

Polyoxymethylene (Acetal)

Category: Engineering Resin

General Description: Acetal, chemically known as polyoxymethylene (POM), is a versatile engineering resin. The chemical composition, regular molecular structure, and high degree of crystallinity give acetals excellent resistance to moisture, gasoline, solvents, and many other neutral chemicals.^[2001]

Processing Methods: Injection molding, extrusion (rod, slab, sheeting, small diameter tubing). Parts can be machined or stamped.^[2001]

Applications: Aerosol containers, gas caps, chemical sprayers, soap dispersers, paint mixing paddles, plumbing components, gears, tough and creep resistance housings, and wear surfaces.^[2001]

Permeability to Oxygen and Other Gases: Test results show that above 10 mil film thickness the

permeability of both Ticona Celcon acetal unfilled and glass-reinforced grades are approximately the same.^[2002]

Permeability to Water and Other Liquids: DuPont Delrin has good impermeability to many substances including aliphatic, aromatic, and halogenated hydrocarbons, alcohol, and esters. Permeability characteristics and strength properties of Delrin make it suitable material for containers, particularly of the aerosol type.^[2001]

Exceptional resistance to long-term exposure to high humidity and hot water is a primary reason why Ticona Celcon acetal is so widely used for many plumbing related applications. See manufacturer's literature for more detail.^[2002]

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 1-01 through 1-06.

Table 1-01. Cologne, Shampoo, and Hair Spray Through DuPont Delrin Acetal Resin

Material Family	ACETAL RESIN					
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT DELRIN					
Reference Number	201					

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	cologne		hair spray		shampoo	
Penetrant Note	various formulations					
Temperature (°C)	23	38	23	38	23	38
Relative Humidity (%)	50		50		50	

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mil/100 in ² · day)	0.6	4.5	0.8	6.0	2.4	8.5
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.24	1.77	0.32	2.36	0.95	3.35

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.24	1.77	0.31	2.36	0.94	3.35
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Table 1-02. Gasoline, Freon Propellant, Motor Oil, and Ethyl Alcohol Through DuPont Delrin Acetal Resin

Material Family	ACETAL RESIN							
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT DELRIN							
Reference Number	201							

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	ethyl alcohol		Freon 12				gasoline	motor oils
Concentration (%)	90	70	30		20			
	with 10% water	with 30% water	with 70% Freon 11; propellant		with 80% Freon 114; propellant			
Temperature (°C)	23		38	23	38	23	38	
Relative Humidity (%)	50			50		50		

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mil/100 in ² · day)	0.25	1.5	7.8	0.2	0.54	0.2	0.42	0.1	0
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.1	0.59	3.07	0.08	0.21	0.08	0.17	0.04	0
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Table 1-03. Methyl Salicylate, Nitrogen, Perchloroethylene, Trichloroethylene, Toluene, Carbon Dioxide, and Oxygen through DuPont Delrin Acetal Resin

Material Family	ACETAL RESIN							
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT DELRIN							
Reference Number	201							

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	methyl salicylate	nitrogen (@ 620 kPa)	perchloroethylene	trichloroethylene		toluene	carbon dioxide	oxygen
Temperature (°C)	23			23	38	23		
Relative Humidity (%)	50						50	

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mil/100 in ² · day)	0.3	0.05	0.2	25	56	0.6		
Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mil/100 in ² · day)							37 - 50	12 - 17

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)							14.6 - 19.7	4.7 - 6.7
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.12	0.02	0.08	9.84	22.05	0.24		

Table 1-04. Mineral Oils, Vegetable Oils, Tar Remover, and Road Oil Remover Through DuPont Delrin Acetal Resin

Material Family	ACETAL RESIN							
Material Supplier/ Grade	DUPONT DELRIN							
Reference Number	201							

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	mineral oils		vegetable oils		tar remover		road oil remover	
Temperature (°C)	23	38	23	38	23	38	23	38
Relative Humidity (%)	50		50		50		50	

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mil/100 in ² · day)	0		0.03		0.19		0.03		0.19	
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0		0.01		0.07		0.01		0.07	

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0		0.01		0.07		0.01		0.07	
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Table 1-05. Air and Oxygen through Ticona Acetal Copolymer Film

Material Family	ACETAL COPOLYMER						
Material Supplier	TICONA						
Grade	CELCON M90	CELCON M25	CELCON M270	CELCON M90	CELCON M25	CELCON M270	
Product Form	FILM						
Features	general purpose grade	high molecular weight	high flow, low molecular weight	general purpose grade	high molecular weight	high flow, low molecular weight	
Reference Number	210						

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Melt Flow Index	9.0 g/10 min.	2.5 g/10 min.	27.0 g/10 min.	9.0 g/10 min.	2.5 g/10 min.	27.0 g/10 min.
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.15					

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	air			oxygen		
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mil/100 in ² · day)	2.2 - 3.2			5.0 - 7.4		
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	0.87 - 1.3			2.0 - 2.9		
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Table 1-06. Nitrogen and Carbon Dioxide Through Ticona Acetal Copolymer Film

Material Family	ACETAL COPOLYMER					
Material Supplier	TICONA					
Grade	CELCON M90	CELCON M25	CELCON M270	CELCON M90	CELCON M25	CELCON M270
Product Form	FILM					
Features	general purpose grade	high molecular weight	high flow, low molecular weight	general purpose grade	high molecular weight	high flow, low molecular weight
Reference Number	210					

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Melt Flow Index	9.0 g/10 min.	2.5 g/10 min.	27.0 g/10 min.	9.0 g/10 min.	2.5 g/10 min.	27.0 g/10 min.
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.15					

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	carbon dioxide	nitrogen
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mil/100 in ² · day)	144 - 174	2.2 - 3.2
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	56.7 - 68.5	0.87 - 1.3
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Acrylonitrile-Methyl Acrylate Copolymer (AMA)

Category: Nitrile

General Description: Intended primarily for packaging use, acrylonitrile-based resins are sometimes called *barrier resins*. AMA is a clear, rubber modified acrylonitrile with excellent chemical resistance and gas barrier as well as high modulus or stiffness.^[1004] The permeability of AMA is dependent upon the presence or absence of additives as well as the chemical composition with respect to type of nitrile and comonomer.^[1005]

BP Chemicals Barex is an acrylonitrile-methyl acrylate copolymer grafted onto a nitrile rubber. Barex 210 and 218 are high barrier, impact modified copolymer resins. Barex 218 contains a high portion of impact modifier.^[2003]

Processing Methods: Thermoforming, film extrusion, sheet extrusion, extrusion blow molding, calendaring, injection molding, injection blow molding, injection stretch blow molding.^[2003]

Applications:

- *Food Packaging.* Processed meats, fish, cheese, spices, sauces, extracts, and juice concentrates.
- *Medical Packaging.* Pharmaceutical, transdermal patches.
- *Personal Care.* Cosmetic packs, mouthwash, perfume.^[2003]

Permeability to Oxygen and Other Gases: Barex resins have the lowest oxygen permeability of any plastic material used for single layer packages, frequently outperforming multilayer structures containing EVOH and PVDC and doing so at lower costs.

Extended shelf life is most often accomplished by sealing in beneficial gases such as nitrogen and carbon dioxide while preventing oxygen from entering the package. Barex offers extended shelf life, retention of natural flavors and aromas without flavor scalping.^[2003]

Barex resins offer a high barrier to oxygen at all levels of relative humidity. Barrier performance is, however, negatively impacted by increasing temperature.

See *Collected Comparative Barrier Properties of Plastics and Elastomers*, for more information.

Permeability to Water Vapor and Other Liquids: Water vapor barrier properties of Barex resins are comparable to other plastic packaging materials except polyolefins, which are less permeable for water vapor. In applications where exclusion of moisture is critical, the water vapor barrier of Barex packages can be enhanced by orientation or lamination to a polyolefin, giving excellent combination of gas and moisture barrier.^[2003]

See *Collected Comparative Barrier Properties of Plastics and Elastomers*, for more information.

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 2-01 and 2-02, and Graphs 2-01 through 2-03.

Table 2-01. Water Vapor and Oxygen Through BP Chemicals Barex Acrylonitrile-Methyl Acrylate Copolymer

Material Family	ACRYLONITRILE-METHYL ACRYLATE COPOLYMER							
Material Supplier/ Trade Name	BP CHEMICALS BAREX							
Grade	210	218	210	218	210	218	210	218
Features	barrier properties, impact modified	barrier properties, high impact, impact modified	barrier properties, impact modified	barrier properties, high impact, impact modified	barrier properties, impact modified	barrier properties, high impact, impact modified	barrier properties, impact modified	barrier properties, high impact, impact modified
Applications	packaging							
Reference Number	296							

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	oxygen	nitrogen	carbon dioxide	water vapor
Temperature (°C)	23			
Relative Humidity (%)	100	100	0	100
Test Method	ASTM D3985			ASTM F1249

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mil/ 100 in ² · bar · day)	0.8	1.6	0.2	0.4	1.6	1.6		
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mil/ 100 in ² · bar · day)							5.0	7.5

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	0.32	0.64	0.08	0.16	0.64	0.64		
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day · atm)							1.99	2.99

Table 2-02. Water Vapor and Oxygen vs. Humidity Through BP Chemicals Barex Acrylonitrile-Methyl Acrylate Copolymer

Material Family	ACRYLONITRILE-METHYL ACRYLATE COPOLYMER			
Material Supplier/Grade	BP CHEMICALS BAREX 210		BP CHEMICALS BAREX 218	
Features	barrier properties, impact modified		barrier properties, high impact, impact modified	
Applications	packaging			
Reference Number	296			

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	oxygen		water vapor	
Temperature (°C)	22.8		37.8	
Relative Humidity (%)	0	90		90
Test Method	ASTM D3895		ASTM F1249	ASTM D1434

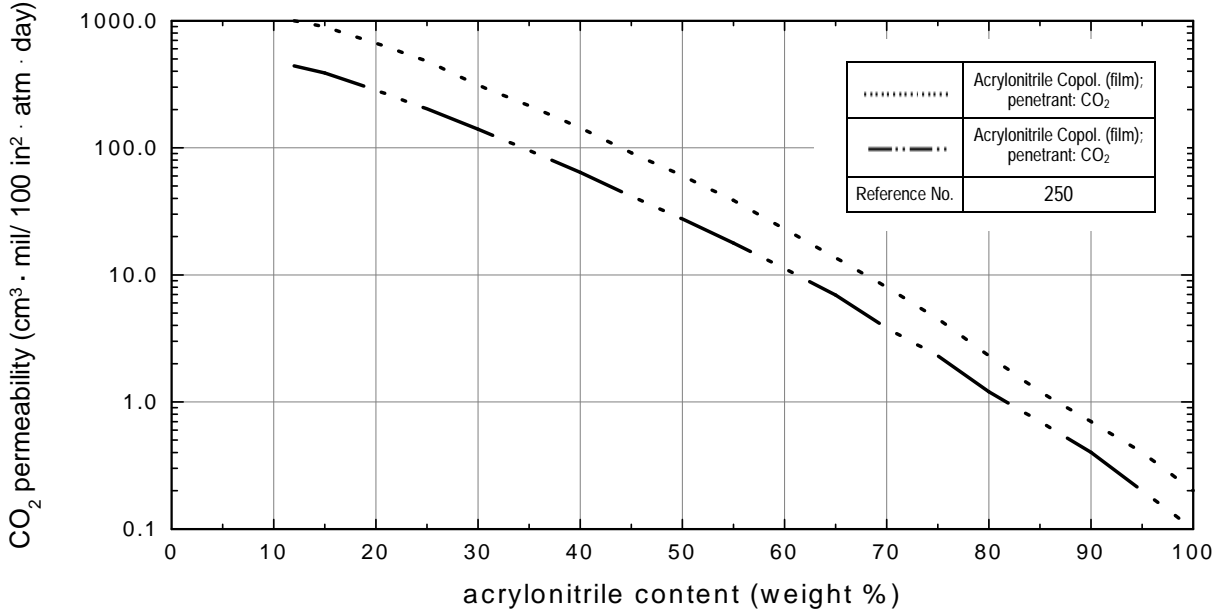
PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mil/ 100 in ² · day · bar)	0.8	0.8		1.6	
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mil/ 100 in ² · day · bar)			5.5		7.5

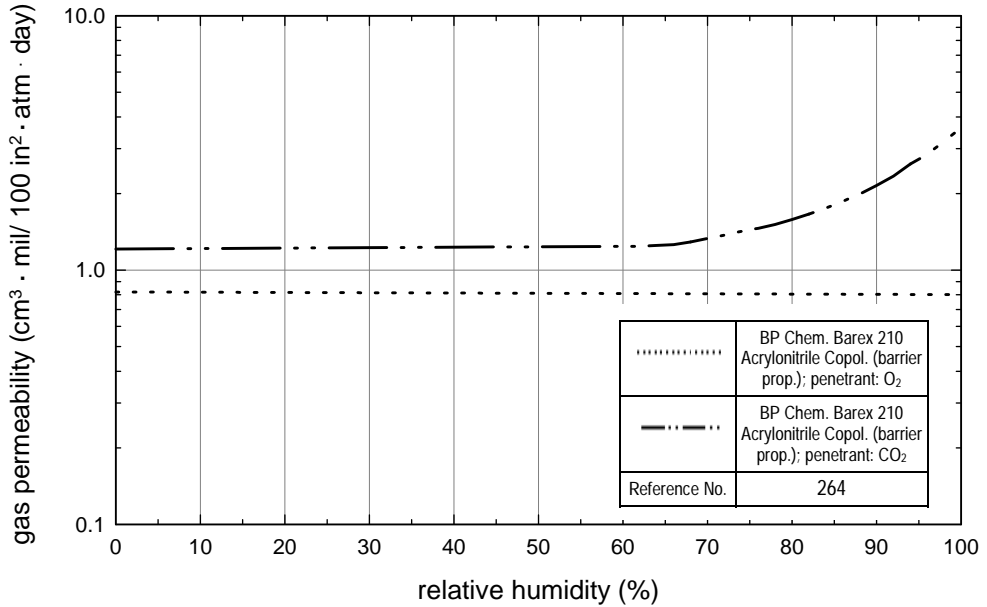
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	0.32	0.32		0.64	
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)			2.19		2.99

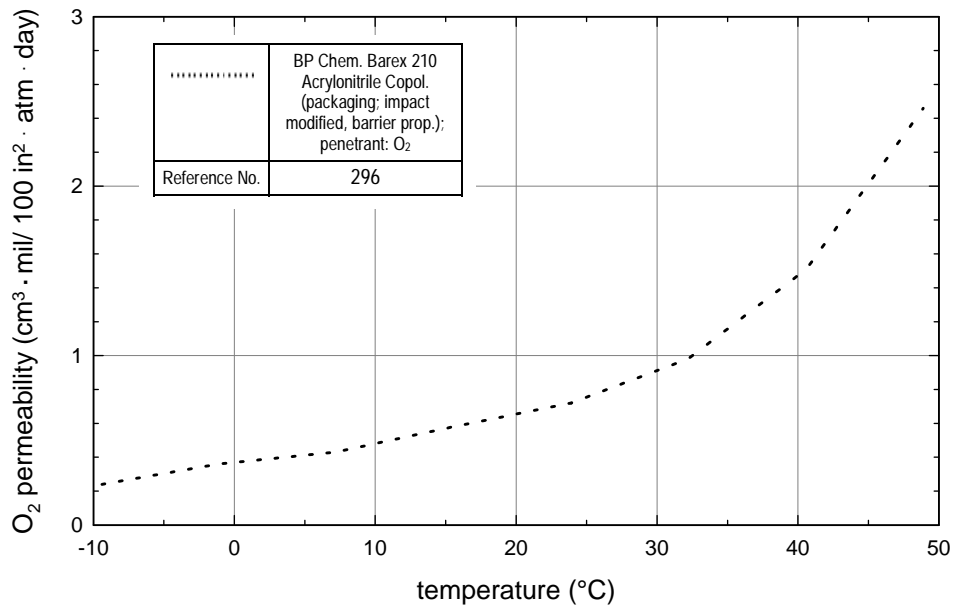
Graph 2-01. Carbon dioxide vs. acrylonitrile content through acrylonitrile-methyl acrylate copolymer.



Graph 2-02. Carbon dioxide and oxygen vs. relative humidity through acrylonitrile-methyl acrylate copolymer.



Graph 2-03. Oxygen vs. temperature through acrylonitrile-methyl acrylate copolymer.



Cellulosic

Category: Cellulosic

General Description: Cellulosic plastics are made primarily from cellulose acetate. Cellulose is probably the best known of the cellulosic films.^[1052]

Processing Methods: Cellophane is cast through a thin slit spinneret into a bath of sulphuric acid to form a film. The cellophane forms a film that is flimsy and opaque. Further treatment including coating with metal or other chemicals, is required to yield a film that is transparent, soft, and plastic. This treatment will alter the film's permeability to air and water.^[1052]

Applications: Cellulosic film applications include tapes and labels, photographic film, coatings

for paper, glass, and plastic. Medical applications for cellulosic films include dialysis membranes.^[1052]

Cellophane is the most common food packaging material after paper and cardboard; over 50% of all twist-wrapped sweets are packaged in cellophane.^[1052]

Cellulose acetate is widely used in photographic films, recording tapes, packaging, and matte adhesive tape.^[1052]

Permeability to Oxygen and Other Gases and Water Vapor: Cellophane is considered a high barrier polymer.

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 3-01 through 3-03.

Table 3-01. Water Vapor and Oxygen Through Coated Cellophane Film

Material Family	CELLULOSIC PLASTIC		
Reference Number	1005		
TEST CONDITIONS			
Penetrant	oxygen	carbon dioxide	moisture vapor
Temperature (°C)	23		
Relative Humidity (%)	50		100
PERMEABILITY (source documents units)			
Gas Permeability [mol/(m·s·PA)·10 ¹⁷]	0.1 – 0.16	0.2 – 1.2	1 – 335
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)			
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ ·mm/m ² ·day·atm)	0.2 – 0.31	0.4 – 3.4	1.96 – 657

Table 3-02. Water Vapor and Oxygen Through Coated Cellophane Film

Material Family	CELLULOSIC PLASTIC				
Product Form	FILM				
Reference Number	268				
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS					
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.023				
MATERIAL COMPOSITION					
Note	PVDC coated				
TEST CONDITIONS					
Penetrant	water vapor	oxygen			
Temperature (°C)	40	35	20		
Relative Humidity (%)	90	0	65	85	100
Test Method	JIS Z0208	JIS Z1707	ASTM D3985		
PERMEABILITY (source document units)					
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mil/100 in ² · day)	1				
Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mil/100 in ² · day)		0.07	0.26	0.71	2.06
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)					
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)		0.03	0.1	0.28	0.81
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.39				

Table 3-03. Various Gases Through Cellulose (Cellophane)

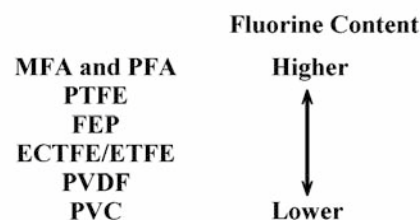
Material Family	CELLULOSIC								
Reference Number	1113								
TEST CONDITIONS									
Penetrant	helium	hydrogen	nitrogen	oxygen	carbon dioxide	H ₂ S	SO ₂	H ₂ O	
Temperature (°C)	20	25				45	25		
PERMEABILITY (source document units)									
Gas Permeability [cm ³ · cm/(cm ³ · sec · Hg) · 10 ¹⁰]	0.0005	0.0065	0.0032	0.0021	0.0047	0.0006	0.0017	1900	
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)									
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	N/A without thickness								

Fluoropolymer

General Description: Fluoropolymers are a class of paraffinic thermoplastic polymers where some or all of the hydrogen has been replaced by fluorine. The result is either a fully fluorinated polymer such as PTFE, FEP, MFA, or PFA, or a partially fluorinated polymer such as ECTFE, PCTFE, ETFE, and PVDF. By varying the fluorine content of the polymer, the balance of mechanical properties and overall cost can be tailored for different end use applications.^[2004]

Fluoropolymers are inert to most chemicals and maintain their properties when exposed to high temperatures. When reinforced with glass fibers, for example, molybdenum disulfide fillers, their generally low mechanical properties are considerably improved.^[1004]

Fluoropolymer products:^[2004]



Applications: Protective coatings and linings, extruded products such as monofilament, rod, tubing, wire and cable insulation, pumps, filter cartridges, nonwoven fiber for filter media, and composite laminates.^[2004]

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 4-01 through 4-10.

Table 4-01. Chlorine Gas Through Fluoroplastic Films

Material Family	FLUOROPLASTIC					
Material Type	Granular PTFE			Fine Powder PTFE		
Reference Number	1069					
TEST CONDITIONS						
Penetrant	chlorine gas					
Temperature (°C)	25					
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS						
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.25	2.25	4.45	0.25	2.25	4.45
PERMEABILITY (source documents units)						
Gas Permeability (g/m ² /24 hr)	1.974	0.358	0.255	5.55	0.369	0.289
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)						
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	0.493	0.801	1.001	1.387	0.830	1.286

Table 4-02. Chlorine Gas Through Fluoroplastic Films

Material Family	FLUOROPLASTIC									
Material Type	FEP	PFA			ETFE			ECTFE	PVDF	
Reference Number	1069									
TEST CONDITIONS										
Penetrant	chlorine gas									
Temperature (°C)	25									
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS										
Sample Thickness (mm)	4.45	0.250	2.250	4.450	0.250	2.250	4.450	4.450	0.250	5.250
PERMEABILITY (source document units)										
Gas Permeability (g/m ² /24 hrs)	0.190	1.605	0.569	0.265	1.164	0.254	0.250	0.199	1.018	0.167
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)										
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	0.846	0.401	1.280	1.179	0.291	0.571	1.112	0.885	0.254	0.877

Table 4-03. Nitric Acid Through Fluoroplastic Films at 25°C

Material Family	FLUOROPLASTIC								
Material Type	Granular PTFE	PFA	ETFE			ECTFE	PVDF		
Reference Number	1069								
TEST CONDITIONS									
Penetrant	nitric acid								
Temperature (°C)	25								
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS									
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.25	0.25	0.25	2.25	0.250	2.25	0.250	2.225	
PERMEABILITY (source document units)									
Gas Permeability (g/m ² /24 hrs)		0.397	0.469	0.035	0.072	0.061	0.344		
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)									
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)		0.992	0.117	0.787	0.018	0.137	0.086		

Table 4-04. Nitric Acid Through Fluoroplastic Films at 45°C

Material Family	FLUOROPLASTIC							
Material Type	Granular PTFE	PFA	ETFE	ETFE	ECTFE	ECTFE	PVDF	PVDF
Reference Number	1069							

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	nitric acid							
Temperature (°C)	45							

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.25	0.25	0.25	2.25	0.250	2.25	0.250	2.250
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (g/m ² /24 hrs)	0.395		0.610		1.453	0.037	3.703	0.265
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	0.099		0.152		0.363	0.083	0.926	0.596
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Table 4-05. Methylene Chloride Through Fluoroplastic Films at 25°C

Material Family	FLUOROPLASTIC						
Material Type	Granular PTFE	Fine Powder PTFE	PFA	ETFE	ECTFE	PVDF	Polypropylene
Reference Number	1069						

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	methylene chloride						
Temperature (°C)	25						

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.250						
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (g/m ² /24 hrs)	3.85	20.6	2.34	33.1	59.5	8.55	504.2
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	0.962	5.15	0.587	8.275	14.875	2.137	126.05
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Table 4-06. Methylene Chloride Through Fluoroplastic Films at 45°C

Material Family	FLUOROPLASTIC						
Material Type	Granular PTFE	Fine Powder PTFE	PFA	ETFE	ECTFE	PVDF	Polypropylene
Reference Number	1069						
TEST CONDITIONS							
Penetrant	methylene chloride						
Temperature (°C)	45						
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS							
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.250						
PERMEABILITY (source document units)							
Gas Permeability (g/m ² /24 hrs)	9.08	60.8	10.6	113.6	634.6	36.06	2250
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)							
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	2.27	15.2	2.65	28.4	158.65	9.015	562.5

Table 4-07. Phenol Through Fluoroplastic Films at 25°C

Material Family	FLUOROPLASTIC						
Material Type	Granular PTFE	Fine Powder PTFE	PFA	ETFE	ECTFE	PVDF	Polypropylene
Reference Number	1069						
TEST CONDITIONS							
Penetrant	phenol						
Temperature (°C)	25						
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS							
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.250						
PERMEABILITY (source document units)							
Gas Permeability (g/m ² /24 hrs)	0.050	0.084	0.013	0.158	0.067	0.218	0.027
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)							
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	0.012	0.021	0.003	0.039	0.067	0.054	0.007

Table 4-08. Phenol Through Fluoroplastic Films at 45°C

Material Family	FLUOROPLASTIC						
Material Type	Granular PTFE	Fine Powder PTFE	PFA	ETFE	ECTFE	PVDF	Polypropylene
Reference Number	1069						
TEST CONDITIONS							
Penetrant	phenol						
Temperature (°C)	45						
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS							
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.250						
PERMEABILITY (source document units)							
Gas Permeability (g/m ² /24hrs)	0.247	0.991	0.237	1.562		3.394	0.734
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)							
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	0.062	0.248	0.060	0.690		0.848	0.183

Table 4-09. Benzene Through Fluoroplastic Films at 25°C

Material Family	FLUOROPLASTIC					
Material Type	Granular PTFE			ETFE		
Reference Number	1069					
TEST CONDITIONS						
Penetrant	benzene					
Temperature (°C)	25					
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS						
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.250	2.250	4.450	0.250	2.250	4.450
PERMEABILITY (source document units)						
Gas Permeability (g/m ² /24hrs)	2.591	0.777	0.0335	5.326	0.118	0.068
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)						
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	0.648	1.748	0.149	1.331	0.266	0.303

Table 4-10. Methyl Ethyl Ketone Through Fluoroplastic Films at 25°C

Material Family	FLUOROPLASTIC									
Material Type	Granular PTFE			ETFE			ECTFE		PVDF	
Reference Number	1069									
TEST CONDITIONS										
Penetrant	methyl ethyl ketone									
Temperature (°C)	25									
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS										
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.250	2.250	4.450	0.250	2.250	4.450	0.250	2.250	0.250	2.250
PERMEABILITY (source document units)										
Gas Permeability (g/m ² /24 hrs)	7.726	0.306	0.028	6.882	0.034	0.023	27.6	0.033	482.1	0.168
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)										
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	1.931	0.689	0.125	1.720	0.075	0.102	6.90	0.0742	120.5	0.378

Ethylene-Chlorotrifluoroethylene Copolymer (ECTFE)

Category: Fluoropolymer

General Description: Ausimont Halar ECTFE is a melt-processible fluoropolymer with a 1:1 alternating copolymer structure of ethylene and chlorotrifluoroethylene.^[2005]

Processing Methods: Extrusion, compression molding, rotomolding, and blow molding.^[2005]

Applications:

- *Chemical.* Diaphragms, protective linings/coatings, pumps, valves, hoods, tank and filter house linings, and non-woven filtration fibers.
- *Food Processing.* Additives, contact with acidic food and fruit juice processing.^[2005]

Permeability to Oxygen and Other Gases: Barrier properties are 10 to 100 times better than PTFE or FEP to oxygen, carbon dioxide, chlorine gas, and hydrochloric acid.^[2006]

Permeability to Water and Other Liquids: Halar fluoropolymer has low permeability to water vapor and various other gases. Water vapor permeability measured at 100°F (38°C) and at 90% RH was found to be 0.15 g mil/100 in² in 24 hrs. At elevated surface temperatures, Halar has superior moisture vapor impermeability compared to other fluoropolymers at the same conditions.^[2005]

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 5-01 through 5-03 and Graphs 5-01 through 5-05.

Table 5-01. Hydrogen vs. Temperature and Pressure Through Ausimont Halar ECTFE

Material Family	ETHYLENE-CHLOROTRIFLUOROETHYLENE COPOLYMER (ECTFE)								
Material Supplier/Grade	AUSIMONT HALAR								
Reference Number	306								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.02								
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	hydrogen								
Temperature (°C)	-22	25	66	-20	25	67	-21	25	68
Pressure Gradient (kPa)	1724			3447			6895		
Test Method	mass spectrometry and calibrated standard gas leaks developed by McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Company Chemistry Laboratory								

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/cm ² · kPa · sec)	1.19 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.21 x 10 ⁻⁹	6.58 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.18 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.25 x 10 ⁻⁹	6.65 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.18 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.23 x 10 ⁻⁹	6.74 x 10 ⁻⁹
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	10.4	106	576	10.3	109	582	10.3	108	590
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Table 5-02. Nitrogen vs. Temperature and Pressure Through Ausimont Halar ECTFE

Material Family	ETHYLENE-CHLOROTRIFLUOROETHYLENE COPOLYMER (ECTFE)								
Material Supplier/Grade	AUSIMONT HALAR								
Reference Number	306								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.02								
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	nitrogen								
Temperature (°C)	11	25	71	10	25	72	10	25	68
Pressure Gradient (kPa)	1724	1724	1724	3447	3447	3447	6895	6895	6895
Test Method	mass spectrometry and calibrated standard gas leaks; developed by McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Company Chemistry Laboratory								

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/cm ² · kPa · sec)	5.53 x 10 ⁻¹²	1.29 x 10 ⁻¹¹	2.43 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	5.53 x 10 ⁻¹²	1.49 x 10 ⁻¹¹	4.27 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	6.09 x 10 ⁻¹²	1.43 x 10 ⁻¹¹	2.48 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	0.48	1.13	21.3	0.48	1.3	37.4	0.53	1.25	21.7
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Table 5-03. Oxygen and Ammonia Through Ausimont Halar ECTFE

Material Family	ETHYLENE-CHLOROTRIFLUOROETHYLENE COPOLYMER (ECTFE)								
Material Supplier/Grade	AUSIMONT HALAR								
Reference Number	306								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.02								
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	ammonia			oxygen					
Temperature (°C)	-1	25	65	-18	25	55	-15	25	56
Pressure Gradient (kPa)	965			1724			3447		
Test Method	mass spectrometry and calibrated standard gas leaks; developed by McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Company Chemistry Laboratory								

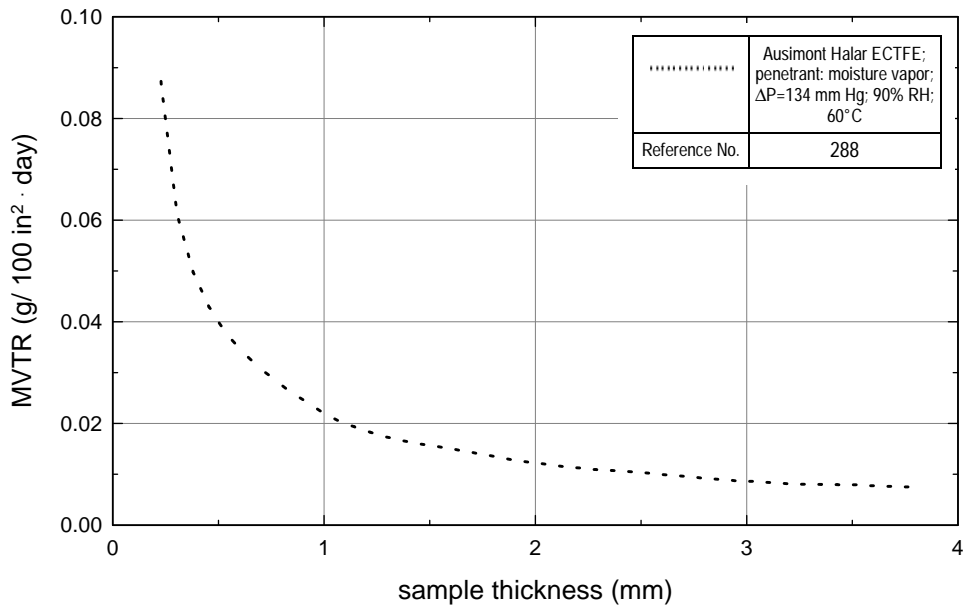
PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/cm ² · kPa · sec)	3.73 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.29 x 10 ⁻⁹	7.05 x 10 ⁻⁹	5.52 x 10 ⁻¹²	1.16 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	5.16 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	5.73 x 10 ⁻¹²	1.1 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	5.26 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
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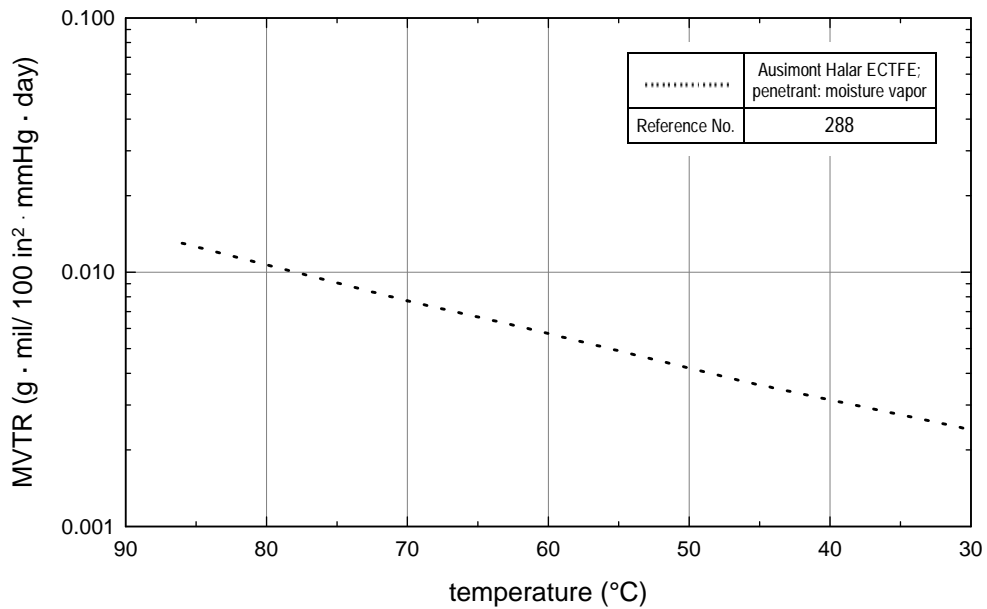
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	32.6	113	617	0.48	10.2	45.2	0.5	9.6	46.0
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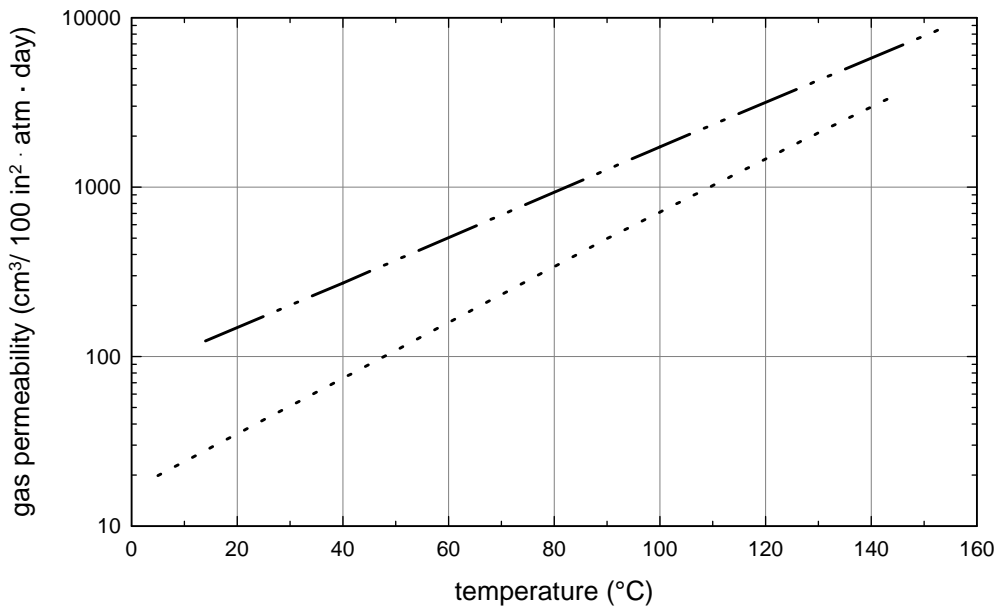
Graph 5-01. Moisture vapor vs. thickness Tthrough Ausimont Halar ECTFE.



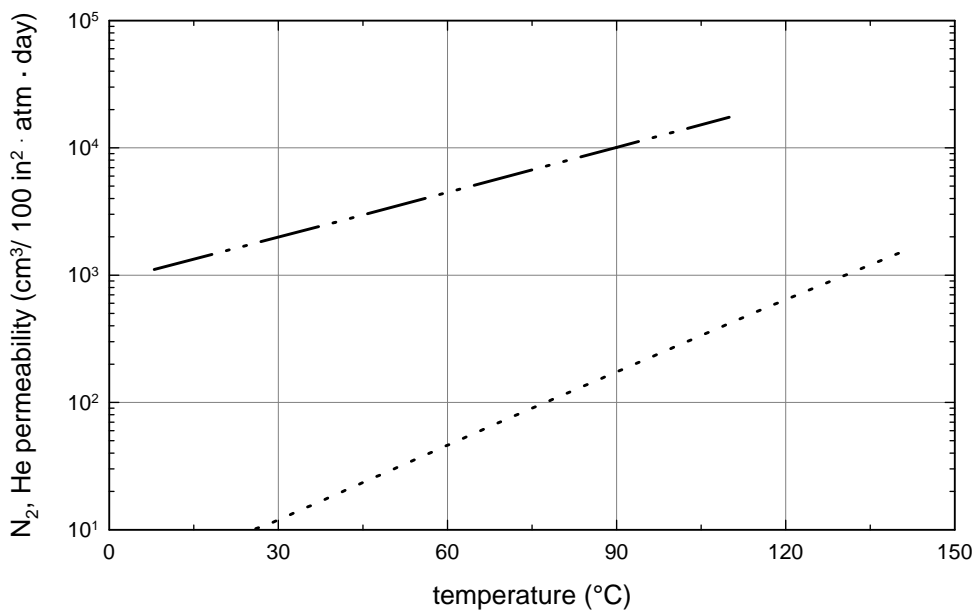
Graph 5-02. Moisture vapor vs. temperature through Ausimont Halar ECTFE.



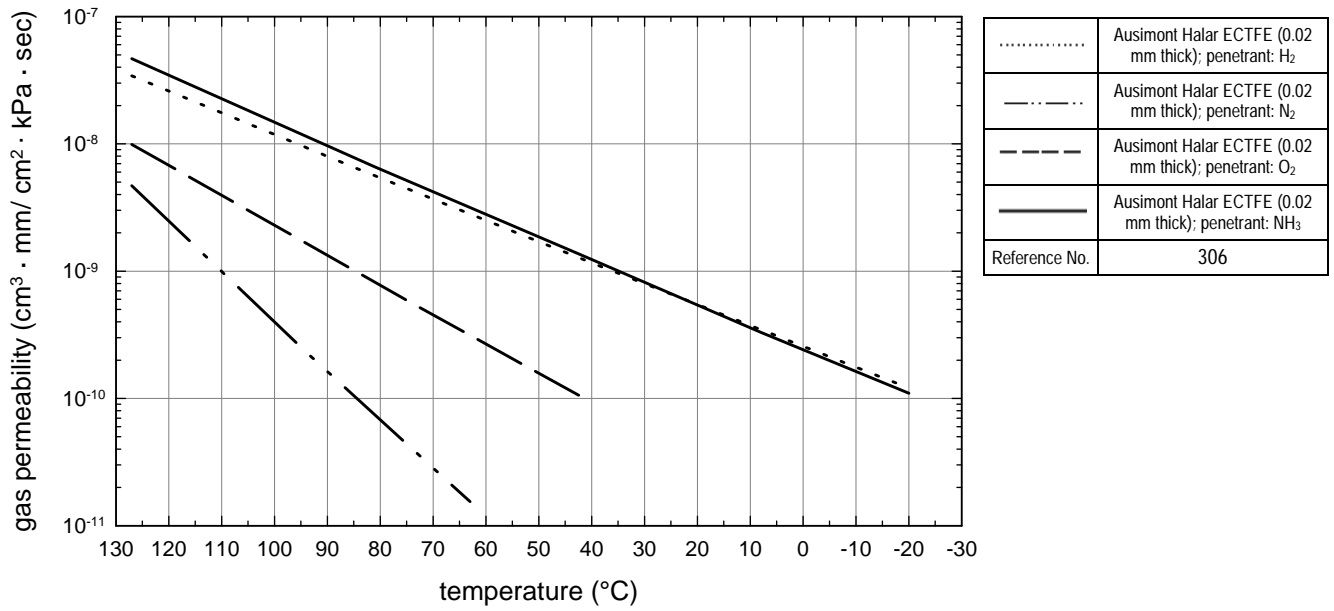
Graph 5-03. Carbon dioxide and oxygen through Ausimont Halar ECTFE.



Graph 5-04. Nitrogen and helium vs. temperature through Ausimont Halar ECTFE.



Graph 5-05. Various gases vs. temperature through Ausimont Halar ECTFE.



Ethylene-Tetrafluoroethylene Copolymer (ETFE)

Category: Fluoropolymer

General Description: ETFE is a related copolymer to ECTFE, consisting of ethylene and tetrafluoroethylene. DuPont Tefzel resins are modified ETFE (ethylene-tetrafluoroethylene) fluoropolymer available as pellets or as powder for rotational molding. Tefzel combines superior mechanical toughness with an outstanding chemical inertness.^[2008]

DuPont T² Films of Tefzel ETFE represent a family of patented, uniaxially oriented fluoropolymer films possessing a unique combination of properties. In addition to the benefits of fluoropolymer film, including high temperature capability and chemical resistance, these films have added strength and toughness. Chemical and moisture barrier properties are improved by orientation. ETFE films have unusually high strength.

T² films are uniaxially oriented in the machine direction.^[2007]

Processing Methods: Tefzel, as a thermoplastic polymer, can be processed by injection molding, compression molding, rotational molding, and extrusion. Tefzel film can be heat-sealed, thermoformed, welded, heat-laminated, and coated. Films are uniaxially oriented in the machine direction (tensiled) and heat-toughened.^{[2007][2008]}

Applications: Pressure-sensitive tapes, flexible printed circuits, liquid pouches, and other applications demanding high flex life/crack resistance, exposure to high temperatures, and wear.

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 6-01 through 6-04.

Table 6-01. Carbon Dioxide, Nitrogen, Oxygen, Helium, and Water Vapor Through DuPont Tefzel

Material Family	ETHYLENE-TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE COPOLYMER (ETFE)
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT TEFZEL
Product Form	FILM
Reference Number	205

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.102
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	carbon dioxide	nitrogen	oxygen	helium	water vapor
Temperature (°C)	25				
Test Method	ASTM D1434				ASTM E96

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mil/100 in ² · day)					1.65
Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mil/100 in ² · day)	250	30	100	900	

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	98.4	11.8	39.4	354	
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)					0.65

Table 6-02. Water Vapor Through DuPont Tefzel T² Film

Material Family	ETHYLENE-TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE COPOLYMER (ETFE)
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT TEFZEL T ² FILM
Reference Number	2007

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Permeability (g/m ² · d · mm)	0.3
Vapor Permeability (g/100 in ² · d · mil)	0.8

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.3
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Table 6-03. Oxygen, Carbon Dioxide, and Nitrogen Through Dyneon 6235G ETFE

Material Family	ETHYLENE-TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE COPOLYMER (ETFE)								
Material Supplier/Grade	DYNEON 6235G								
Reference Number	1128								

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	oxygen			carbon dioxide			nitrogen		
Temperature (°C)	20	40	80	20	40	80	20	40	80
Test Method	DIN 53380 Part 4.1.2								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.1								
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · 100μm/m ² · day · bar)	666	1550	6020	3790	5870	16100	217	580	1540
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	67	157	610	384	595	1631	22	59	156
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Table 6-04. Water Vapor Through Dyneon 6235G ETFE

Material Family	ETHYLENE-TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE COPOLYMER (ETFE)								
Material Supplier/Grade	DYNEON 6235G								
Reference Number	1128								

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor			water vapor			water vapor		
Temperature (°C)	20			40			80		
Test Method	DIN 53122 Part 2								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.2								
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PERMEABILITY (source document unit)

Vapor Permeability (g · 100μm/m ² · day)	1.03			3.13			26.9		
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.10			0.31			2.69		
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Fluorinated Ethylene-Propylene Copolymer (FEP)

Category: Fluoropolymer

General Description: FEP, a melt-processible fluorocarbon, is a copolymer of TFE and hexafluoropropylene. FEP and TFE yield similar properties with the exception of TFE's lower melt viscosity.^[1004]

FEP produces a transparent thermoplastic film.^[2009]

Processing Methods: FEP resins are processed by conventional melt-extrusion techniques and by injection, compression, transfer, and blow-molding processes. Films may be thermoformed, vacuum formed, heat

sealed, heat bonded, welded, metalized, or laminated.^[2009]

Applications: Applications requiring excellent chemical resistance, superior electrical properties, and high service temperatures. Release films, tubing, cable insulation and jacketing.

Permeability: Low permeability to liquids, gases, moisture, and organic vapors.^[2009]

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 7-01 through 7-06, and Graphs 7-01 through 7-02.

Table 7-01. Carbon Dioxide, Hydrogen, Nitrogen, and Oxygen Through DuPont Fluorocarbon FEP Film

Material Family	FLUORINATED ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE COPOLYMER (FEP)			
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT FEP FLUOROCARBON FILM			
Reference Number	2009			
TEST CONDITIONS				
Penetrant	carbon dioxide	hydrogen	nitrogen	oxygen
Temperature (°C)	25			
Test Method	ASTM D1434			
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS				
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.025			
PERMEABILITY (source document units)				
Gas Permeability (cm ³ /m ² · 24hrs · atm)	25.9 x 10 ³	34.1 x 10 ³	5.0 x 10 ³	1.6 x 10 ³
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)				
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² day · atm)	648	853	125	40

Table 7-02. Acetic Acid, Acetone, Benzene, and Carbon Tetrachloride Through DuPont Fluorocarbon FEP Film

Material Family	FLUORINATED ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE COPOLYMER (FEP)			
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT FEP FLUOROCARBON FILM			
Reference Number	2009			
TEST CONDITIONS				
Penetrant	acetic acid	acetone	benzene	carbon tetrachloride
Temperature (°C)	25			
Test Method	ASTM E96			
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS				
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.025			
PERMEABILITY (source document units)				
Vapor Permeability (g/m ² · day)	6.3	14.7	9.9	4.8
(g/100 in ² · day)	0.41	0.95	0.64	0.31
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)				
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.158	0.368	0.248	0.12

Table 7-03. Ethyl Alcohol, Hexane, and Water Through DuPont Fluorocarbon FEP Film

Material Family	FLUORINATED ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE COPOLYMER (FEP)		
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT FEP FLUOROCARBON FILM		
Reference Number	2009		
TEST CONDITIONS			
Penetrant	ethyl alcohol	hexane	water
Temperature (°C)	25		
Test Method	ASTM E 96		
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS			
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.025		
PERMEABILITY (source document units)			
Vapor Permeability (g/m ² · day)	10.7	8.7	7.0
Vapor Permeability (g/100 in ² · day)	0.69	0.56	0.4
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)			
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.268	0.218	0.175

Table 7-04. Hydrogen vs. Temperature and Pressure Through DuPont Teflon FEP Copolymer

Material Family	FLUORINATED ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE COPOLYMER (FEP)								
Material Supplier/ Grade	DUPONT TEFLON								
Reference Number	306								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.05								
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	hydrogen								
Temperature (°C)	-15	25	68	-13	25	67	-16	25	67
Pressure Gradient (kPa)	1724			3447			6895		
Test Method/Test Note	mass spectrometry and calibrated standard gas leaks; developed by McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Company Chemistry Laboratory								

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/cm ² · kPa · sec)	9.06 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	4.41 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.87 x 10 ⁻⁸	9.64 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	4.35 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.77 x 10 ⁻⁸	8.77 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	4.4 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.8 x 10 ⁻⁸
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	79.3	386	1637	84.4	381	1550	76.8	385	1576
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Table 7-05. Nitrogen vs. Temperature and Pressure Through DuPont Teflon FEP Copolymer

Material Family	FLUORINATED ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE COPOLYMER (FEP)								
Material Supplier/ Grade	DUPONT TEFLON								
Reference Number	306								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.05								
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	nitrogen								
Temperature (°C)	-9	25	71	-7	25	66	-5	25	68
Pressure Gradient (kPa)	1724			3447			6895		
Test Method	mass spectrometry and calibrated standard gas leaks; developed by McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Company Chemistry Laboratory								

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/cm ² · kPa · sec)	5.06 x 10 ⁻¹¹	3.8 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	3.79 x 10 ⁻⁹	5.64 x 10 ⁻¹¹	3.86 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	3.85 x 10 ⁻⁹	6.39 x 10 ⁻¹¹	3.85 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	3.8 x 10 ⁻⁹
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	4.4	33.3	332	4.9	33.8	337	5.6	33.7	333
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Table 7-06. Oxygen and Ammonia vs. Temperature and Pressure Through DuPont Teflon FEP Copolymer

Material Family	FLUORINATED ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE COPOLYMER (FEP)
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT TEFLON
Reference Number	306

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.05
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	ammonia			oxygen					
Temperature (°C)	0	25	66	-16	25	52	-16	25	53
Pressure Gradient (kPa)	965			1724			3447		
Test Method/Test Note	mass spectrometry and calibrated standard gas leaks; developed by McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Company Chemistry Laboratory								

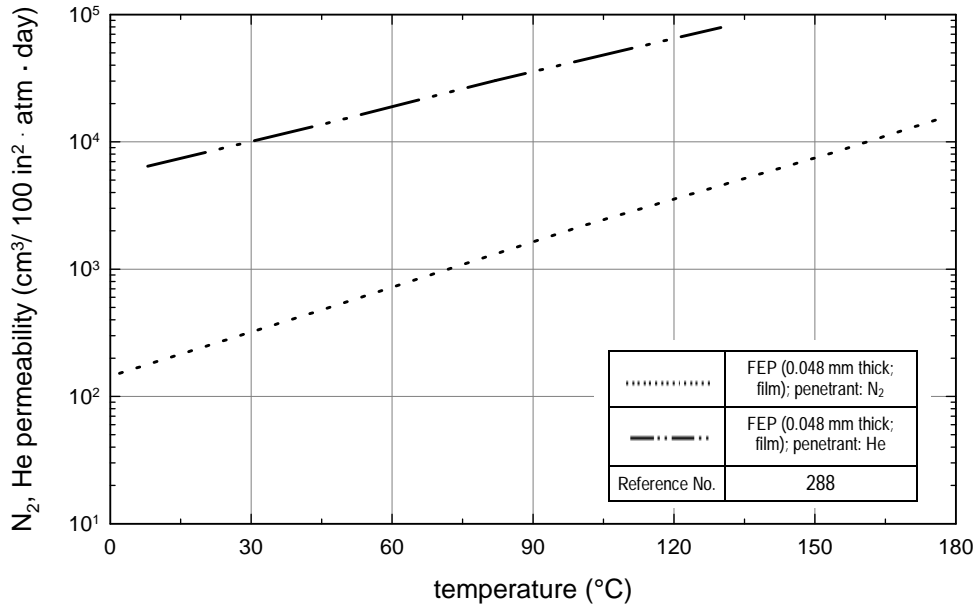
PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/cm ² · kPa · sec)	3.31 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.15 x 10 ⁻⁹	6.3 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.04 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.33 x 10 ⁻⁹	5.16 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.03 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.15 x 10 ⁻⁹	5.31 x 10 ⁻⁹

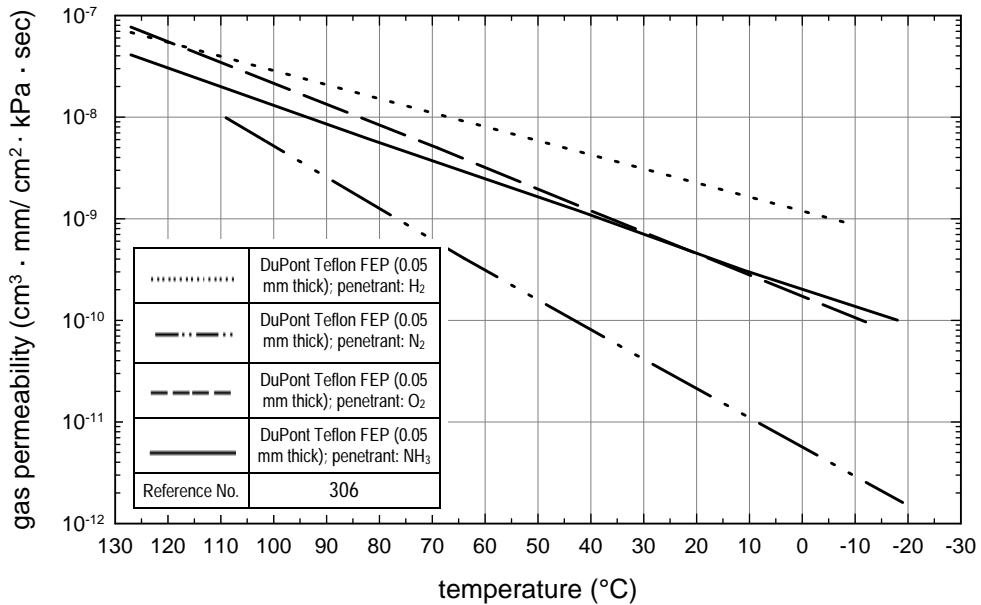
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	29.0	101	552	9.1	116	452	9.0	101	465

Graph 7-01. Nitrogen and helium vs. time after retort through FEP copolymer.



Graph 7-02. Gas vs. temperature through FEP copolymer.



Perfluoroalkoxy Resin (PFA & MFA)

Category: Fluoropolymer

General Description: PFA is similar to FEP but with higher temperature resistance.^[1004] Ausimont Hyflon MFA and PFA are semicrystalline fully-fluorinated melt-processible fluoropolymers. Hyflon MFA belongs to the class of PFA (perfluoroalkoxy) having a lower melting point than standard PFA grades. The unique chemistry of MFA allows for a very cost competitive product, giving improved economics whenever PFA type performance is required.^[2012]

Hyflon grades are available in different physical forms including pellets and powder.

DuPont Teflon resin is available in pellet or powder.

DuPont PFA film is a transparent thermoplastic film.^[2007]

Processing Methods: Powder coating, sheet lining, extruded lining, dual laminate, rotational lining, electrostatic coating and rotomolding/rotolining, and liquid dispersions for coating and impregnation.

DuPont PFA film can be heat sealed, thermoformed, vacuum formed, heat bonded, welded, metallized, laminated (combined with dozens of other materials), and used as an excellent hot-melt adhesive.^[2007]

Applications: Lined and coated processing equipment, vessels and housings, high purity chemical storage and transport, down-hole components in harsh well environments.

Permeability: See *Collected Comparative Barrier Properties of Plastics and Elastomers* for more information.

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 8-01 through 8-05.

Table 8-01. Carbon Dioxide, Nitrogen, Oxygen, and Water Vapor Through DuPont Teflon PFA Film

Material Family	PERFLUOROALKOXY (PFA)			
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT TEFLON PFA FILM			
Reference Number	2011			
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS				
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.05			
TEST CONDITIONS				
Penetrant	carbon dioxide	nitrogen	oxygen	water vapor
Temperature (°C)	25			
Test Method	ASTM D1434			ASTM E96
PERMEABILITY (source document units)				
Gas Permeability (cm ³ /m ² · 24hrs · atm)	14,000	2,000	6,700	
Vapor Permeability (g/m ² · day)				2
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)				
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² day · atm)	700	100	335	
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)				0.1

Table 8-02. Oxygen vs. Temperature, R22, and Chlorine Through Ausimont Hyfalon MFA 620

Material Family	MFA					
Material Supplier/Grade	AUSIMONT HYFALON MFA 620					
Reference Number	2012					
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS						
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.05	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.7
TEST CONDITIONS						
Penetrant	oxygen	oxygen	oxygen	oxygen	R22	chlorine
Temperature (°C)	23	23	40	50	10	50
Test Method	Swedish Corrosion Institute					
PERMEABILITY (source document units)						
Gas Permeability (cc · mm/m ² · 24hrs · atm)	300	270	380	540	36	567
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)						
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	300	270	380	540	36	567

Table 8-03. Oxygen vs. Temperature, R22, and Chlorine Through Ausimont Hyfalon PFA 420

Material Family	PERFLUOROALKOXY (PFA)					
Material Supplier/Grade	AUSIMONT HYFALON PFA 420					
Reference Number	2012					
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS						
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.05	0.1			0.7	
TEST CONDITIONS						
Penetrant	oxygen			R22	chlorine	
Temperature (°C)	23	40	50	10	50	
Test Method	Swedish Corrosion Institute					
PERMEABILITY (source document units)						
Gas Permeability (cc · mm/m ² · 24 hrs · atm)	380	280	450	570	40	625
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)						
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	380	280	450	570	40	625

Table 8-04. Oxygen, Carbon Dioxide, and Nitrogen Through Dyneon 6510N PFA

Material Family	PERFLUOROALKOXY (PFA)								
Material Supplier / Grade	DYNEON 6510N								
Reference Number	1128								
TEST CONDITIONS									
Penetrant	oxygen			carbon dioxide			nitrogen		
Temperature (°C)	20	40	80	20	40	80	20	40	80
Test Method	DIN 53380 Part 4.1.2								
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS									
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.1								
PERMEABILITY (source document units)									
Gas Permeability (cm ³ · 100μm/m ² · day · bar)	2740	4910	15100	8650	12600	29400	792	2010	4780
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)									
Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	277	497	1530	876	1276	2978	80	204	484

Table 8-05. Water Vapor Through Dyneon 6510N PFA

Material Family	PERFLUOROALKOXY (PFA)		
Material Supplier/Grade	DYNEON 6510N PFA		
Reference Number	1128		
TEST CONDITIONS			
Penetrant	water vapor		
Temperature (°C)	20	40	80
Test Method	DIN 53122 Part 2		
MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS			
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.1		
PERMEABILITY (source document units)			
Vapor Permeability (g · 100µm/m ² · day)	0.223	1.02	12.3
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)			
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.002	0.102	1.23

Polychlorotrifluoroethylene (PCTFE)

Category: Fluoropolymer

General Description: Aclar films are crystal clear films made from fluorinated-chlorinated resins that demonstrate excellent moisture barrier properties.^[2014] Homopolymer: Aclar Rx series. Copolymers: Aclar 22A, 33C, and Cx.

Processing Methods: Through the use of conventional thermoplastic processing techniques, PCTFE can be molded as well as extruded into transparent film and sheet,^[1004] laminated, heat-sealed, printed thermoformed, metallized, and sterilized.^[2013]

Applications:

- *Aclar 11A*. Industrial and electronics packaging.
- *Aclar 22A, Rx 160, SupRx 900, UltRx 2000 & 3000*. Pharmaceutical packaging, and blister packages.

- *Aclar 22C*. Encapsulating film for clean room packaging and electroluminescent lamps.
- *Aclar 33C*. Military and industrial packaging as either a monolayer film or as a chemical and moisture barrier in laminate structures.
- *Aclar Cx 130E*. Moisture protection.^[2014]

Permeability to Water and Other Liquids: Medium, high and ultrahigh moisture barrier properties are available ranging from 0.78 g/m²/day to 0.08 g/m²/day (without sample thickness these values can not be “normalized”). Aclar films have an outstanding ability to prevent the passage of water vapor and liquids providing product protection. Because of its transparency, these films permit inspection viewing of the product while protecting the product from moisture.^[2013]

See *Collected Comparative Barrier Properties of Plastics and Elastomers* for more information.

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 9-01 through 9-04 and Graph 9-01.

Table 9-01. Water Vapor Through Honeywell Aclar PCTFE Film

Material Family	POLYCHLOROTRIFLUOROETHYLENE (PCTFE)								
Material Supplier	HONEYWELL ACLAR FILM								
Grade	11A	11A	11A	22A	22C	22C	33C	33C	Rx
Reference Number	2014								

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor								
Temperature (°C)	37.8								
Relative Humidity (%)	100								
Test Method	ASTM F1249								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.015	0.0225	0.05	0.0375	0.05	0.125	0.0187	0.195	0.0007
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Permeability (g/m ² · day)							0.42	0.047	0.42
(g/100 in ² · day)	0.027	0.017	0.008	0.022	0.019	0.007	0.027	0.003	

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.0064	0.0060	0.0063	0.013	0.015	0.014	0.008	0.009	0.0003
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Table 9-02. Water Vapor Through Honeywell Aclar PCTFE Film

Material Family	POLYCHLOROTRIFLUOROETHYLENE (PCTFE)		
Material Supplier	HONEYWELL ACLAR FILM		
Grade	SupRx	UltRx 2000	UltRx 3000
Reference Number	2014		

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor		
Temperature (°C)	37.8		
Relative Humidity (%)	100		
Test Method	ASTM F1249		

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTIC

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.0225	0.05	0.075
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Permeability (g/m ² ·day)	0.26	0.12	0.077
(g/100 in ² ·day)	0.017	0.008	0.005

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g·mm/m ² ·day)	1.31	0.006	0.0056
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Table 9-03. Water Vapor Through Honeywell Aclar PCTFE Film

Material Family	POLYCHLOROTRIFLUOROETHYLENE (PCTFE)			
Material Supplier/Grade	HONEYWELL ACLAR FILM Cx 130E			
Reference Number	2014			

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor			
Temperature (°C)	25	30	40	37.8
Relative Humidity (%)	60	60	75	100
Test Method	ASTM F1249			

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.0325			
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Permeability (g/m ² · day)	0.078	0.155	0.51	0.78
(g/100 in ² · day)	0.005	0.01	0.033	0.05

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.0025	0.005	0.0166	0.025
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Table 9-04. Oxygen, Carbon Dioxide, and Nitrogen Through Honeywell Aclar PCTFE Film

Material Family	POLYCHLOROTRIFLUOROETHYLENE (PCTFE)							
Material Supplier	HONEYWELL ACLAR							
Grade	33C	22C			22A			
Product Form	FILM							
Features	transparent							
Reference Number	138							

TEST CONDITIONS

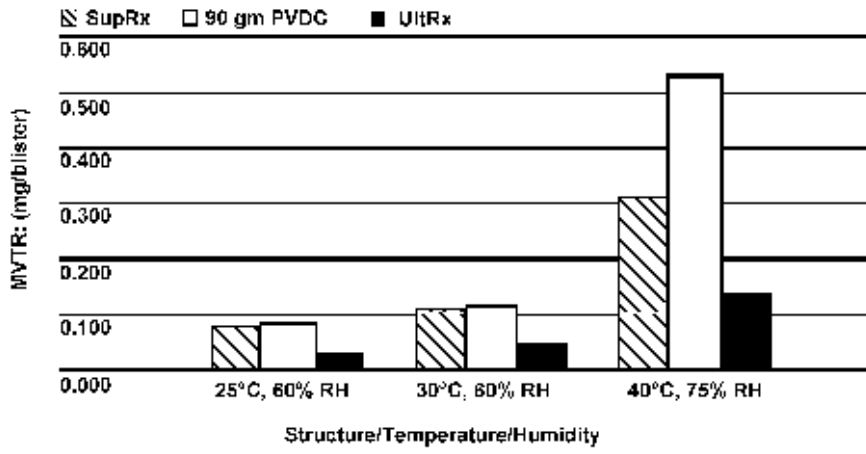
Penetrant	oxygen	carbon dioxide	oxygen	nitrogen	carbon dioxide	oxygen	nitrogen	carbon dioxide
Temperature (°C)	25							
Test Note	STP conditions							

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mil/100 in ² · day)	7	16	15	2.5	40	12	2.5	30
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	2.8	6.3	5.9	1.0	15.7	4.7	1.0	11.8
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Graph 9-01. Effect of temperature on high barrier structures (formed blisters).^[2015]

Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE)

Category: Fluoropolymer

General Description: PTFE is extremely heat resistant and has outstanding chemical resistance.

- *DuPont Teflon PTFE*. Granular powders and aqueous dispersions.
- *Teflon NXT*. Granular powders.^[2016]

Processing Methods:

- *Teflon PTFE*. Compression molding and sintering followed by machining, ram extrusion, isostatic molding, and sintering. Surfaces are coated by applying dispersion and baking.
- *Teflon NXT*. Same as PTFE with the addition of heat welding and thermoforming.^[2016]

- *Dyneon PTFE*. Compression molding, skived film.^[1128]

Applications: Pipe liners, fittings, valves, pumps, and other components used for transferring aggressive, ultrapure fluids.

Permeability to Oxygen and Other Gases: Teflon NXT was developed to provide higher permeation resistance, as well as other property improvements.^[2016]

See *Collected Comparative Barrier Properties of Plastics and Elastomers* for more information.

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 10-01 through 10-10.

Table 10-01. Hydrogen vs. Temperature and Pressure Through DuPont Teflon PTFE

Material Family	POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE (PTFE)								
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT TEFLON								
Reference Number	306								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.03								
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	hydrogen								
Temperature (°C)	-16	25	68	-17	25	67	-18	25	63
Pressure Gradient (kPa)	1724	1724	1724	3447	3447	3447	6895	6895	6895
Test Method	mass spectrometry and calibrated standard gas leaks; developed by McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Company Chemistry Laboratory								

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/cm ² · kPa · sec)	1.7 x 10 ⁻⁹	6.34 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.88 x 10 ⁻⁸	1.63 x 10 ⁻⁹	5.9 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.86 x 10 ⁻⁸	1.59 x 10 ⁻⁹	5.94 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.64 x 10 ⁻⁸
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	149	555	1646	143	516	1628	139	520	1436
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Table 10-02. Nitrogen vs. Temperature and Pressure Through DuPont Teflon PTFE

Material Family	POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE (PTFE)								
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT TEFLON								
Reference Number	306								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.03								
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	nitrogen								
Temperature (°C)	-23	25	71	-25	25	70	-23	25	68
Pressure Gradient (kPa)	1724	1724	1724	3447	3447	3447	6895	6895	6895
Test Method	mass spectrometry and calibrated standard gas leaks; developed by McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Company Chemistry Laboratory								

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/cm ² · kPa · sec)	9.46 x 10 ⁻¹¹	7.87 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	2.9 x 10 ⁻⁹	8.89 x 10 ⁻¹¹	7.88 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	2.89 x 10 ⁻⁹	9.47 x 10 ⁻¹¹	7.84 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	2.87 x 10 ⁻⁹
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	8.3	68.9	254	7.8	69	253	8.3	68.6	251
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Table 10-03. Oxygen and Ammonia vs. Temperature and Pressure Through DuPont Teflon PTFE

Material Family	POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE (PTFE)
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT TEFLON
Reference Number	306

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.03
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	ammonia			oxygen					
Temperature (°C)	-3	25	63	-17	25	51	-17	25	51
Pressure Gradient (kPa)	965	965	965	1724	1724	1724	3447	3447	3447
Test Method	mass spectrometry and calibrated standard gas leaks developed by McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Company Chemistry Laboratory								

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/cm ² · kPa · sec)	4.71 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.73 x 10 ⁻⁹	8.62 x 10 ⁻⁹	5.27 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	2.55 x 10 ⁻⁹	5.38 x 10 ⁻⁹	4.55 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	2.54 x 10 ⁻⁹	5.46 x 10 ⁻⁹

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	41.2	151	755	46.1	223	471	39.8	222	478

Table 10-04. Hydrogen vs. Temperature and Pressure Through Carbon Filled DuPont Teflon PTFE

Material Family	POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE (PTFE)
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT TEFLON
Reference Number	306

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.05
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MATERIAL COMPOSITION

Note	carbon filled
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	hydrogen								
Temperature (°C)	-15	25	68	-11	25	67	-14	25	65
Pressure Gradient (kPa)	1724	1724	1724	3447	3447	3447	6895	6895	6895
Test Method/Test Note	mass spectrometry and calibrated standard gas leaks; developed by McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Company Chemistry Laboratory								

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/cm ² · kPa · sec)	3.95 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.34 x 10 ⁻⁸	3.53 x 10 ⁻⁸	4.51 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.27 x 10 ⁻⁸	3.42 x 10 ⁻⁸	4.17 x 10 ⁻⁹	1.23 x 10 ⁻⁸	3.32 x 10 ⁻⁸
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	346	1173	3090	395	1112	2994	365	1077	2906
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Table 10-05. Nitrogen vs. Temperature and Pressure Through Carbon Filled DuPont Teflon PTFE

Material Family	POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE (PTFE)
Material Supplier/Grade	DUPONT TEFLON
Reference Number	306

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.05
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MATERIAL COMPOSITION

Note	carbon filled
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	nitrogen								
Temperature (°C)	-14	25	68	-17	25	71	-17	25	67
Pressure Gradient (kPa)	1724	1724	1724	3447	3447	3447	6895	6895	6895
Test Method/Test Note	mass spectrometry and calibrated standard gas leaks; developed by McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Company Chemistry Laboratory								

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/cm ² · kPa · sec)	2.5 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.46 x 10 ⁻⁹	5.28 x 10 ⁻⁹	2.34 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.52 x 10 ⁻⁹	5.32 x 10 ⁻⁹	2.34 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.42 x 10 ⁻⁹	4.78 x 10 ⁻⁹
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	21.9	128	462	20.5	133	466	20.5	124	418
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Table 10-06. Comparative Permeation Rates for Teflon NXT and Conventional PTFE^[2016]

Permeant	Specimen Thickness (mm)	Vapor		Liquid		Gas	
		PTFE	Teflon NXT	PTFE	Teflon NXT	PTFE	Teflon NXT
Perchloroethylene	1	5.5	2	13	4	--	--
	2	1.4	0.1	0.019	0.005	--	--
	4	0.08	0.05	0.006	0	--	--
	5	0.055	0.050	--	--	--	--
Hexane	2	3.4	0.2	23.4	0	--	--
	5	0.045	0.015	--	--	--	--
MEK	2	36.3	23.3	49.4	34.2	--	--
	5	22.6	20.8	35.5	25.2	--	--
HCl (20%)	1	0.4	0.1	--	--	--	--
Helium	2	--	--	--	--	93	1
	5	--	--	--	--	0.18	0.12

The above information is intentionally published by DuPont without units. For more information contact DuPont.

Table 10-07. Oxygen, Carbon Dioxide, and Nitrogen Through Dyneon TFM 1700 PTFE

Material Family	POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE (PTFE)								
Material Supplier/Grade	DYNEON TFM 1700								
Reference Number	1128								

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	oxygen	oxygen	oxygen	carbon dioxide	carbon dioxide	carbon dioxide	nitrogen	nitrogen	nitrogen
Temperature (°C)	20	40	80	20	40	80	20	40	80
Test Method	DIN 53380 Part 4.1.2								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.2								
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · 200um/m ² · day · bar)	879	1557	3550	2405	3653	6698	316	637	1676
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	178	316	720	487	740	1358	64	129	340
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Table 10-08. Water Vapor Through Dyneon TFM 1700 PTFE

Material Family	POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE (PTFE)		
Material Supplier/Grade	DYNEON TFM 1700		
Reference Number	1128		

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor		
Temperature (°C)	20	40	80
Test Method	DIN 53122 Part 2		

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTIC

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.2		
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Permeability (g · μm/m ² · day)	0.090	0.348	4.827
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.0045	0.0174	0.241
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Table 10-09. Oxygen, Carbon Dioxide, and Nitrogen Through Dyneon TF 1750 PTFE

Material Family	POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE (PTFE)								
Material Supplier/Grade	DYNEON TF 1750								
Reference Number	1128								

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	oxygen			carbon dioxide			nitrogen		
Temperature (°C)	20	40	80	20	40	80	20	40	80
Test Method	DIN 53380 Part 4.1.2								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.2								
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · 200 μm/m ² · day · bar)	1259	2054	4685	3551	4982	8490	437	814	2086
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	255	416	849	720	1010	1721	89	165	423
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Table 10-10. Water Vapor Through Dyneon TF 1750 PTFE

Material Family	POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE (PTFE)		
Material Supplier/Grade	DYNEON TF 1750		
Reference Number	1128		

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor		
Temperature (°C)	20	40	80
Test Method	DIN 53122 Part 2		

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.2		
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Permeability (g · 200 μ m/m ² · day)	0.085	0.435	6.01
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Permeability (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.0425	0.022	0.30
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Polyvinyl Fluoride (PVF)

Category: Fluoropolymer

General Description: PVF is available only in film form. DuPont Tedlar films are available in clear, translucent, or opaque white film and in several surface finishes.^[2017]

Applications: Release films for epoxies, phenolics, polyesters and rubber compounds. Printed circuit boards, molded parts, resin overflow containment, re-surfacing of rubber laminating and printing rolls.^[2017]

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Table 11-01.

Table 11-01. Water Vapor, Nitrogen, and Carbon Dioxide Through PVF

Material Family	POLYVINYL FLUORIDE (PVF)			
Reference Number	138			

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor	oxygen	nitrogen	carbon dioxide
Temperature (°C)	37.8	25	25	25
Relative Humidity (%)	90			
Test Note	STP conditions			

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mil/100 in ² · day)		3.0	0.25	11
Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)		1.2	0.10	4.3
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mil/100 in ² · day)	3.24			
Vapor Transmission Rate (g/day · 100 in ²)	1.3			

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)		1.2	0.1	4.3
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	1.3			

Polyvinylidene Fluoride (PVDF)

Category: Fluoropolymer

General Description: PVDF is a semicrystalline, engineering polymer containing fluorine. Some grades are melt processible. Atofina Kynar is available as granules or powder.^[1130] Solvay Solef offers homopolymers with high crystallinity and copolymers with high flexibility.^[1131] Ausimont Hylar MP series are homopolymers, having high crystallinity, and Hylar FX and FX H are copolymers.^[1132]

Processing Methods: Extrusion, compression molding, injection molding.

Applications: Coatings, piping for ultrahigh purity water and hot concentrated acids, high purity pharmaceutical grade chemicals, pumps, tubing, and automotive fuel systems.

Permeability: The crystalline content of Kynar provides it with low permeability to gases and fluids.^[1130] Solef has average permeability to small molecules such as carbon dioxide, nitrogen, oxygen, water, and nitrous oxide.^[1133]

See *Collected Comparative Barrier Properties of Plastics and Elastomers* for more information.

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 12-01 through 12-06, and Graphs 12-01 through 12-08.

Table 12-01. Oxygen, Nitrogen, Helium, Carbon Dioxide, Air, and Water Vapor Through Atofina Kynar PVDF

Material Family	POLYVINYLIDENE FLUORIDE (PVDF)					
Material Supplier/Grade	ATOFINA KYNAR					
Reference number	1134					

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	oxygen	nitrogen	helium	carbon dioxide	air	water vapor
Temperature (°C)	23					
Test Method	ASTM D1434				DIN 53122	

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.1					
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ /m ² · day · bar)	20	30	600	100	7	
Vapor Permeability (g/m ² · day · bar)						2

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	1.96	2.94	58.8	9.8	0.69	
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)						0.196

Table 12-02. Ammonia, Helium, Chlorine, and Hydrogen Through Solvay Solef PVDF Film

Material Family	POLYVINYLIDENE FLUORIDE (PVDF)
Material Supplier/Grade	SOLVAY SOLEF
Product Form	FILM
Manufacturing Method	cast film
Reference Number	125

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.1
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	ammonia	helium	chlorine	hydrogen
Temperature (°C)	23			
Test Method	ASTM D1434			

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · N/ m ² · day · bar)	65	850	12	210
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	6.6	86	1.2	21.3
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Table 12-03. Carbon Dioxide, Nitrogen, Oxygen, and Water Vapor Through Solvay Solef 1008 PVDF Film

Material Family	POLYVINYLIDENE FLUORIDE (PVDF)
Material Supplier/Grade	SOLVAY SOLEF 1008
Product Form	FILM
Features	translucent
Reference Number	125

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.1
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	carbon dioxide	nitrogen	oxygen	water vapor
Temperature (°C)	23			38
Test Method	ASTM D1434			ASTM E96, proc. E

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g/m ² · day)				7.5
Gas Permeability (cm ³ · N/ m ² · day · bar)	70	30	21	

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	7.09	3.04	2.13	
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)				0.75

Table 12-04. Freon, Nitrous Oxide, Hydrogen Sulfide, and Sulfur Dioxide Through Solvay Solef PVDF Film

Material Family	POLYVINYLIDENE FLUORIDE (PVDF)
Material Supplier/Grade	SOLVAY SOLEF
Product Form	FILM
Manufacturing Method	cast film
Reference Number	125

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.025
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	Freon 12	Freon 114	Freon 115	Freon 318	nitrous oxide	hydrogen sulfide	sulfur dioxide
Temperature (°C)	23						
Test Method	ASTM D1434						

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · N/ m ² · day · bar)	6.3	10	4	7	900	60	60
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	0.16	0.25	0.1	0.18	22.8	1.52	1.52
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Table 12-05. Water Vapor, Oxygen, Nitrogen, and Carbon Dioxide Through PVDF

Material Family	POLYVINYLIDENE FLUORIDE (PVDF)			
Reference Number	138			

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor	oxygen	nitrogen	carbon dioxide
Temperature (°C)	23	25		
Relative Humidity (%)	90			
Test Note	STP conditions			

PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mil/100 in ² · day)		1.4	9	5.5
Gas Permeability (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)		0.55	3.5	2.2
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mil/100 in ² · day)	2.6			
Vapor Transmission Rate (g/day · 100 in ²)	1.0			

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)		0.55	3.5	2.2
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	1.0			

Table 12-06. Water Vapor, Oxygen, and Carbon Dioxide Through Atochem Foraflon PVDF Film

Material Family	POLYVINYLIDENE FLUORIDE (PVDF)				
Material Supplier/Grade	ATOCHEM FORAFILON				
Product Form	EXTRUDED FILM				
Reference Number	89				

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.02	0.028	0.04	0.037	0.034
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor		oxygen	carbon dioxide
Temperature (°C)	38		30	
Test Method	NFH 00044		ISO 2556	

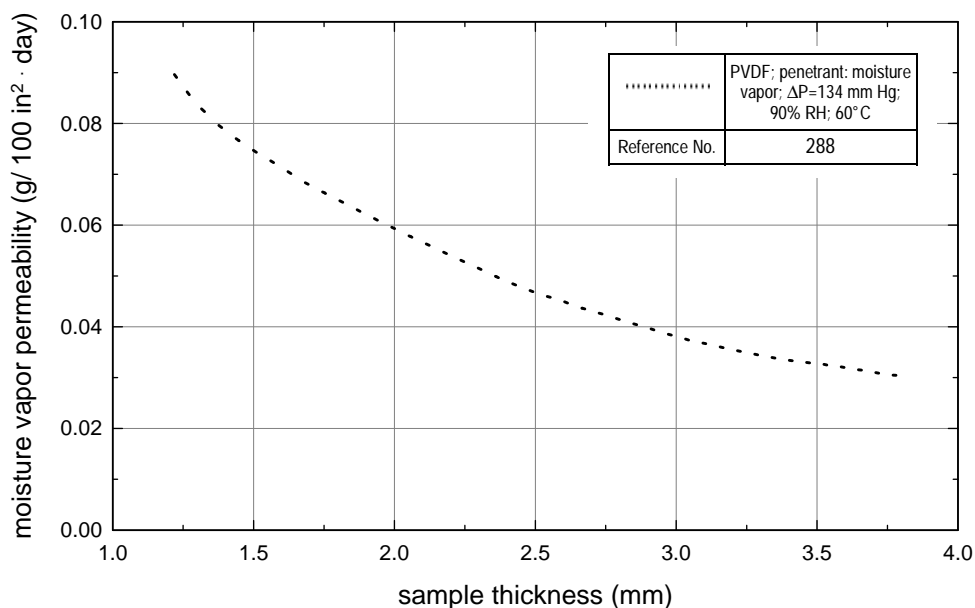
PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g/m ² · day)	34	22	16	
Gas Permeability (cm ³ /m ² · day)				140
				890

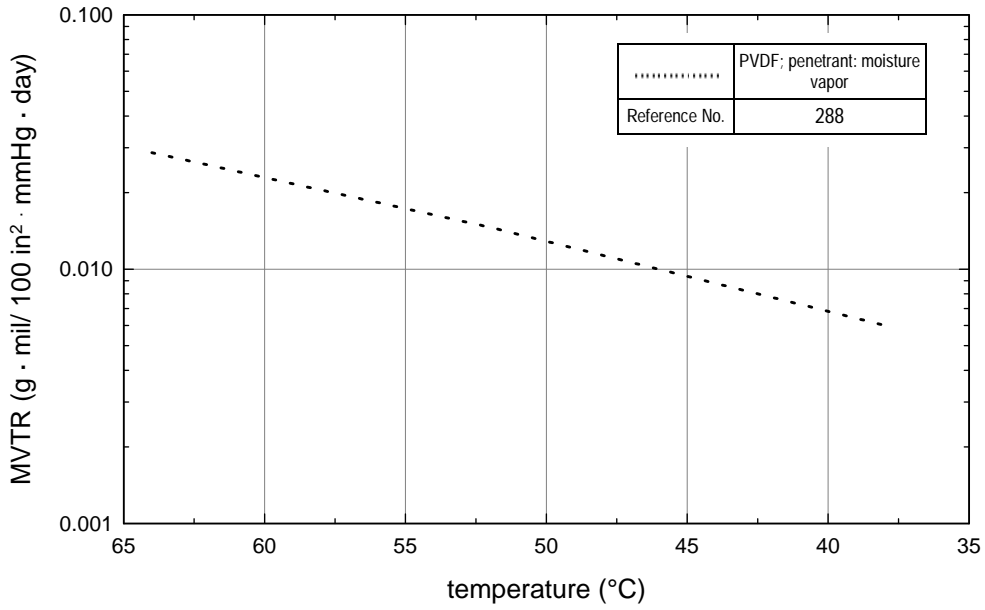
PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)				5.18	30.26
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.68	0.62	0.64		

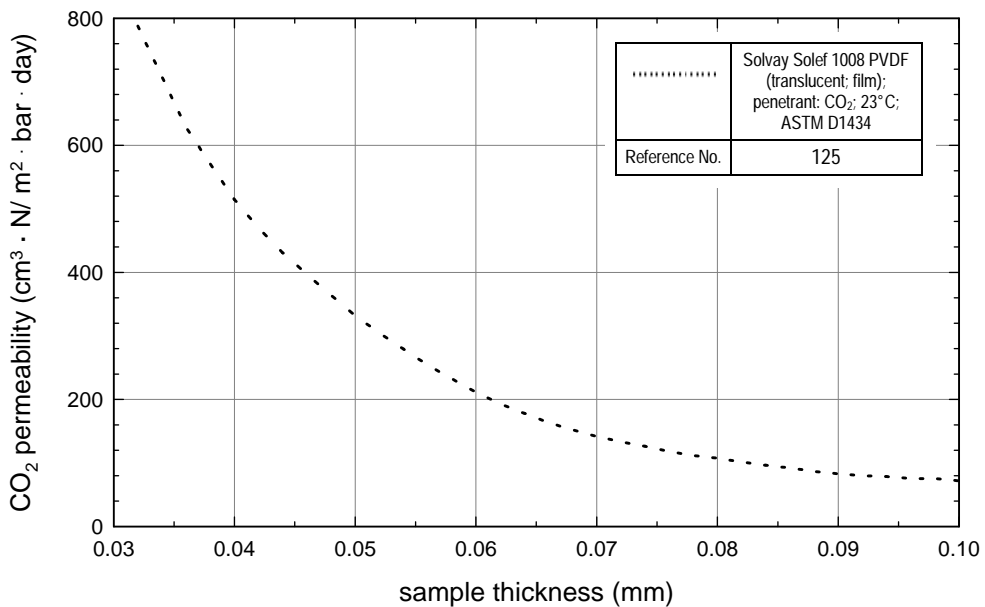
Graph 12-01. Moisture vapor vs. thickness through PVDF.



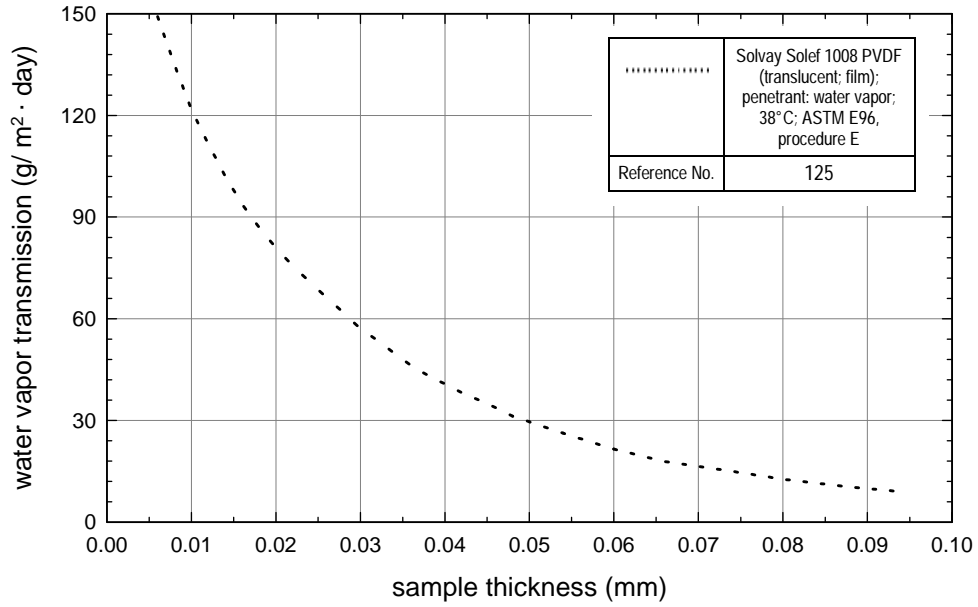
Graph 12-02. Moisture vapor vs. temperature through PVDF.



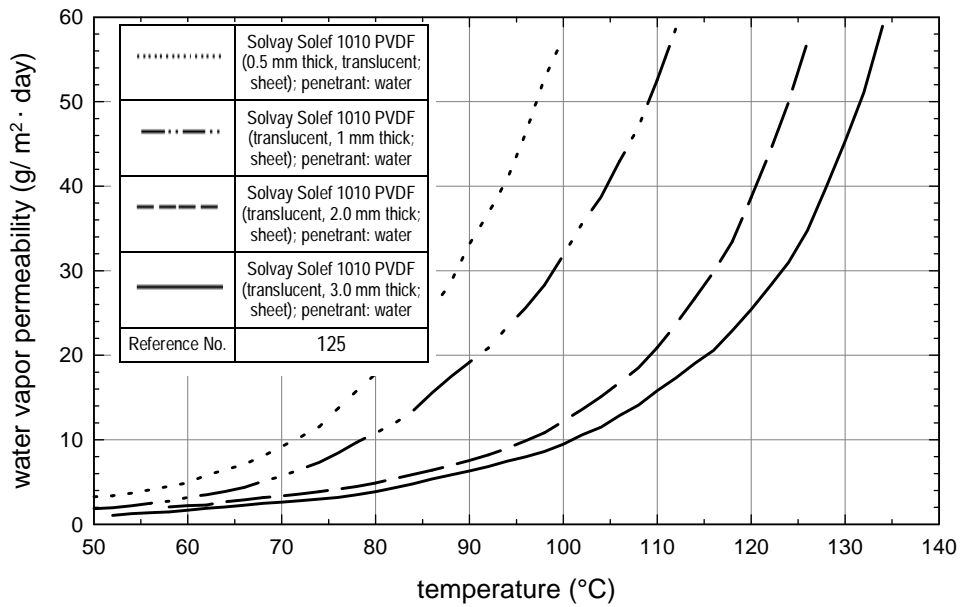
Graph 12-03. Carbon dioxide vs. thickness through PVDF.



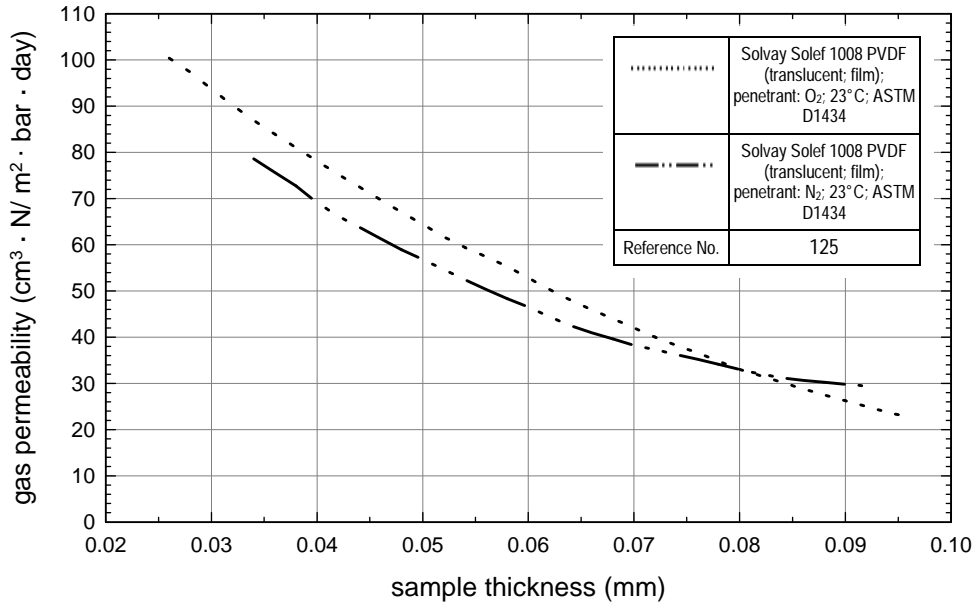
Graph 12-04. Water vapor vs. thickness through PVDF.



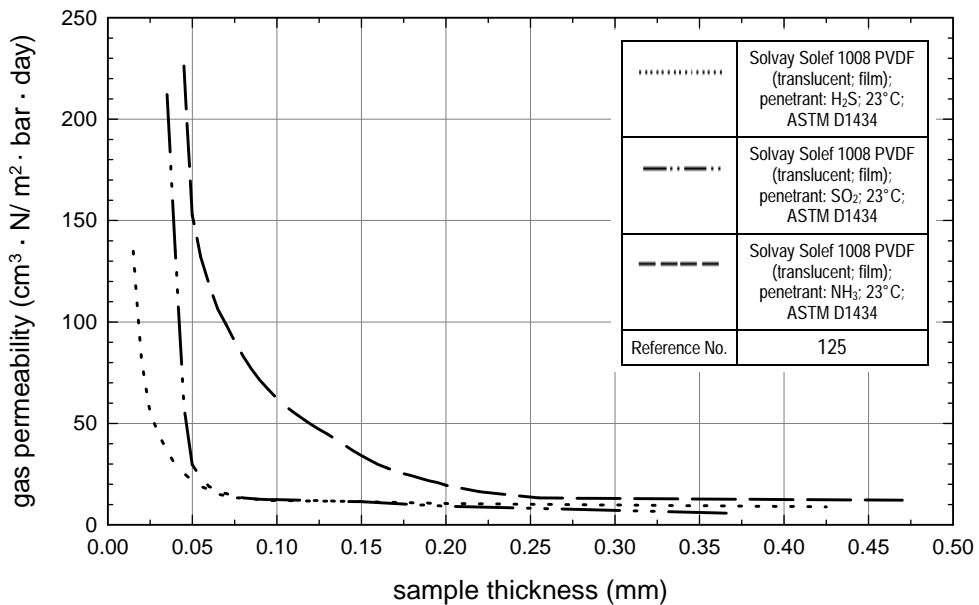
Graph 12-05. Water vapor vs. temperature through PVDF.



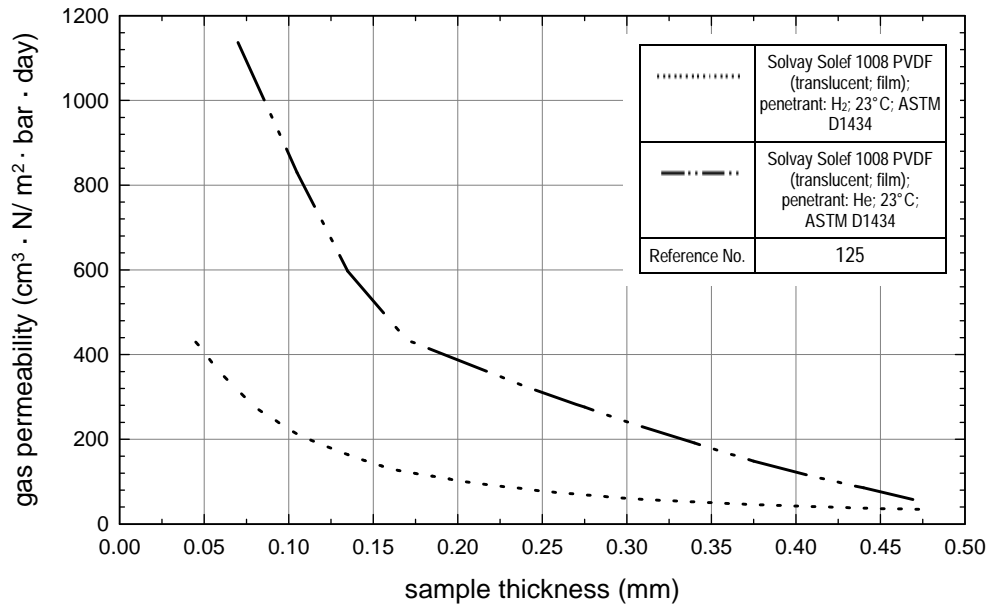
Graph 12-06. Nitrogen and oxygen vs. thickness through PVDF.



Graph 12-07. Gas permeability vs. thickness through PVDF.



Graph 12-08. Helium and hydrogen vs. thickness through PVDF.



Hexafluoropropylene, Tetrafluoroethylene, Ethylene (HTE)

Category: Fluoropolymer

Applications: Pipe, tube, film, sheet, tank lining.

General Description: HTE is a terpolymer of hexafluoropropylene, tetrafluoroethylene, and ethylene.^[1128]

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 13-01 through 13-02.

Processing Methods: Extrusion, co-extrusion, injection molding, blow molding, film laminating and coating.

Table 13-01. Oxygen, Carbon Dioxide, and Nitrogen Through Dyneon 1700 HTE

Material Family	HEXAFLUOROPROPYLENE, TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE, ETHYLENE (HTE)								
Material Supplier/Grade	DYNEON 1700								
Reference Number	1128								

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	oxygen			carbon dioxide			nitrogen		
Temperature (°C)	20	40	80	20	40	80	20	40	80
Test Method	DIN 53380 Part 4.1.2								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.1								
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · 100 μm/m ² · day · bar)	801	1540	6990	4270	7400	35900	194	453	2920
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	81	156	708	433	750	3637	20	46	296
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Table 13-02. Water Vapor Through Dyneon 1700 HTE

Material Family	HEXAFLUOROPROPYLENE, TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE, ETHYLENE (HTE)		
Material Supplier/Grade	DYNEON 1700		
Reference Number	1128		

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor		
Temperature (°C)	20	40	80
Test Method	DIN 53122 Part 2		

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.2		
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Permeability (g · 100µm/m ² · day)	1.17	2.56	36.8
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.117	0.256	3.68
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Tetrafluoroethylene, Hexafluoropropylene, Vinylidene Fluoride Terpolymer (THV)

Category: Fluoropolymer

General Description: Dyneon THV is a polymer of tetrafluoroethylene, hexafluoropropylene, and vinylidene fluoride. Advantages include low processing temperature, ability to bond to elastomers and hydrocarbon-based plastics, flexibility, and optical clarity. These combined advantages create new opportunities to make multilayer hoses, tubing, film, sheet, seals, and containers.

Processing Methods: Extrusion, co-extrusion, injection molding, blow molding, film laminating and coating.

Applications: Multilayer hoses, tubing, film, sheet, seals, and containers. These products are used in a variety of markets and applications such as automotive (low-permeation fuel systems), chemical processing industry, semiconductor, solar energy, polymer optical fiber and architectural and protective coatings.^[1128]

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 14-01 through 14-02.

Table 14-01. Oxygen, Carbon Dioxide and Nitrogen Through Dyneon 500 THV

Material Family	TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE, HEXAFLUOROPROPYLENE, VINYLIDENE FLUORIDE TERPOLYMER (THV)								
Material Supplier/Grade	DYNEON 500								
Reference	1128								

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	oxygen			carbon dioxide			nitrogen		
Temperature (°C)	20	40	80	20	40	80	20	40	80
Test Method	DIN 53380 Part 4.1.2								

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.1								
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ · 100 μm/m ² · day · bar)	696	1930	13100	2060	5680	29800	217	675	5280
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	71	196	1327	209	575	3019	22	68	535
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Table 14-02. Water Vapor Through Dyneon 500 THV

Material Family	TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE, HEXAFLUOROPROPYLENE, VINYLIDENE FLUORIDE TERPOLYMER (THV)		
Material Supplier/Grade	DYNEON 500		
Reference Number	1128		

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor		
Temperature (°C)	20	40	80
Test Method	DIN 53122 Part 2		

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Sample Thickness (mm)	0.1		
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Permeability (g · 100 μm/m ² · day)	1.73	7.38	137
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.173	0.738	13.7
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Category: Ethylene Acid Copolymer

General Description: DuPont Surlyn ionomer resins are crystal clear and are used alone or in combination with other resins.

Processing Methods: Injection molding, extrusion, foaming, thermoformed or used as powder-coating or resin modifier.

Applications: Packaging films and sealants, glass coatings, and abrasion resistant surfaces.

Permeability: Although Surlyn resins do not possess high gas barrier properties, they can improve the barrier properties of structures containing foil or PVDC. In structures of paper/PVDC/Surlyn, the ionomer reduces the number of pinholes in the extremely thin foil used in flexible packaging. In the case of foil structures, Surlyn again reduces the number of pinholes which appear in the brittle PVDC layer when flexed.^[279]

Surlyn also improves the barrier of flexible structures against aggressive products and chemicals such as alcohols, sauces, toothpaste, grease, and fruit juices. Each aggressive product should be tested individually at normal exposure conditions. For example, a very aggressive chili pepper/oil mixture could not be packaged in a composite of foil/Surlyn but instead contained in a co-extrusion of nylon/Surlyn.^[279]

Surlyn improves the barrier performance of a companion thin PVDC layer by providing the same flex protection as with foil and by improving forming in vacuum packaging systems. For processed meat and natural cheese, a forming web of nylon/Surlyn is generally sufficient and replaces nylon/PE.^[279]

Permeability Data by Material Supplier Trade Name: See Tables 15-01 through 15-03.

Table 15-01. Oxygen Through DuPont Surlyn Zinc Ion Type Ionomer Film

Material Family	IONOMER						
Material Supplier/Trade Name	DUPONT SURLYN						
Grade	1650	1652	1702	1705	F1706	F1801	F1855
Manufacturing Method	blown film						
Reference Number	280						

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Density (g/cm ³)	0.950	0.94	0.94	0.950	0.960	0.960	0.960
Melt Flow Index (g/10 min)	1.6	5.0	14.0	5.5	0.7	1.0	1.0
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.051						
Ion Type	zinc						

TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	oxygen
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Gas Permeability (cm ³ /100 in ² · day · atm)	220	180	175	170	185	215	295
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)	174	142	138	134	146	170	233
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Table 15-02. Water Vapor and Oxygen Through DuPont Surlyn Sodium Ion Type Ionomer Film

Material Family	IONOMER									
Material Supplier/Trade Name	DUPONT SURLYN									
Grade	1601	1603	F1605	1707	F1856	1601	1603	F1605	1707	F1856
Manufacturing Method	blown film									
Reference Number	280									

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Density (g/cm ³)	0.94	0.94	0.950	0.950	0.950	0.94	0.94	0.950	0.950	0.950
Melt Flow Index (g/10 min)	1.3	1.7	2.8	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.7	2.8	0.9	1.0
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.051									

MATERIAL COMPOSITION

Ion Type	sodium									
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor					oxygen				
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g/day · 100 in ²)	0.8	0.65	0.8	0.8	1.2					
Gas Permeability (cm ³ /100 in ² · day · atm)						265	190	200	165	290

PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Permeability Coefficient (cm ³ · mm/m ² · day · atm)						209	150	158	130	229
Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.63	0.51	0.63	0.63	0.95					

Table 15-03. Water Vapor Through DuPont Surlyn Zinc Ion Type Ionomer Film

Material Family	IONOMER						
Material Supplier/ Trade Name	DUPONT SURLYN						
Grade	1650	1652	1702	1705	F1706	F1801	F1855
Manufacturing Method	blown film						
Reference Number	280						

MATERIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Density (g/cm ³)	0.950	0.94	0.94	0.950	0.960	0.960	0.960
Melt Flow Index (g/10 min)	1.6	5.0	14.0	5.5	0.7	1.0	1.0
Sample Thickness (mm)	0.051						

MATERIAL COMPOSITION

Ion Type	zinc						
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TEST CONDITIONS

Penetrant	water vapor						
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PERMEABILITY (source document units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g/day · 100 in ²)	0.75	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0
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PERMEABILITY (normalized units)

Vapor Transmission Rate (g · mm/m ² · day)	0.59	0.47	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.79
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