permeation rates to each other.

Degradation is a reduction in one or more physical properties of a glove material due to contact with a chemical. Certain glove materials may become hard, stiff, or brittle, or they may grow softer, weaker, and swell to several times their original size. If a chemical has a significant impact on the physical properties of a glove material, its permeation resistance is quickly impaired. For this reason, glove/chemical

How to Read the Charts

Three categories of data are represented for each Ansell product and corresponding chemical: 1) overall degradation resistance rating; 2) permeation breakthrough time, and 3) permeation rate.

Standards for Color-Coding

A glove-chemical combination receives GREEN if either set of the following conditions is met:

- The degradation rating is Excellent or Good
- The permeation breakthrough time is 30 minutes or longer
- The permeation rate is Excellent, Very Good, or Good.

OR

- The permeation rate is not specified
- The permeation breakthrough time is 240 minutes or longer
- The degradation rating is Excellent, Very Good, or Good

A glove-chemical combination receives RED if: the degradation rating is Poor or Not Recommended, regardless of the permeation rating.

All other glove-chemical combinations receive YELLOW . In other words, any glove-chemical combination not meeting either set of conditions required for Green, and not having a Red degradation rating of either Poor or Not Recommended, receives a YELLOW rating.

	Simply Stated, Drops/hr Through a Glove (eyedropper-size drops)
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Permeation/Degradation Resistance Guide for Ansell Gloves

The first square in each column for each glove type is color coded. This is an easy-to-read indication of how we rate this type of glove in relation to its applicability for each chemical listed. The color represents an overall rating for both degradation and permeation. The letter in each square is for Degradation alone…

- GREEN: The glove is very well suited for application with that chemical.
- YELLOW: The glove is suitable for that application under careful control of its use.
- RED: Avoid use of the glove with this chemical.

1. Acetaldehyde	■	380	E		—	—	E	10	F		—	—		—	—	E	7	F	E	10	F
2. Acetic Acid	■	150	—	G	270	—	E	60	—		—	—	F	180	—	E	110	—	E	260	—
3. Acetone	▲	>480	E		—	—	E	10	F		—	—		—	—	E	10	F	G	10	G
4. Acetonitrile	▲	>480	E	F	30	F	E	20	G	■	150	G		—	—	E	4	VG	E	10	VG
5. Acrylic Acid	—	—	—	G	120	—	E	390	—		—	—		—	—	E	80	—	E	65	—
6. Acrylonitrile	E	>480	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. Allyl Alcohol	▲	>480	E	F	140	F	E	140	VG		—	—		60	G	E	>10	VG	E	20	VG
8. Ammonia Gas	■	19	E	▲	>480	—	▲	>480	—	—	—	—	■	6	VG	—	—	—	■	27	VG
9. Ammonium Fluoride, 40%	—	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	E1 Tf7 T-1632.7(0.249(—			025 Tw0.7(F)-2268.6(Cd6.2(E)-2sR)-1979.1(—)-2268.8(–					
12. Amyl Alcohol	—	—	—	E	30	E	E	290	VG	G	180	G	G	12	E	E	25	VG	E	45	VG
13. Aniline	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	E	100	P	F	>360	E	F	180	VG	E	25	VG	E	50	G
14. Aqua Regia	—	—	—	F	>360	—	G	>480	—	NR	—	—	G	120	—	NR	—	—	G	180	—
15. Benzaldehyde	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	G	>360	E	NR	—	—	G	10	VG	G	25	F
16. Benzene, Benzol	▲	>480	E		—	—		—	—	E	>360	E		—	—		—	—		—	—
17. Benzotrichloride	—	—	—	E	>480	E		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—		—	—
18. Benzotrifluoride	—	—	—	E	170	G		—	—	E	—	—	G	<10	F		50	G	—	—	—
19. Bromine Water	—	—	—	E	>480	E	E	>480	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20. 1-Bromopropane	▲	>480	E	■	23	F	■	<10	P	▲	>480	E	■	<10	F	■	<10	P	■	<10	P
21. Bromopropionic Acid	▲	>480	—	F	120	—	E	420	—		—	—	G	180	—	E	190	—	G	180	—
22. Butyl Acetate	▲	>480	E	F	75	F		—	—	G	>360	E		—	—		—	—		—	—
23. Butyl Alcohol	▲	>480	E	E	>360	E	E	210	VG	F	75	G	G	180	VG	E	20	VG	E	45	VG
24. Butyl Carbitol	—	—	—	E	323	E	G	188	F	E	>480	E	E	397	VG	E	44	G	E	148	G
25. Butyl Cellosolve	▲	>480	E	E	90	VG	E	120	F	■	120	G		—	—	E	45	G	E	40	G
34. Chloroform	E	20	G		—	—		—	—	E	>360	E		—	—		—	—		—	—
35. Chloronaphthalene	▲	>480	E		—	—		—	—	G	>360	E		—	—		—	—		—	—
36. 2-Chlorotoluene	—	—	—	G	120	G		—	—	F	—	—	F	—	—		—	—		—	—
37. ortho-Chlorotoluene	—	—	—	G	120	G		—	—	F	—	—	F	—	—		—	—		—	—
38. Chromic Acid, 50%	—	—	—	F	240	—		—	—		—	—	G	>360	—		—	—		—	—
39. Citric Acid, 10%	—	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>480	—		—	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—
40. Cyclohexanol	▲	>480	E	E	>360	E	E	390	VG	G	>360	E	E	360	E	E	10	G	E	20	G
41. Cyclohexanone	▲	>480	E	F	103	G		—	—	E	>480	E		—	—		—	—		—	—
42. 1, 5-Cyclooctadiene	—	—	—	E	>480	E		—	—	—	—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—
43. Diacetone Alcohol	▲	>480	E	G	240	E	E	140	G	■	150	G		—	—	E	15	VG	E	60	VG
44. Dibutyl Phthalate	—	—	—	G	>360	E	F	<10	F	E	>360	E		—	—	E	20	—	G	>360	E
45. Diethylamine	▲	>480	E	F	45	F		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—		—	—







This Information Applies Only to Ansell Occupational Healthcare Glove Brands

CHEMICAL	LAMINATE FILM BARRIER			NITRILE SOL-VEX			UNSUPPORTED NEOPRENE 29-865			SUPPORTED POLYVINYL ALCOHOL PVA			POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (Vinyl) SNORKEL			NATURAL RUBBER CANNERS AND HANDLERS*			NEOPRENE/ NATURAL RUBBER BLEND CHEMI-PRO*		
	Degradation Rating	Permeation: Breakthrough	Permeation: Rate	Degradation Rating	Permeation: Breakthrough	Permeation: Rate	Degradation Rating	Permeation: Breakthrough	Permeation: Rate	Degradation Rating	Permeation: Breakthrough	Permeation: Rate	Degradation Rating	Permeation: Breakthrough	Permeation: Rate	Degradation Rating	Permeation: Breakthrough	Permeation: Rate	Degradation Rating	Permeation: Breakthrough	Permeation: Rate
46. Di-Isobutyl Ketone, DIBK	▲	>480	E	E	120	F	P	—	—	G	>360	E	P	—	—	P	—	—	P	—	—
47. Dimethyl Acetamide, DMAC	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	E	15	G	E	30	G
48. Dimethyl Formamide, DMF	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	E	40	F	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	E	25	VG	E	40	G
49. Dimethyl Sulfoxide, DMSO	▲	>480	E	E	>240	VG	E	360	G	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	E	180	E	E	150	E
50. Dioctyl Phthalate, DOP	▲	>480	E	G	>360	E	G	>480	E	E	30	F	NR	—	—	P	—	—	E	>360	E
51. Dioxane	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	P	—	—	NR	—	—	F	5	F	F	15	F
52. Electroless Copper	—	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—	NR	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—	—	—	—
53. Electroless Nickel	—	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—	NR	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—
54. Epichlorohydrin	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	P	—	—	E	300	E	NR	—	—	E	5	F	E	15	G
55. Ethidium Bromide, 10%	▲	>480	E	▲	>480	E	—	—	—	NR	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56. Ethyl Acetate	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	F	10	P	F	>360	E	NR	—	—	G	5	F	F	10	F
57. Ethyl Alcohol	▲	>480	E	E	240	VG	E	113	VG	NR	—	—	G	60	VG	E	37	VG	E	20	G
58. Ethylene Dichloride	▲	>480	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	E	>360	E	NR	—	—	P	—	—	P	—	—
59. Ethylene Glycol	▲	>480	E	E	>360	E	E	>480	—	F	120	VG	E	>360	E	E	>360	E	E	>480	E
60. Ethylene Oxide Gas	▲	234	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
61. Ethyl Ether	▲	>480	E	E	120	G	F	<10	P	G	>360	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
62. Ethyl Glycol Ether	▲	>480	E	G	210	G	E	120	F	■	75	G	P	—	—	E	25	VG	E	20	VG
63. Formaldehyde	▲	>480	E	E	>360	E	E	105	G	P	—	—	E	100	VG	E	10	G	E	15	VG
64. Formic Acid, 90%	▲	>480	—	F	240	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	E	>360	—	E	150	—	E	>360	—
65. Furfural	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	E	30	P	F	>360	E	NR	—	—	E	15	VG	E	40	G-VG
66. Glutaraldehyde, 25%	—	—	—	—	>360	—	E	>480	E	P	—	—	E	>360	E	E	210	VG	E	—	—
67. Gasoline (hi-test)	■	170	E	E	>360	E	NR	—	—	G	>360	E	P	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
68. HCFC-141b	▲	>480	E	E	92	F	F	33	P	P	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
69. HFE 7100	▲	>480	E	E	>480	E	E	>480	E	P	—	—	E	>480	E	E	120	E	—	—	—
70. HFE 71DE	▲	164	E	F	10	F	F	<10	F	F	>480	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
71. Hexamethyldisilazane	▲	>480	E	E	>360	—	E	15	—	G	>360	—	P	—	—	F	15	F	F	40	F-G
72. Hexane	▲	>480	E	E	>360	E	E	40	F	G	>360	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	P	—	—
73. Hydrazine, 65%	—	—	—	E	>360	—	E	380	—	NR	—	—	E	>360	—	E	150	VG	E	>360	—
74. Hydrobromic Acid	▲	>480	—	E	>360	E	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	E	>360	E	E	>360	E	E	>360	E
75. Hydrochloric Acid, conc.	▲	>480	—	E	>360	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	E	>300	—	E	290	—	E	>360	—
76. Hydrochloric Acid, 10%	—	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—
77. Hydrofluoric Acid, 48%	E	>480	—	E	334	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	G	155	—	E	190	—	E	153	—
78. Hydrogen Fluoride Gas	▲	>480	E	■	<15	P	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	E	<15	F	■	<15	F
79. Hydrogen Peroxide, 30%	—	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—	G	90	—
80. Hydroquinone, saturated	—	—	—	E	>360	E	E	140	F	NR	—	—	E	>360	E	G	>360	E	E	>360	—
81. Hypophosphorus Acid	—	—	—	E	>480	—	E	>480	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	E	>480	—	—	—	—
82. Isobutyl Alcohol	▲	>480	E	E	>360	E	E	470	E	P	—	—	F	10	VG	E	15	VG	E	45	VG
83. Iso-Octane	▲	>480	E	E	360	E	E	230	G	E	>360	E	P	—	—	NR	—	—	P	—	—
84. Isopropyl Alcohol	▲	>480	E	E	>360	E	E	<10	VG	NR	—	—	G	150	E	E	20	VG	E	40	VG
85. Kerosene	▲	>480	E	E	>360	E	E	170	P	G	>360	E	F	>360	E	NR	—	—	P	—	—
86. Lactic Acid, 85%	▲	>480	—	E	>360	E	E	>480	—	F	>360	E	E	>360	E	E	>360	—	E	>360	—
87. Lauric Acid, 36%/EtOH	—	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	F	15	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—
88. d-Limonene	▲	>480	E	E	>480	E	P	—	—	G	>480	E	G	125	G	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
89. Maleic Acid, saturated	—	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	G	>360	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—
90. Mercury	—	—	—	▲	>480	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	▲	>480	E	▲	>480	E	—	—	—

Note: All numeric designations within the product classifications are denoted in minutes.

▲ A degradation test against this chemical was not run. However, since its breakthrough time is greater than 480 minutes, the Degradation Rating is expected to be **Good** to **Excellent.**

■ A degradation test against this chemical was not run. However, in view of degradation tests performed with similar compounds, the Degradation Rating is expected to be **Good** to **Excellent.**

***CAUTION:** This product contains natural rubber latex which may cause allergic reactions in some individuals.

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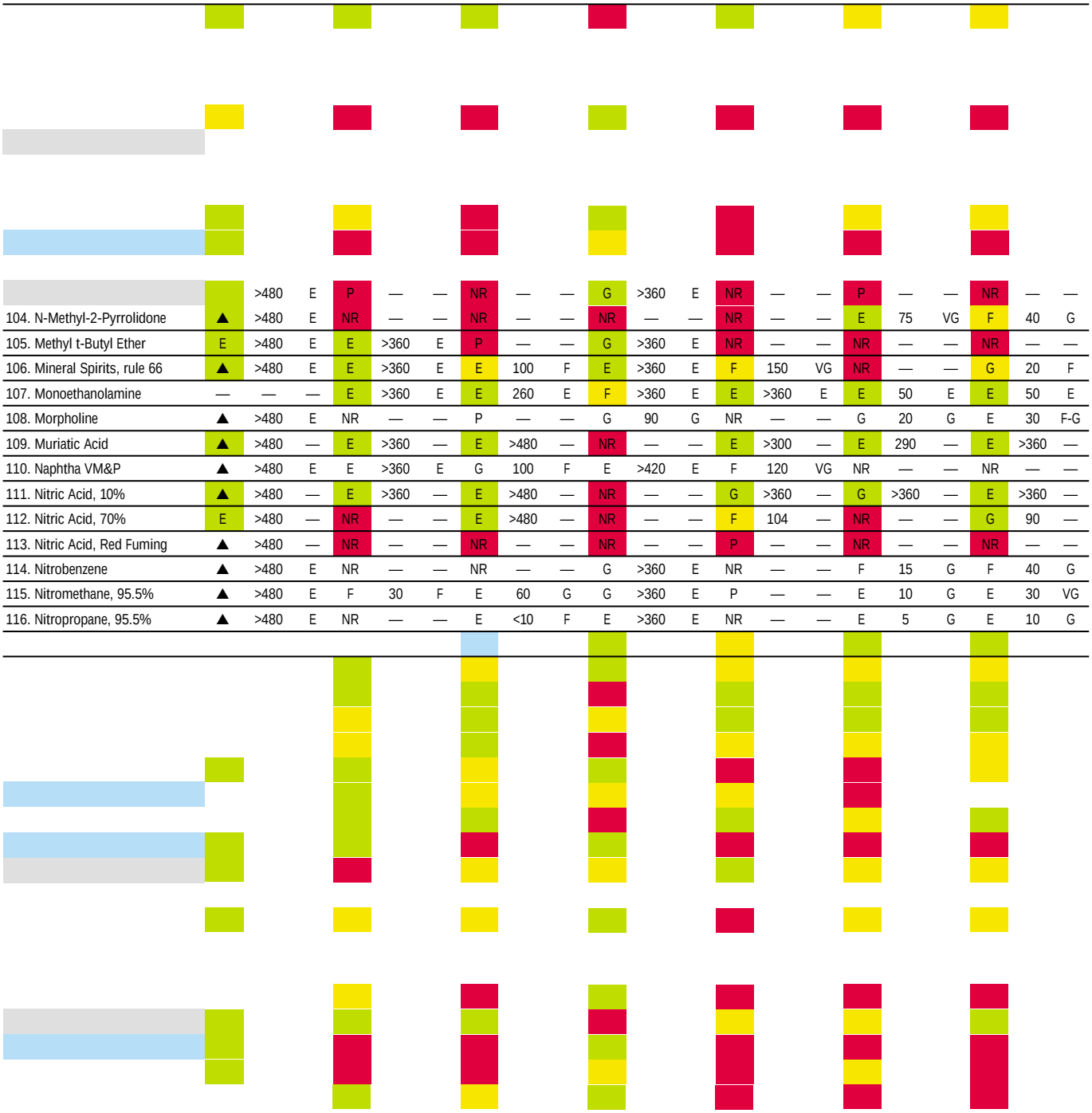
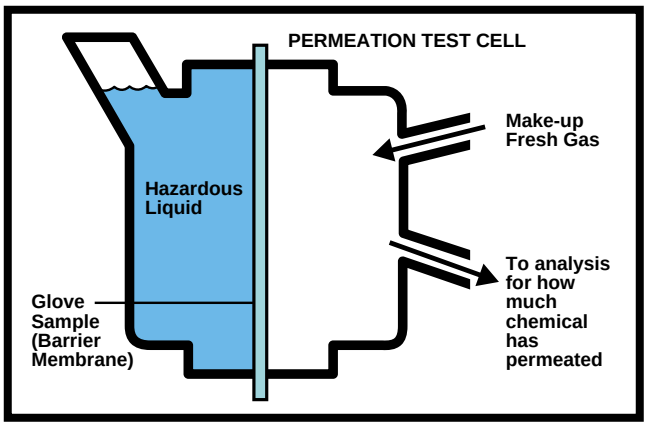


		>480	E	P	—	—	NR	—	—	G	>360	E	NR	—	—	P	—	—	NR	—	—
104. N-Methyl-2-Pyrrolidone	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	E	75	VG	F	40	G
105. Methyl t-Butyl Ether	E	>480	E	E	>360	E	P	—	—	G	>360	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
106. Mineral Spirits, rule 66	▲	>480	E	E	>360	E	E	100	F	E	>360	E	F	150	VG	NR	—	—	G	20	F
107. Monoethanolamine	—	—	—	E	>360	E	E	260	E	F	>360	E	E	>360	E	E	50	E	E	50	E
108. Morpholine	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	P	—	—	G	90	G	NR	—	—	G	20	G	E	30	F-G
109. Muriatic Acid	▲	>480	—	E	>360	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	E	>300	—	E	290	—	E	>360	—
110. Naphtha VM&P	▲	>480	E	E	>360	E	G	100	F	E	>420	E	F	120	VG	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
111. Nitric Acid, 10%	▲	>480	—	E	>360	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	G	>360	—	G	>360	—	E	>360	—
112. Nitric Acid, 70%	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	F	104	—	NR	—	—	G	90	—
113. Nitric Acid, Red Fuming	▲	>480	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	P	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
114. Nitrobenzene	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	G	>360	E	NR	—	—	F	15	G	F	40	G
115. Nitromethane, 95.5%	▲	>480	E	F	30	F	E	60	G	G	>360	E	P	—	—	E	10	G	E	30	VG
116. Nitropropane, 95.5%	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	E	<10	F	E	>360	E	NR	—	—	E	5	G	E	10	G

136. Silicon Etch	—	—	—	NR	—	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	F	150	—	NR	—	—	P	—	—
137. Skydrol hydraulic fluid	E	>480	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	F	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
138. Sodium Hydroxide, 50%	E	>480	—	E	>360	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	G	>360	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—
139. Stoddard Solvent	▲	>480	E	E	>360	E	E	139	F	E	>360	E	F	360	E	NR	—	—	G	10	F
140. Styrene	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	G	>360	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
141. Sulfur Dichloride	—	—	—	G	>480	E	NR	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	NR	—	—	—	—	—
142. Sulfuric Acid, 95%	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	F	105	—	NR	—	—	G	70	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
143. Sulfuric Acid 120%, Oleum	▲	>480	E	—	—	—	F	53	G	—	—	—	F	25	G	—	—	—	—	—	—
144. Sulfuric 47% battery acid	—	—	—	E	>360	—	E	>480	—	NR	—	—	G	>360	—	E	>360	—	E	>360	—
145. Tannic Acid, 65%	—	—	—	E	>360	E	E	>480	—	P	—	—	E	>360	E	E	>360	—	E	>360	—
146. Tetrachloroethene	▲	>480	E	G	300	VG	NR	—	—	E	>360	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
147. Tetrahydrofuran, THF	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	P	90	G	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
148. Toluene, toluol	▲	>480	E	F	10	F	NR	—	—	G	>360	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
149. Toluene Di-Isocyanate (TDI)	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	G	>360	E	P	—	—	G	7	G	—	—	—
150. Triallylamine	▲	>480	E	—	>480	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
151. Trichloroethylene, TCE	▲	>480	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	E	>360	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
152. Trichlorotrifluoroethane	—	—	—	E	>360	E	E	240	E	G	>360	E	NR	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
153. Tricresyl Phosphate, TCP	—	—	—	E	>360	E	G	<10	P	G	>360	E	F	>360	E	E	45	E	E	>360	E
154. Triethanolamine, 85%	—	—	—	E	>360	E	E	<10	G	G	>360	E	E	>360	E	G	>360	E	E	—	—
155. Turpentine	▲	>480	E	E	30	E	NR	—	—	G	>360	E	P	—	—	NR	—	—	NR	—	—
156. Vertrel MCA	▲	>480	E	E	110	G	E	20	F	F	>480	E	G	13	F	G	<10	F	G	<10	F
157. Vertrel SMT	E	<10	G	P	—	—	F	<10	P	G	17	G	G	<10	F	F	<10	F	P	—	—

Methodology



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