

Chemical Compatibility Chart

(From the UMass Amherst Chemical Hygiene Plan, Pages 50 through 52)

Below is a chart adapted from the CRC Laboratory Handbook, which groups various chemicals into twenty three major groups. The chart includes examples of the materials within a group and the incompatible chemical groups. Use this chart only as a general guide. The chart is not meant to be all-inclusive, but it can be helpful when making chemical storage decisions.

Group	Name	Example	Incompatible Groups
Group 1	Inorganic Acids	Hydrochloric acid Hydrofluoric acid Hydrogen chloride Hydrogen fluoride Nitric acid Sulfuric acid Phosphoric acid	2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,13,14, 16,17,18,19,21,22,23
Group 2	Organic acids	Acetic acid Butyric acid Formic acid Propionic acid	1,3,4,7,14,16,17,18,19, 22
Group 3	Caustics	Sodium hydroxide Ammonium hydroxide solution	1,2,6,7,8,13,14,15,16, 17,18,20,23
Group 4	Amines and Alkanolamines	Aminoethylethanolamine Aniline Diethanolamine Diethylamine Dimethylamine Ethylenediamine 2-Methyl-5-ethylpyridine Monoethanolamine Pyridine Triethanolamine Triethylamine Triethylenetetramine	1,2,5,7,8,13,14,15,16, 17,18,23
Group 5	Halogenated Compounds	Allyl chloride Carbon tetrachloride Chlorobenzene Chloroform Methylene chloride Monochlorodifluoromethane 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene 1,1,1-Trichloroethane Trichloroethylene Trichlorofluoromethane	1,3,4,11,14,17

Group 6	Alcohols Glycols Glycol Ether	1,4-Butanediol Butanol (iso, n, sec, tert) Diethylene glycol Ethyl alcohol Ethyl butanol Ethylene glycol Furfuryl alcohol Isoamyl alcohol Methyl alcohol Methylamyl alcohol Propylene glycol	1,7,14,16,20,23
Group 7	Aldehydes Acetaldehyde	Acrolein Butyraldehyde Crotonaldehyde Formaldehyde Furfural Paraformaldehyde Propionaldehyde	1,2,3,4,6,8,15,16,17,19,20,23
Group 8	Ketones	Acetone Acetophenone Diisobutyl ketone Methyl ethyl ketone	1,3,4,7,19,20
Group 9	Saturated Hydrocarbons	Butane Cyclohexane Ethane Heptane Paraffins Paraffin wax Pentane Petroleum ether	20
Group 10	Aromatic Hydrocarbons	Benzene Cumene Ethyl benzene Naphtha Naphthalene Toluene Xylene	1,20
Group 11	Olefins	Butylene 1- Decene 1-Dodecene Ethylene Turpentine	1,5,20
Group 12	Petroleum Oils	Gasoline Mineral Oil	20
Group 13	Esters	Amyl acetate Butyl acetates Castor oil Dimethyl sulfate Ethyl acetate	1,3,4,19,20
Group 14	Monomers Polymerizable Esters	Acrylic acid Acrylonitrile Butadiene Acrylates	1,2,3,4,5,6,15,16,19,20,21,23

Group 15	Phenols	Carbolic acid Cresote Cresols Phenol	3,4,7,14,16,19,20
Group 16	Alkylene Oxides	Ethylene oxide Propylene oxide	1,2,3,4,6,7,14,15,17,18,19,23
Group 17	Cyanohydrins	Acetone cyanohydrin Ethylene cyanohydrin	1,2,3,4,5,7,16,19,23
Group 18	Nitriles	Acetonitrile Adiponitrile	1,2,3,4,16,23
Group 19	Ammonia	Ammonium Hydroxide Ammonium Gas	1,2,7,8,13,14,15,16,17,20,23
Group 20	Halogens	Chlorine Fluorine	3,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,19,21,22
Group 21	Ethers	Diethyl Ether THF	1,14,20
Group 22	Phosphorus	Phosphorus, Elemental	1,2,3,20
Group 23	Acid Anhydrides	Acetic anhydride Propionic anhydride	1,3,4,6,7,14,16,17,18,19