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| Acetaldehyde            | -  | -    | D   | A   | A   | D   | Diethyl Sebacate             | D  | D    | C   | C   | C   | D   |
| Acetic Acid Gas at 70°C | C  | -    | D   | B   | B   | D   | Diocetyl Phthalate           | D  | D    | B   | C   | A   | D   |
| Acetic Acid Glacial     | D  | -    | D   | A   | A   | D   | Dioxane                      | D  | A    | D   | A   | D   | D   |
| Acetic Acid Diluted     | B  | A    | D   | A   | A   | D   | Dipentene                    | C  | D    | A   | D   | C   | B   |
| Acetone                 | D  | A    | D   | A   | C   | D   | Diphenyl                     | C  | D    | C   | D   | C   | D   |
| Acetylene               | D  | A    | A   | A   | B   | A   | Epichlorohydrin              | -  | B    | D   | -   | -   | D   |
| Acrylonitrile           | D  | D    | D   | B   | B   | D   | Ethylene                     | -  | -    | A   | -   | -   |     |
| Air                     | A  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   | Ethylacetate                 | D  | B    | D   | A   | D   | D   |
| Air at 180°C            | D  | D    | A   | D   | A   | D   | Ethyl Alcohol                | A  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Air With Oil Mist       | A  | D    | A   | D   | A   | A   | Ethyl Benzene                | C  | D    | B   | D   | D   | D   |
| Ammonia                 | D  | A    | D   | A   | D   | B   | Ethylene Oxide at -20°C      | D  | A    | D   | B   | C   | D   |
| Ammonium Hydroxide      | D  | A    | B   | A   | B   | B   | Ethylene Glycol              | D  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Aniline                 | D  | D    | A   | B   | B   | D   | Fatty Acids                  | A  | D    | A   | D   | B   | B   |
| Asphalt                 | C  | D    | A   | D   | B   | D   | Ferric Chloride              | C  | A    | A   | A   | C   | A   |
| Beer                    | A  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   | Ferric Sulphate              | C  | A    | A   | A   | B   | A   |
| Benzene/Benzol          | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | D   | Fluorine (Gas)               | D  | D    | A   | C   | D   | D   |
| Benzaldehyde            | C  | B    | C   | B   | B   | D   | Fluorobenzene                | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | D   |
| Blast Furnace Gas       | C  | C    | A   | C   | A   | B   | Formaldehyde                 | D  | A    | A   | A   | C   | A   |
| Brake Fluid veg.        | D  | A    | D   | A   | C   | D   | Formic Acid                  | D  | B    | D   | B   | C   | D   |
| Bromine Water           | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | D   | Freon 11                     | B  | B    | B   | D   | C   | B   |
| Bunker Oil              | C  | D    | A   | D   | B   | A   | Freon 12                     | A  | -    | A   | A   | D   | B   |
| Butane                  | B  | D    | A   | D   | D   | A   | Freon 21                     | C  | D    | D   | C   | D   | D   |
| Calcium Hydroxide       | D  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   | Freon 22                     | D  | D    | D   | A   | D   | D   |
| Calcium Hypochlorite    | D  | A    | A   | C   | C   | A   | Freon 113                    | A  | D    | B   | D   | C   | B   |
| Carbolic Acid (phenol)  | D  | D    | B   | C   | D   | D   | Freon 114                    | C  | -    | B   | A   | C   | A   |
| Carbon Bisulphide       | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | D   | Furan                        | D  | C    | D   | C   | C   | D   |
| Carbon Dioxide          | D  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   | Furfural                     | D  | D    | D   | C   | B   | D   |
| Carbon Monoxide at 70°C | C  | A    | B   | A   | A   | B   | Gasoline U.S. spec           | B  | D    | A   | D   | D   | B   |
| Castor Oil              | B  | B    | C   | B   | A   | D   | Glucose                      | D  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Chlorine                | C  | A    | B   | C   | D   | D   | Glycerine                    | D  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Chlorinated Solvents    | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | D   | Glycols                      | D  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Copper Sulphate         | D  | A    | A   | A   | C   | A   | Hexane                       | A  | D    | A   | D   | B   | A   |
| Cotton Seed Oil         | A  | D    | A   | D   | C   | A   | Hydrazine                    | B  | A    | A   | A   | D   | B   |
| Creosote                | C  | D    | A   | D   | D   | D   | Hydrochloric Acid diluted    | D  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Cyclohexane             | A  | D    | A   | D   | D   | D   | Hydrochloric Acid (dil) 70°C | D  | A    | A   | A   | D   | D   |
| Diacetone Alcohol       | C  | A    | C   | A   | C   | D   | Hydrochloric Acid conc.      | D  | B    | B   | A   | B   | A   |
| Dibutyl Phthalate       | A  | C    | B   | C   | A   | D   | Hydrogen                     | A  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Dichlorobenzene         | C  | D    | A   | D   | D   | D   | Hydrogen Peroxide            | D  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Diethylene Glycol       | A  | A    | A   | A   | B   | A   | Linseed Oil                  | B  | D    | A   | A   | D   | A   |
| Diethyl Ether           | D  | B    | D   | B   | D   | D   | Lubricating Oil              | B  | D    | A   | D   | B   | A   |

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| Mercuric Chloride         | D  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   | Sewage                  | C  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Mercury                   | A  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   | Silicone Oils & Greases | A  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Methyl Chloride           | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | C   | Silver Nitrate          | D  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Methyl Ethyl Ketone       | D  | B    | D   | B   | A   | D   | Soap Solution           | A  | A    | A   | A   | C   | A   |
| Methylene Dichloride      | D  | D    | B   | D   | D   | D   | Sodium Salts            | D  | A    | A   | A   | C   | A   |
| Milk                      | A  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   | Steam below 120°C       | D  | A    | B   | A   | A   | D   |
| Mineral Oil               | A  | D    | A   | D   | A   | A   | Steam above 120°C       | D  | A    | B   | B   | B   | D   |
| Naphtha                   | C  | D    | A   | D   | C   | B   | Stearic Acid            | C  | B    | A   | B   | C   | A   |
| Naphthalene               | B  | D    | A   | D   | C   | D   | Styrene                 | D  | D    | B   | D   | D   | D   |
| Natural Gas               | A  | B    | A   | D   | B   | A   | Sulphur Chloride        | D  | D    | D   | D   | D   | D   |
| Nitric Acid concentrated  | D  | D    | B   | D   | D   | D   | Sulphur Dioxide dry     | D  | A    | A   | A   | D   | D   |
| Nitric Acid diluted       | D  | B    | A   | B   | B   | C   | Sulphur Acid diluted    | D  | A    | A   | A   | A   | D   |
| Nitro Benzene             | D  | D    | B   | C   | C   | D   | Sulphuric Acid conc.    | D  | B    | A   | B   | D   | D   |
| Nitro Propane             | D  | B    | D   | B   | C   | D   | Sulphuric Acid Fuming   | D  | D    | B   | D   | D   | D   |
| Nitrogen                  | A  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   | Tar                     | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | D   |
| Oleic Acid                | D  | D    | A   | D   | B   | A   | Terpinol                | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | B   |
| Oxygen at -40°C           | B  | A    | A   | B   | A   | B   | Toluene                 | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | D   |
| Oxygen at 200°C           | C  | B    | B   | D   | A   | D   | Transformer Oil         | C  | D    | A   | D   | D   | B   |
| Ozone                     | C  | B    | B   | B   | A   | D   | Trichlorethylene triad  | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | D   |
| Palmitic Acid             | D  | C    | A   | C   | D   | A   | Turpentine              | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | A   |
| Paraffin                  | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | A   | Vaseline                | D  | B    | A   | D   | D   | A   |
| Petroleum Oils            | A  | D    | A   | D   | B   | A   | Vegetable Oil           | B  | C    | A   | B   | D   | B   |
| Phenol                    | D  | D    | B   | D   | D   | D   | Vinegar                 | C  | A    | D   | A   | D   | D   |
| Phenyl Benzene            | D  | C    | A   | D   | D   | D   | Wines & Spirits         | D  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |
| Phenyl Ethyl Ether        | D  | C    | D   | D   | D   | D   | Xylene                  | D  | D    | A   | D   | D   | D   |
| Phenyl Hydrazine          | D  | D    | A   | C   | D   | D   | Zinc Salts              | D  | A    | A   | A   | D   | A   |
| Phorone                   | -  | -    | -   | A   | A   | D   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Phosphoric Acid 45%       | D  | A    | A   | A   | D   | B   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Phosphoric Acid 45%170°C  | D  | A    | A   | A   | D   | B   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Picric Acid diluted       | D  | A    | A   | A   | D   | A   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Piperdine                 | D  | C    | D   | C   | D   | D   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Plating Solution (Chrome) | D  | -    | C   | -   | C   | D   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Plating Solution (Others) | C  | -    | A   | A   | C   | A   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Potassium Hydroxide       | D  | A    | A   | A   | D   | B   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Producer Gas              | C  | A    | A   | A   | A   | A   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Propane Gas               | B  | D    | A   | D   | C   | A   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Propylene                 | -  | -    | A   | D   | -   | B   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Pyridine                  | D  | B    | D   | B   | D   | D   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Pyrrrole                  | -  | C    | -   | D   | -   | D   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |
| Sal-Ammoniac              | C  | A    | -   | A   | B   | A   |                         |    |      |     |     |     |     |

## Seal Selection Materials - Plastic Faced Seals

The following tables are designed as a guide to the correct selection of the sealing element and energiser materials for your particular application. The sealing element is dynamic making it's mechanical properties the priority in selection. More detailed capabilities relevant to individual seal types are given within the catalogue.

The static energisers are rubber based compounds therefore fluid compatibility and temperature range are the main criteria for selection.

### Materials For Sealing Element

| Material suffix | Description                | Colour    | Material Properties & Application   |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------|---|
| B               | Bronze PTFE with additives | Brown     | <b>Very high mechanical duties.</b><br><b>Good compressive strength for oil hydraulics.</b><br><b>(Standard Material for styles CS5, 841, 851, CS6, 751 &amp; 741)</b>  |
| C               | Carbon PTFE                | Black     | <b>Medium Mechanical duties.</b><br><b>Generally for pneumatic applications and water based fluids (Not Seawater). For soft mating surfaces and unlubricated conditions.</b>  |
| G               | Glass PTFE                 | Black     | <b>High mechanical duties.</b><br><b>For water and oil hydraulics, pneumatics and unlubricated applications.</b>  |
| V               | Virgin PTFE                | White     | <b>Light mechanical duties.</b><br><b>For anti-extrusion rings and pressure seals. Low friction and almost totaly inert. Suitable for food and potable water applications. (NWC approved)</b><br><b>Standard material for anti-extrusion rings, CS1, CS2, CS4</b> |
| VM              | Modified PTFE              | Blue      | <b>Medium mechanical duties.</b><br><b>Much lower wear rate than Virgin PTFE.</b><br><b>Very good chemical resistance</b><br><b>Standard material for styles 931, 941, 951</b>  |
| UH              | UHMWPE                     | Off White | <b>Medium mechanical duties.</b><br><b>For water and oil hydraulics, pneumatics, and unlubricated applications. Lower temperature and speed range than PTFE but very good abrasion resistance. Suitable for soft mating surfaces.</b>                             |

### Materials For Energiser

| Compound                        | Temp Range (Intermittant) °C | Recommended For  | NOT Recommended For   |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| NBR Nitrile (Standard Material) | -40 to +120                  | Petroleum based oils and fluids, cold water, Silicone greases and oils, ethylene glycol based fluids, Di-ester based lubricants. | Automotive brake fluid, Phosphate ester fluids.             |
| EPM, EPDM Ethylene Propylene    | -50 to +150                  | Phosphate ester based fluids, Automotive brake fluid, Water, Steam.  | Petroleum based oils and fluids, Di-ester based lubricants. |
| IIR Butyl                       | -40 to +150                  | Phosphate ester fluids, Silicone greases and fluids.   | Petroleum based oils and fluids, Di-ester based lubricants. |
| FKM Fluorocarbon                | -50 to +200                  | Petroleum oils, Di-ester based lubricants, Silicate ester lubricants, Silicone greases & fluids, Certain phosphate ester fluids. | Skydrol Fluids, Low molecular weight esters & ethers.       |
| Si Silicone                     | -90 to +240                  | High analine point oils, Chlorinated di-phenyls, Dry heat.   | Most petroleum based fluids, Water and steam.               |

**Note: If Energiser Materials Other Than Nitrile Are Required, Consult CLARON For Part Number.**

#### Storage:

Deterioration of rubber products will be minimised if stored in accordance with BS 3574:1989  
P.T.F.E. is regarded as having no restrictions in terms of shelf life.

## Compound Suitability For Hydraulic Fluids

| DIN Class | ISO Class | Type                          | Description   | Continuous Operating Temp. °C with Seal Materials |     |     |      |     |      |     |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|---|---|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
|           |           |                               |   | NBR   | FKM | AU  | EPDM | POM | PTFE | PA  |
| H         | HH        | Mineral Fluid                 | Mineral Oil without additives                                 | 100   | 150 | 100 | NS   | 100 | 200  | 120 |
| H-L       | HL        |                               | Mineral Fluid with anti-corrosion and anti-ageing additives   | 100   | 150 | 100 | NS   | 100 | 200  | 120 |
| H-LP      | HM        |                               | As HL plus additives reducing wear, and raising load capacity | 100   | 150 | 100 | NS   | 100 | 200  | 120 |
| H-LPD     | -         |                               | As H-LP but with detergents and dispersants                   | 100   | 150 | 100 | NS   | 100 | 200  | 120 |
| H-V       | HV        |                               | As H-LP but with improved viscosity temperature behaviour     | 100   | 150 | 100 | NS   | 100 | 200  | 120 |
| HFA E     |           | Flame Retardent with Water    | Emulsions of mineral oil in water. Water content 80-95%       | 55  | 60  | 40  | NS   | 55  | 55   | 55  |
| HFA S     |           |                               | Synthetic oil in water Water content 80-95%                   | 55  | 60  | 40  | NS   | 55  | 55   | 55  |
| HFB       |           |                               | Emulsions of water in mineral oil.. Water content 40%         | 60  | 60  | 40  | NS   | 60  | 60   | 60  |
| HFC       |           |                               | Aqueous polymer solutions. Water content 35%                  | 60  | 60  | NS  | 60   | 60  | 60   | 60  |
| HFD R     |           | Flame Retardent without Water | Phosphoric acid ester based                                   | NS  | 150 | NS  | 120  | 80  | 150  | 80  |
| HFD S     |           |                               | Chlorinated hydrocarbon based                                 | NS  | 150 | NS  | 120  | 80  | 150  | 80  |
| HFD T     |           |                               | Mixtures of HFD R and HFD S                                   | NS  | 150 | NS  | 120  | 80  | 150  | 80  |
| HEPG      |           | Biodegradable                 | Polyglycol based  | NS  | 100 | NS  | 120  | 80  | 150  | 80  |
| HETG      |           |                               | Vegetable Oil basec   | 60  | 60  | 60  | NS   | 60  | 60   | 60  |
| HEES      |           |                               | Fully synthetic ester based                                   | NS  | 100 | 60  | NS   | 100 | 100  | 100 |

NS = Not Suitable