

Nylon Chemical Resistance Guide

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Nylon 6 and Nylon 66 resins have outstanding resistance to a wide range of chemicals, especially aliphatic and aromatic hydrocarbons, alkalis, greases, fuels, lubricants, and ketones. This guide is intended to provide some general information on how Nylon resins perform in contact with common chemicals. Testing of molded parts under actual conditions of use is strongly recommended as stresses found in molded parts may negatively influence chemical resistance test results.



Aqueous Solutions of Hydrogen Peroxide and Inorganic Salts at 23°C

Solution	Visual Change	Ratings	
Hydrogen Peroxide			
0.5% Hydrogen Peroxide	Unchanged	Good	
1% Hydrogen Peroxide	Degrades Poor		
3% Hydrogen Peroxide	Degrades	Poor	
10% Hydrogen Peroxide	Degrades	Not Recommended	
30% Hydrogen Peroxide	Degrades	Not Recommended	
Inorganic Salts			
10% Aluminum Chloride	Unchanged	Fair	
10% Calcium Chloride	Unchanged	Fair	
10% Chrome Alum	Unchanged	Good	
10% Copper Sulfate	Unchanged	Good	
10% Ferric Chloride	Yellowing	Poor	
10% Magnesium Chloride	Unchanged	Good	
10% Magnesium Sulfate	Unchanged	Good	
5% Mercuric Chloride	Swelled	Poor	
5% Potassium Dichromate	Yellowing	Poor	
10% Potassium Nitrate	Unchanged	Good	
1% Potassium Permanganate	Degrades	Not Recommended	
10% Sodium Bisulfite	Unchanged	Good	
10% Sodium Hypochlorite	Chalking	Good	
10% Sodium Sulfate	Unchanged	Good	
10% Zinc Chloride	Unchanged	Fair	

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Organic Solvents at 23°C

Reagent	Visual Change	Ratings					
Alcohols							
Benzyl Alcohol	Coarse Surface after 2 days	Not Recommended					
Butyl Alcohol	Temporary loss of stiffness	Good					
Ethyl Alcohol	Temporary loss of stiffness	Good					
Ethylene Glycol	Temporary loss of stiffness	Good					
Isopropyl Alcohol	Temporary loss of stiffness	Good					
Methyl Alcohol	Temporary loss of stiffness	Good					
Aldehyde							
Benzaldehyde	Unchanged	Excellent					
Aromatic Hydrocarbons							
Benzene	Unchanged	Excellent					
Toluene	Unchanged	Excellent					
Xylene	Unchanged	Excellent					
Chlorinated Hydrocarbons							
Carbon Tetrachloride	Unchanged	Excellent					
Chloroform	Temporary loss of stiffness	Good					
Dichloroethylene	Temporary loss of stiffness	Good					
Dichloromethane	Temporary loss of stiffness	Good					
Monochlorobenzene	Unchanged	Excellent					
Perchloroethylene	Unchanged	Excellent					
Cyclic Amine	·						
Pyridine	Unchanged	Excellent					
Ester	·						
Amyl Acetate	Unchanged	Excellent					
Butyl Acetate	Unchanged	Excellent					
Ethyl Acetate	Unchanged	Excellent					
Methyl Acetate	Unchanged	Excellent					
Ethers							
Ether (Diethyl)	Unchanged	Excellent					
Tetrahydrofuran	Unchanged	Excellent					
Ketone							
Acetone	Unchanged	Excellent					
Cyclohexanone	Unchanged	Excellent					
Mixture of Hydrocarbons							
Decalin	Unchanged	Excellent					
Gasoline	Unchanged	Excellent					
Kerosene	Unchanged Excellent						
Mineral Oil	Unchanged Excellent						
Petroleum	Unchanged	Excellent					
Resorcinol	Dissolves Not Recommended						
Tetralin	Unchanged	Excellent					
Turpentine	Unchanged Excellent						
Sulfur Compounds							
Carbon Disulfide	Unchanged	Excellent					

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Acids, Bases, Halogen, etc.

Reagent	Temp (°C)	Visual Change	Ratings
Amide			
Dimethylformamide	23	Strong Attack	Not Recommended
Bases	•		
Potassium Hydroxide (5%)	23	Minimal Effect	Good
Potassium Hydroxide (5%)	70	Minimal Effect	Good
Potassium Hydroxide (10%)	23	Minimal Effect	Good
Potassium Hydroxide (10%)	70	Crazing	Poor
Sodium Hydroxide (1%)	23	Unchanged	Excellent
Sodium Hydroxide (5%)	23	Minimal Effect	Good
Sodium Hydroxide (5%)	70	Minimal Effect	Good
Sodium Hydroxide (10%)	23	Minimal Effect	Good
Sodium Hydroxide (10%)	70	Crazing	Poor
Halogens	•	·	
Bromine	23	Strong Attack	Not Recommended
Chlorine	23	Strong Attack	Not Recommended
Inorganic Acids	•	•	
Hydrochloric Acid (Conc)	23	Dissolves	Not Recommended
Hydrochloric Acid (Dilute)	23	Partially Dissolves	Not Recommended
Nitric Acid (Conc)	23	Dissolves	Not Recommended
Phosphoric Acid (Conc)	23	Dissolves	Not Recommended
Sulfuric Acid (Conc)	23	Dissolves	Not Recommended
Sulfuric Acid (Dilute)	23	Partially Dissolves	Not Recommended
Ketone		·	·
Gamma-Butyrolactone	23	Strong Attack	Not Recommended
Organic Acids			
Acetic Acid (Conc)	23	Partially Dissolves	Not Recommended
Acetic Acid (Conc)	93	Dissolves	Not Recommended
Acetic Acid (Dilute)	23	Etched	Not Recommended
Formic Acid (Conc)	23	Dissolves	Not Recommended
Formic Acid (Dilute)	23	Partially Dissolves	Not Recommended
Phenol Compounds			
O-Chlorophenol	23	Dissolves	Not Recommended
m-Chlorophenol	23	Dissolves	Not Recommended
p-Chlorophenol	23	Dissolves	Not Recommended
Cresol	23	Dissolves	Not Recommended
Phenol	23	Dissolves	Not Recommended
Xylenols	23	Dissolves	Not Recommended

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