Properties of Metals

MATERIAL AVAILABILITY BY PRODUCT LINE

Note: This list represents materials available in at least some of the products in the lines listed. Not all products in a line are available in all the materials mentioned.

Fittings

Cheminert

CTFE PEEK PFA

Polypropylene Stainless steel, Type 316

Valco

300 series stainless steel PEEK

Ferrules

Valco CTFE

FEP
Hastelloy C
Nickel
PFA
Polyimide, graphite
Polyimide, Valcon
Polyimide, virgin
PTFE, virgin
PTFE, glass-filled
Stainless, Type 303
Stainless, Type 316

Stainless, gold-plated

Cheminert

Titanium

PEEK

Brass

Tubing

Titanium

Electroformed nickel (EFNI) ETFE FEP Hastelloy C Nickel 200 PEEK PTFE Stainless steel, Type 316

Valve rotors

Cheminert

Valcon E
Valcon E2
Valcon E3
Valcon H
Valcon M
Valcon P
Valcon T
Valcon TF

Diaphragm

A specialized polyimide

Valco

Valcon E Valcon H Valcon M Valcon P Valcon R Valcon T Valcon T

Valve stators/bodies

Cheminert

CTFE
Hastelloy C
Nitronic 60 stainless
PAEK
PPS
PVDF

Stainless steel, Type 316 Titanium

Diaphragm

Hastelloy C Nitronic 60 Stainless steel, Type 316

Valco

Hastelloy C Inconel 600 Monel 400 Nickel 200 Nitronic 50 Nitronic 60 Stainless steel, Type 316 Titanium Zirconium

Titanium

Although it is more difficult to machine than common alloys containing aluminum and vanadium, Valco uses Grade 2 pure titanium in order to avoid possible contamination of the sample stream with these metals.

Good for organic and inorganic salts except aluminum and calcium chlorides, and all alkalis except boiling concentrated potassium hydroxide. Good with dilute, low temperature formic, lactic, sulfuric, hydrochloric, and phosphoric acids, but rapidly attacked by hydrofluoric acid. Good with dilute nitric acid at low temperatures; corrodes at high concentrations and temperatures. Can ignite with fuming nitric acid. Attacked by oxalic acid, concentrated phosphoric acid, hot trichloroacetic acid, and zinc chloride.

Due to the nature of this metal, valves made of titanium typically have a shorter lifetime than HPLC grade stainless steel or Hastelloy C-22.

Zirconium

Excellent resistance to hydrochloric acid, good with hot sulfuric acid at concentrations up to 70% and boiling nitric acid at up to 90%. Attacked by hydrofluoric acid.

Brass

Used where a soft metal ferrule is desirable but no corrosive materials are present. Although Valco brass ferrules work as replacements in inexpensive commercial brass fittings, they are generally not recommended for chromatography applications.

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