

Chemical Resistance of Filter Membrane PES (Vacuum Filtration "rapid"-Filtermax and Syringe Filter) PTFE (Filter Screw Cap and TubeSpin® Bioreactor Cap)

The following table contains an evaluation of chemical resistance to a number of fluids, judged to be either aggressive or not towards PES and PET filter membrane.

Actual chemical resistance depends on many variables, such as exposure time, thermal stress, exposure to UV radiation, temperature, pressure and length of exposure, aging, environmental factors, etc.

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For the list of chemical resistance, following legend is valid:

R Resistant	LR Limited Resistance	NR Not Resistant
No significant change was observed.	Moderate changes in physical properties or dimensions of the membrane were observed. The membrane may be suitable for short term, small volume and noncritical use.	The membrane is basically unstable. In most cases, extensive shrinkage or swelling of the membrane occurs. It may gradually weaken or partially dissolve after extended exposure.

ACIDS	PES	PTFE
Acetic Acid, 25%	R	R
Acetic Acid, 100%, glacial	LR	R
Formic Acid, 25%	R	R
Formic Acid, 100%	LR	R
Hydrochloric Acid, 25%	R	R
Hydrochloric Acid 37%, Conc.	R	R
Nitric Acid, 25%	NR	R
Nitric Acid, 60%	NR	R
Phosphoric Acid, 25%	-	R
Sulfuric Acid, 25%	NR	R
Sulfuric Acid, 98%, Conc.	NR	R
ALCOHOLS	PES	PTFE
Amyl Alcohol	NR	R
Benzyl Alcohol	NR	R
Ethanol (ethyl alcohol), 70%	LNR	R
Ethanol (ethyl alcohol), 98%	LNR	R
Ethylene Glycol	LR	R

Glycerol	LR	R
Isopropanol M	R	R
Methanol (methyl alcohol), 98%	LR	R
n-Propanol (propyl alcohol)	LR	R
Phenol	NR	R
Propylene Glycol	LR	R
BASES	PES	PTFE
BASES Ammonium Hydroxide, 25%	PES NR	PTFE
Ammonium Hydroxide, 25%	NR	R
Ammonium Hydroxide, 25% Ammonium Hydroxide, 1N	NR R	R R
Ammonium Hydroxide, 25% Ammonium Hydroxide, 1N Potassium Hydroxide , 1N	NR R R	R R R

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ESTERS	PES	PTFE
Amyl Acetate	NR	R
Butyl Acetate	NR	R
Benzyl Benzoate	NR	R
Ethyl Acetate	NR	R
2-Ethoxyethyl Acetate	R	R
Methyl Acetate	NR	R
Methyl Cellosolve Acetate	R	R
Propyl acetate	NR	R
HYDROCARBONS ALIPHATIC	PES	PTFE
Gasoline	LR	R
Hexane	NR	R
Kerosene	R	R
HYDROCARBONS AROMATIC	PES	PTFE
Toluene	LNR	R
Xylene	NR	R
HYDROCARBONS	PES	PTFE
HALOGENTATED	PES	PIFE
Carbon Tetrachloride	R	R
Chloroform	R	R
Freon	LR	R
Methylene Chloride	NR	R

Monochlorobenzene	NR	R
Perchloroethylene	LR	R
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	LR	R
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	LR	R
Trichloroethylene	R	R
KETONES	PES	PTFE
Acetone	NR	R
Cyclohexanone	NR	R
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	NR	R
MISCELLANEOUS	PES	PTFE
Acetonitrile	LR	R
Acrylamide	R	R
Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)	NR	R
Dioxane	LR	R
Ethyl Ether	R	R
Formaldehyde, 30%	R	R
Hydrogen Peroxide, 30 %	-	R
Methyl Cellosolve		R
Pyridine	NR	R
Tetrahydrofuran	NR	R
Water	R	R