

Application Considerations

Table 1-1. Chemical Resistance.

Chemicals	Amorphous Polymers						Semi-Crystalline Polymers			
	LEXAN [®] resin	CYCOLOY [®] resin	CYCOLAC [®] resin	GELoy [®] resin	NORYL [®] resin	ULTEM [®] resin	XENOY [®] resin	VALOX [®] resin	NORYL GTX [®] resin	SUPEC [®] resin
Hydrocarbons										
aliphatic	-/•	•	+	+	•/-	+	•	+	+	++
aromatic	-	-	-	-	-	++	-/•	+	+	
halogenated										
fully	•	•	-	-	-	+	-	-/•	+	•
partly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	•/+
Alcohols	+	n	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++
Phenols	-	-	-	-	-	-	n	-	-	+
Ketones	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•/+	•	+
Amines	n	-	-/•	•	-/•	n	n	n	-	•/+
Esters	-/•	-	•	•	+	•/+	-	•/+	+	++
Ethers	-	-	•	•	•	+	n	+	+	+
Acids										
inorganic	-/•	•	+	+	•	•/+	•/+	+	•	•/+
organic	•	•	-	-	•	•/+	•/+	•	•	+
oxidizing	-	-	-	-	•	•	•/+	-	•	•
Alkalis	-	•	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+
Automotive fluids										
Greases (non-reactive organic esters)	n	+	+	+	•/+	+	+	++	+	++
Oils (unsaturated aliphatic mixtures)	n	•/-	•/+	•/+	•/+	+	++	++	+	++
Waxes (heavy oils)	n	+	+	+	•/+	+	+	++	+	++
Petrol	-	-	-	-	-	+	++	++	+	++
Cooling liquid (glycol)	n	•	•	•	+	+	++	++	+	++
Brake fluid (heavy alcohol)	n	-	-	-	+	-	++	+	+	++
Detergents, Cleaners	n	•/+	•/+	+	•/+	+	+	+	++	++
Water										
hot (< 80°C)	-/•	•/+	-/•	•/+	++	-/•	•	-	-	•/+
Environmental										
UV	•/+	•/+	•/+	++	•	+	•/+	+	-/•	-

++ very good found unaffected in its performance with regard to time, temperature and stress
 - according to agency requirements

+ good found acceptable in normal exposure
 - long term exposure may result in minor loss of properties
 - higher temperatures may result in major loss of properties

• fair found marginal
 - only for short exposures at lower temperatures or when loss of mechanical
 properties is not critical

- poor found unacceptable
 - will result in failure or severe degradation

n not tested

Ratings as shown are based on controlled tests and are purely indicative. Finished part performance must always be evaluated on the actual part in the end-use environment.