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PROPERTIES OF POLYPROPYLENE

Physical

Plastics Used
Optical Properties
Physical Properties

Autoclavable
Temperature Range

Polypropylene
Clear to opaque
Rigid, high tensile strength, resistant to stress fracture, flexible in thin sections
Yes
-196°C to +135°C

Sterilization

All of BioPointe Scientific polypropylene lab products, including Filter Tips, may be sterilized in an autoclave. While a shorter steam exposure cycle is often preferable, the typical autoclave cycle for plastic consumable products is 121°C/250°F, for 15 minutes, at 15psi/1atm. After steam exposure is complete, use only an air drying cycle. Do not use a heated drying cycle, as this may cause deformation or weakening of any plastic products.

BioPointe Scientific also offers many products that have been pre-sterilized by gamma irradiation. All of these sterile products are packaged in hermetically-sealed (vacuum-packed) nylon pouches to totally protect the contents from contamination until they are opened and ready for use. It is therefore guaranteed that BioPointe Scientific products will remain sterile for at least 3 years. Visual display of their sterility is indicated by small round color-changing labels placed on all inner cartons and on outer shipping cases. The sterilization information can be cross-referenced by the four digit number on the Lot Number labels which are placed on every carton and case.

Rating:

- E** Excellent (no attack)
- G** Good (no significant attack)
- A** Acceptable (light attack, limited use)
- U** Unacceptable (significant attack)

Chemical

Acids	Rating*			Rating*	
	20°C	60°C		20°C	60°C
Benzoic acid	G	G	Basic salt	E	E
Boric acid	E	E	Neutral salt	E	E
Hydrobromic acid 25 %	G	A	Potassium bicarbonate	E	G
Citric acid	E	E	Potassium permanganate	E	G
Hydrocyanic acid	G	G	Sodium cyanide	E	E
Hydrofluoric acid	G	G	Sodium ferricyanide	E	G
Phosphoric acid 25 %	E	E	Sodium hypochlorite	G	A
Phosphoric acid 85 %	E	E	Organic Solvents		
Phthalic acid	E	E	Acetone	A	U
Tannic acid	E	E	Acetaldehyde	G	A
Chromic acid	E	G	Aniline	E	E
Maleic acid	E	E	Benzol	A	U
Oleic acid	G	A	Petrol	U	U
Oxalic acid	E	E	Butyl alcohol	E	E
Nitric acid 5 %	G	A	Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)	E	E
Nitric acid 65 %	U	U	Ethyl acetate	G	U
Chlorhydric acid 10 %	E	E	Ethyl alcohol	E	E
Chlorhydric acid 37 %	G	A	Ethyl dichloride	A	U
Butyric acid	E	E	Ethyl ether	U	U
Sulphuric acid 10 %	E	E	Phenol	G	G
Sulphuric acid 78 %	G	U	Formalin 37%	E	G
Sulphuric acid 93 %	A	U	Heptanes	A	U
Tartaric acid	E	E	Chlorobenzene	A	U
Acetic acid 50 %	E	E	Chloroform	U	U
Acetic acid 100 %	G	A	Carbon disulphide	U	U
Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) 20%	A	U	Carbon tetrachloride	U	U
Perchloric acid	E	G	Kerosene	G	A
Bases			Methyl alcohol	E	E
Aqua ammonia	E	E	Methylene (di)chloride	U	U
Calcium hydroxide	E	E	Methyl ethyl ketone	A	U
Potassium hydroxide	E	E	Nitrobenzene	A	U
Caustic soda	E	E	Toluene	A	U
Acid salt	E	E	Trichlorethylene	U	U

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