

VICTREXTM PEEK

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Chemical	23°C	100°C	200°C	Chemical	23°C	100°C	200°C
ACIDS				ALCOHOLS			

ACIDS			
Acetic Acid, 10% Conc.	А	А	
Acetic Acid, Conc.	А	А	А
Acetic Acid, Glacial	А	А	
Acrylic Acid	Α	Α	
Aqua Regia	C	C	C
Benzene Sulfonic Acid	C		
Benzoic Acid	Α	Α	
Boric Acid	А	А	
Carbolic Acid	Α		
Carbonic Acid	А	А	
Chloroacetic Acid	Α	А	
Chlorosulfonic Acid	C	C	C
Chromic Acid, 40% Conc.	Α		
Chromic Acid, Conc.	C	C	C
Citric Acid	Α	А	
Formic Acid	В	В	
Hydrobromic Acid	C	C	C
Hydrochloric Acid, 10% Conc.	А	Α	
Hydrochloric Acid, Conc.	Α	В	
Hydrocyanic Acid	А	Α	
Hydrofluoric Acid, 40% Conc.	C	C	C
Lactic Acid	А	А	
Maleic Acid	Α	Α	
Nitric Acid, 10% Conc.	А	А	
Nitric Acid, 30% Conc.	В		
Nitric Acid, 50% Conc.	C	C	C
Nitric Acid, Conc.	C	C	C
Nitrous Acid, 10% Conc.	Α		
Oleic Acid	Α		
Oleum	C	C	C
Oxalic Acid	Α	Α	
Perchloric Acid	Α	Α	
Phosphoric Acid, 10% Conc.	Α	Α	Α
Phosphoric Acid, 50% Conc.	Α	Α	Α
Phosphoric Acid, 80% Conc.	Α	Α	
Phthalic Acid	Α	А	
Picric Acid	Α	Α	
Silicic Acid	Α	Α	
Sulfuric Acid, < 40% Conc.	В	В	В
Sulfuric Acid, > 40% Conc.	C	C	C
Sulfurous Acid	Α	Α	
Tannic Acid, 10% Conc.	Α	Α	
Tartaric Acid	Α	Α	
Trifluoromethyl Sulfonic Acid	C	C	C

ALCOHOLS			
Benzyl Alcohol	Α		
Butanol	Α		
Cyclohexanol	Α		
Ethanol	Α	Α	
Ethylene Glycol	Α	Α	В
Ethylene Glycol, 50% Conc.	Α	Α	А
Glycerol	Α		
Gylcols	Α	Α	
Isopropanol	Α		
Methanol	Α	Α	
Propanol	Α		
ALDEHYDES AND KETON	E S		
Acetaldehyde	Α	Α	
Acetone	Α	Α	
Benzaldehyde	Α		
Cyclohexanone	Α		
Formaldehyde	Α	Α	
Formalin	Α		
Ketones	Α		
Methylethyl Ketone (MEK)	Α	В	C
N-Methyl-2-Pyrrolidone (NMP)	Α		
BASES			
Ammonia 880	Α		
Ammonia Anhydrous	Α	А	Α
Ammonia Liquid	Α	Α	Α
Ammonium Hydroxide, 10% Conc.	Α		
Ammonium Hydroxide, Conc.	Α		
Calcium Hydroxide	Α		
Hydrazine	Α	Α	
Hydroxides	Α		
Magnesium Hydroxide	Α		
Potassium Hydroxide, 10% Conc.	Α		
Potassium Hydroxide, 70% Conc.	Α		
Sodium Hydroxide, 10% Conc.	Α	Α	Α
Sodium Hydroxide, 50% Conc.	Α	Α	Α
Sodium Hydroxide, Conc.	Α		
ESTERS			
Aliphatic Esters	Α	Α	
Amyl Acetate	Α	Α	
Butyl Acetate	Α		
Dibutyl Phthalate	Α		
Dimethyl Phthalate	Α		
Dioctyl Phthalate	Α		
Ethyl Acetate	Α		
Oils (Di-Ester and Phosphate Ester Based)	Α	Α	

ETHERS			
Diethylether	Α	А	
Dioxane	Α		
Ether	Α	Α	
Ethylene Oxide (EtO)	Α		
Tetrahydrofuran (THF)	Α		
HALOGENATED ORGANIC			
1,1,1 Trichloroethane (Genklene ¹)	А		
1,2 Dichloroethane	А		
Carbon Tetrachloride	Α	Α	
Chorobenzene	Α	Α	
Chloroform	Α	Α	
Dibromoethane	Α		
Dichlorobenzene	Α		
Dichloroethane	Α		
Ethylene Dichloride	Α		
Freon ² 11 Trichlorofluoromethane	Α		
Freon 113 Trichlorotrifluoroethane	Α		
Freon 114 1,1 Dichloro			
1,2,2,2 Tetrafluoroethane	Α		
Freon 12 Dichlorodifluoromethane	Α		
Freon 22 Chlorodifluoromethane	Α	Α	
Freon 134a	Α	, ,	
Freon 502	Α	Α	
Methylene Chloride	Α	, ,	
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Perchioroethylene	Α	Ι Δ	
Perchloroethylene Trichloroethylene	A A	A A	
Trichloroethylene	A	A	
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS			
Trichloroethylene	Α	А	
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents	A	A	
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene	A A A	A	
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene	A A A	A A A	A
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral)	A A A A	A A A	A
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene	A A A A A	A A A A	
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol)	A A A A A	A A A A	
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane	A A A A A A	A A A A	
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil	A A A A A A	A A A A	
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil Cyclohexane	A A A A A A A	A A A A	
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil Cyclohexane Diesel Oil	A A A A A A A	A A A A	A
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil Cyclohexane Diesel Oil Dowtherm ³ A	A A A A A A A	A A A A	C
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil Cyclohexane Diesel Oil Dowtherm ³ A Dowtherm G	A A A A A A A	A A A A	C B
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil Cyclohexane Diesel Oil Dowtherm G Dowtherm HT	A A A A A A A	A A A A	C B B
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil Cyclohexane Diesel Oil Dowtherm G Dowtherm HT Dowtherm LF	A A A A A A A	A A A A	C B B
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil Cyclohexane Diesel Oil Dowtherm G Dowtherm HT Dowtherm LF Ethane	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	A A A A	C B B
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil Cyclohexane Diesel Oil Dowtherm G Dowtherm HT Dowtherm LF Ethane Fuel Oil Gas (Manufactured)	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	A A A A	C B B
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil Cyclohexane Diesel Oil Dowtherm G Dowtherm HT Dowtherm LF Ethane Fuel Oil	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	A A A A	C B B
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil Cyclohexane Diesel Oil Dowtherm G Dowtherm HT Dowtherm LF Ethane Fuel Oil Gas (Manufactured) Gas (Natural)	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	A A A A	C B B
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil Cyclohexane Diesel Oil Dowtherm G Dowtherm HT Dowtherm LF Ethane Fuel Oil Gas (Manufactured) Gas (Natural) Gasoline	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	A A A A	C B B
Trichloroethylene HYDROCARBONS Acetylene Aromatic Solvents Aviation Hydraulic Fluid Benzene Brake Fluid (Mineral) Brake Fluid (Polyglycol) Butane Crude Oil Cyclohexane Diesel Oil Dowtherm G Dowtherm HT Dowtherm LF Ethane Fuel Oil Gas (Manufactured) Gas (Natural) Gasoline Heptane	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	A A A A	C B B
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HYDROCARBONS (CONT.))		
Kerosene	А		
Lubricating Oil	Α		
Methane (Gas)	Α	Α	А
Motor Oil	Α	Α	Α
Naphtha	Α	Α	
Naphthalene	Α	Α	
Oils (Petroleum)	Α	A	
Oils (Vegetable)	Α	Α	
Pentane	Α		
Petroleum Ether	Α		
Propane	Α		
Skydrol ⁴ Hydraulic Fluid	Α		
Styrene (Liquid)	Α		
Toluene	A		
Transformer Oil	Α	Α	
Vaseline ⁵	A		
Xylene	A		
INORGANICS	A		
Aluminum Chloride	Α	Α	
Aluminum Sulfate	A	A	
Alum, Saturated	A	A	
	A	A	
Ammonium Chloride, 10% Conc. Ammonium Nitrate	A	A	
	A		
Antimony Trichloride	A	Α	
Barium Salts (Chloride, Sulfide) Bleach	A	Α	
Brine	A	A	
	C	C	_
Bromine	C		C
Bromine (Dry)	_	C	_
Bromine (Wet)	C	C	С
Bromine Water, Saturated	A	A	
Calcium Bisulfide	A	Α	
Calcium Carbonate	A	•	
Calcium Chloride	A	A	
Calcium Hypochlorite	A	А	
Calcium Nitrate	A		
Calcium Sulfate	A	Α	
Carbon Dioxide (Dry)	Α		_
Carbon Monoxide (Gas)	A	A	A
Chlorine	C	C	С
Copper Acetate	Α	Α	
Copper Carbonate	Α	Α	
Copper Chloride	Α	Α	
Copper Cyanide	Α	Α	
Copper Fluoride	Α	Α	
Copper Nitrate	Α	Α	
Copper Sulfate	Α	Α	
Cupric Fluoride	Α	Α	
Cupric Sulfate	Α	Α	
Cuprous Chloride	Α	Α	

Chemical 23°C 100°C 200°C Chemical 23°C 100°C 200°C

INORGANICS (CONT.)			
Ethylene Nitrate	Α		
Ferric Chloride	В	В	
Ferric Nitrate	A		
Ferric Oxide	A	Α	
Ferric Sulfate	A	, ,	
Ferrous Chloride	A		
Ferrous Nitrate	A		
Ferrous Sulfate	Α	Α	
Fluorine	C	C	С
Hydrogen Peroxide	A	A	_
Hydrogen Sulfide (Gas)	A	A	Α
lodine	В		
Lead Acetate	A	Α	
Lime	Α	Α	
Magnesium Chloride	Α	Α	
Magnesium Sulfate	Α	Α	
Mercuric Chloride	Α	A	
Mercurous Chloride	Α	, ,	
Mercury	A	Α	
Nickel Acetate	Α	Α	
Nickel Chloride	A	A	
Nickel Nitrate	Α	Α	
Nickel Salts	A	, ,	
Nickel Sulfate	Α	Α	
Nitrogen	Α	, ,	
Nitrous Oxide	Α		
Oxygen	A		
Ozone	Α	В	
Phosphorous Chlorides	Α	Α	
Phosphorous Pentoxide	Α	Α	
Potassium Aluminum Sulfate	Α	Α	
Potassium Bicarbonate	Α		
Potassium Bromide	Α	Α	
Potassium Carbonate	Α		
Potassium Chlorate	Α	Α	
Potassium Chloride	Α	А	
Potassium Dichromate	А		
Potassium Ferricyanide	А		
Potassium Ferrocyanide	Α		
Potassium Hydroxide	А	А	
Potassium Nitrate	Α	Α	
Potassium Permanganate	Α		
Potassium Sulfate	Α	Α	
Potassium Sulfide	Α		
Silicone Fluids	Α	Α	
Silver Nitrate	Α	Α	
Sodium Acetate	Α		
Sodium Bicarbonate	Α		
Sodium Carbonate	Α	Α	
Sodium Chlorate	Α	Α	

INORGANICS (CONT.)			
Sodium Chloride	Α	Α	
Soldium Hypochlorite	Α	Α	
Sodium Nitrate	Α	Α	
Sodium Nitrite	Α		
Sodium Peroxide	Α	Α	
Sodium Salts	Α		
Sodium Silicate	Α	Α	
Sodium Sulfate	Α	Α	
Sodium Sulfide	Α	Α	
Sodium Sulfite	Α	А	
Sodium (Hot)	C	C	C
Stannic Chloride	А	А	
Stannous Chloride	Α	Α	
Steam	Α	Α	Α
Sulfites	Α	А	
Sulfur	А	Α	
Sulfur Chloride	Α	Α	
Sulfur Dichloride	Α	Α	
Sulfur Dioxide	Α	A	А
Sulfur Hexafluoride (Gas)	Α	, ,	, ,
Sulfur Trioxide	A	Α	
Tar	Α	, ,	
Tetraethyl Lead	A		
Water, Distilled	A	Α	
Water	A	A	Α
Water, Sea / Salt	A	A	
Zinc Chloride	A	A	
Zinc Sulfate	A	A	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Adhesives (not cyanoacrylates)	А		
Apple Juice	A		
Aviation Spirit	Α		
Beer	A	Α	
Cooking Oil	A		
Creosote	A		
Detergent Solutions	A	А	
(non-phenolic)	A	A	
Edible Fats and Oils	Α		
Fatty Acids	Α	Α	
Fruit Juice	Α	Α	
Gelatin	Α	Α	
Ketchup	Α		
Linseed Oil	Α		
Milk	Α	Α	
Mineral Oil	А		
Molasses	А	Α	
Olive Oil	А	Α	
Peanut Oil	А	Α	
Paraffin	Α	Α	
Sewage	A	A	
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MISCELLANEOUS (CONT.	.)		
Soap Solution	А		
Starch	Α	Α	
Tallow	А	А	
Turpentine	А		
Urea	А	А	
Varnish	Α		
Vinegar	А	Α	
Wax	А		
White Spirit	А		
Wines and Spirits	А		
Yeast	А	Α	

ORGANO-NITROGENS			
Acetonitrile	Α		
Aniline	Α	В	
Dimethyl Formamide (DMF)	Α		
Diethylamine	Α		
Nitrobenzene	Α		C
Pyridine	Α	Α	
PHENOLS			
Phenol, Conc.	C	C	C
Phenol, Dilute	Α		
SULFUR COMPOUNDS			
Carbon Disulfide	Α	Α	
Dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO)	В	В	
Diphenylsulfone (DPS)	В	C	C
Ethylene Sulfate	Α		

KEY AND INTERPRETATION

Test bars of unfilled PEEK were immersed in chemicals at constant temperature for a minimum of 7 days (concentrated, unless otherwise stated). Chemical compatibility was assessed via retention of mechanical properties, supplemented by weight or dimensional changes when applicable. Compatibility was then classified into A, B, or C which should be interpreted as follows:

- A No interaction. Victrex materials are likely to operate in these chemicals. It is nevertheless recommended to validate the application performance.
- B Slight interaction. Victrex materials could be used in some applications exposed to these chemicals.
 It is necessary to evaluate the application specific performance criteria.
- C Severe interaction. Victrex materials should only be considered for applications with exposure to these chemicals under exceptional circumstances.

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