



Carbon/Graphite Grade Selection Guide

Applications, physical properties, and chemical compatibility tables

ROC Carbon Company

1605 Brittmoore
Houston, Texas 77043-3107

Phone 800-324-7743
713-468-7744
Fax 713-465-2158
E-mail eng@roccarbon.com
Web www.roccarbon.com

*Copyright 2007, ROC Carbon Company.
All rights reserved.*

ROC Carbon carbon/graphite materials combine the superior strength, hardness, and wear resistance of carbon with the natural lubricity of graphite. These chemically bonded carbon materials are strong and thermally stable and are inert in most chemical and corrosive applications. When even higher mechanical properties or impervious materials are required, material performance properties can be enhanced by special impregnation with resins or metals. These impregnated carbon grades offer maximum resistance to corrosion, wear, and oxidation.

Many of the grades described below are proprietary formulations developed and manufactured only by ROC Carbon Company. Also, the grades presented in this guide are only a representative sampling of our many grades. Please call for information on other grades.

In general, ROC Carbon carbon/graphite seals and bearings are used where extreme operating temperatures and/or corrosive fluids would cause conventional lubricants to decompose, where lubricants would contaminate process fluids, and where equipment design makes conventional lubricating systems too expensive to

install and maintain. Nonlubricating applications for which ROC Carbon supplies carbon/graphite grades include electrodes and brazing boats, jigs, and fixtures.

How to use this Guide

To select a grade or grades for further evaluation, start with Table 1, which presents our general grade recommendations both by application and by operating conditions.

Next, use Table 2 to review the physical properties of the grades you chose from Table 1. To check for chemical compatibility by Corrosion Resistance (CR) Group, use Table 3 for compatibility by chemical family or Table 4- for compatibility with specific chemicals.

For additional information on the listed grades or on other available grades, contact us at the address on the back cover.

TABLE 1 - General Grade Recommendations

The following suggestions are based on years of application experience. However, they should be used only as a starting point. For final recommendations, consult ROC Applications Engineering.	
<p>APPLICATIONS</p> <p>Bearings, bushings R-122, R-191, R-203, R-204, R-208, R-211, R-307, R-383, R-391</p> <p>Brazing boats, jigs, fixtures R-320, R-383</p> <p>Seals R-122, R-124, R-203, R-208, R-211, R-307</p> <p>Turbine rings R-320, R-383</p> <p>Piston rings, rod packing R-122, R-204, R-208, R-211, R-383</p> <p>Electrodes R-320, R-383</p>	<p>OPERATING CONDITIONS</p> <p>High temperature R-422, R-443</p> <p>Cryogenic service R-122, R-124, R-208, R-211, R-422, R-443</p> <p>Acids R-122, R-124, R-208, R-211, R-307, R-422</p>

Table 2 - Physical Properties of Selected Grades

Material Group	CR Group	Grade	Composition Code ¹	Apparent Density gm/cc	Hardness Shore Schleroscope	Transverse Strength		Compressive Strength		Modulus of Elasticity 10 ⁶ PSI	Coefficient of Thermal Expansion x10 ⁶ /in/in/°F	Temperature Limit			
						PSI	MPa	PSI	MPa			Oxidizing Atmos. °F	°C	Inert Atmos. °F	°C
A	2	R-122	CGI	1.82	84	9,300	64	30,000	207	3.3	2.9	500	260	500	260
	3	R-124	CGI	1.90	90	12,000	83	24,000	165	2.9	2.7	500	260	500	260
	2	R-208	CGI	1.80	101	10,100	70	31,900	220	3.7	2.7	400	205	400	205
	2	R-211	CGI	1.87	87	11,300	78	36,500	245	3.2	3.1	480	250	480	250
	2	R-307	CGI	1.85	77	11,000	76	27,000	186	2.3	2.6	500	260	500	260
B	4	R-422	GX	1.85	55	5,500	38	14,000	97	1.2	2.1	1,200	650	1,600	870
	4	R-443	CGX	1.80	90	8,000	55	30,000	207	2.4	2.5	1,000	540	1,500	815
C	1	R-320	G	1.64	45	2,700	19	5,500	38	1.6	1.5	750	400	5,000	2,760
	1	R-383	G	1.70	45	4,200	29	10,000	69	1.2	1.7	800	425	5,000	2,760
E	5	R-190	CG (Cu)	2.85	40	7,500	52	16,000	110	2.8	2.0	700	370	1,700	925
	5	R-191	CG (NiCr)	2.85	45	6,500	45	15,000	103	3.1	1.7	700	370	1,700	925
	5	R-203	CG (Sb)	2.20	120 ²	11,600	80	36,000	248	4.2	2.2	750	400	1,100	595
	5	R-204	CG (B)	2.45	55	4,800	34	23,500	164	2.9	1.9	400	205	400	205
	5	R-391	CG (Br)	2.55	55	8,500	59	25,000	172	3.1	2.1	500	260	500	260
F	1	R-433	CG	1.65	70	5,800	40	24,100	167	1.5	2.8	700	370	1,800	980

¹Composition Codes ²HRB

B Babbit
Br Bronze
C Carbon
Cu Copper
G Graphite
I Impregnation
NiCr Nickel chrome
X Oxidation impregnation
Sb Antimony

Note: The physical properties of ROC Carbon grades may vary in relation to the molded part size and configuration; the above values are typical and should be considered only as a guide or reference.

Chemical Compatibility

The tables on this page present general grade recommendations for chemical service. However, a particular grade's resistance to chemical attack can vary substantially according to temperature, concentration, and exposure time. Please consult with ROC Carbon's applications engineering staff to determine the appropriate grade for your specific application.

TABLE 3 - Corrosion Resistance by Chemical Family

	CR Group				
	CR 1	CR 2	CR 3	CR 4	CR 5
Inorganic					
Neutral salts	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Acid-forming salts	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Alkali-forming salts	✓	✓	✓	✗	○
Nonoxidizing mineral acids	✓	✓	✓	✗	○
Oxidizing mineral acids	○	○	✓	○	○
Nonoxidizing mineral alkalis	✓	✓	✓	✗	○
Oxidizing mineral alkalis	○	✓	✓	✗	○
Organic					
Neutral (solvents, oils, etc.)	✓	✓	✓	○	✓
Acid-forming salts	✓	✓	✓	✗	○
Weak acids	✓	✓	✓	○	✓
Strong acids	✓	○	✓	✗	○
Weak alkalis	✓	✓	✓	✗	○
Strong Alkalis	✓	✓	✓	✗	○
Melts					
Neutral salts	✓	○	✓	○	○
Acid salts	✓	○	✓	○	○
Alkaline salts	✓	○	✓	✗	○
Oxidizing salts	○	○	○	○	○
Metals	○	○	○	○	○
Gases					
Inert	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	○
Alkaline	✓	✓	✓	✗	○
Oxidizing	○	○	○	✓	○
Reducing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ Compatible ○ Questionable ✗ Not Recommended

Table 4 - Corrosion Resistance by Specific Chemical

	CR Groups					CR Groups					CR Groups					CR Groups												
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5			
Abietic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Carbolic Acid (Phenol)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	Hydrocyanic (Prussic) Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Potassium Alum	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Potassium Bicarbonate	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acetaldehyde	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Carbon Dioxide to 600° F	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Hydrofluoric Acid to 48%	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Potassium Carbonate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Potassium Chlorate	○	✓	✓	○
Acetanilide	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	Carbon Dioxide above 600° F	○	○	○	○	○	Hydrogen	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Potassium Chloride	○	✓	✓	○	✓	Potassium Chloride	○	✓	✓	○
Acetic Acid to 350° F	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Carbon Disulfide	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Hydrogen Chloride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Potassium Cyanide	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Potassium Hydroxide to 350° F	✓	✓	✓	○
Acetic Anhydride to 350° F	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Carbon Monoxide	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Hydrogen Fluoride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Potassium Nitrate to 300° F	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Potassium Nitrate to 300° F	✓	✓	✓	○
Acetone	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Carbon Tetrachloride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Hydrogen Sulfide	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Potassium Permanganate to 300° F	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Potassium Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Acetophenone	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Castor Oil	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Hydrogen Peroxide	○	○	○	○	○	Propane	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Propionic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○
Acetylene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Caustic Soda	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Hydroxylamine	○	○	○	○	○	Sea Water	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Sewage	✓	✓	✓	○
Acetylsalicylic Acid (Aspirin)	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	"Cellosolves"	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Hypochlorous Acid	○	○	○	○	○	Silver	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Soda Ash	✓	✓	✓	○
Acrolein	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Cellulose Acetate (rayon)	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Isobutyl/Isopropyl Alcohols	○	○	○	○	○	Soap and Soap Liquors	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Soda Ash	✓	✓	✓	○
Acrylonitrile	✗	○	○	○	○	Chloracetic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Isophthalic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Sulfur Dioxide to 500° F	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Sulfuric Acid to 77%, 300° F	✓	✓	✓	○
Adipic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Chloral	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Kerosene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Sulfuric Acid 77-98% to 200° F	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Tar	✓	✓	✓	○
Air to 600° F	○	○	○	○	○	"Chlorethene"	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Lactic/Lauric Acids	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene Sulfonic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○
Air above 600° F	○	○	○	○	○	Chlorine	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Lead (Molten)	✓	○	○	○	○	Toluene Sulfonic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○
Alkyl Aryl Sulfonate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Chlorobenzene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Lithium Carbonate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Trichloroethylene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Triethanol Amine	✓	✓	✓	○
Allyl Chloride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Chloroform	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Lithium Hydroxide	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Tin	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Trisodium Phosphate	✓	✓	✓	○
Alum (ammonia)	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Chlorosulfonic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Lubricating Oil	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Turpentine	✓	✓	✓	○
Alum (chrome)	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Chromic Acid to 300° F	○	○	○	○	○	Lye	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene Sulfonic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Urea	✓	✓	✓	○
Alum (potash)	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Chromium Potassium Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Magnesium (Molten)	✓	○	○	○	○	Trichloroethylene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Vegetable Oil	✓	✓	✓	○
Aluminum (molten)	✓	○	○	○	○	Citric Acid (citrus juices)	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Magnesium Bisulfite	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Tin	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Vinegar	✓	✓	✓	○
Aluminum Chloride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Coal Tar	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Magnesium Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Vinyl Acetate	✓	✓	✓	○
Aluminum Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Copper	✓	○	○	○	○	Maleic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Vinyl Chloride	✓	✓	✓	○
Ammonia (wet) to 300° F	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Copper Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Maleic Anhydride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Viscose	✓	✓	✓	○
Ammonia (anhydrous)	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Cottonseed Oil	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Mercuric Chloride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Water to 300° F	✓	✓	✓	○
Ammonium Chloride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Creosote	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Mercury	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Water Glass (Na ₂ SiO ₃)	✓	✓	✓	○
Ammonium Hydroxide	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Cresols, Cresylic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Methane	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Wood Pulp	✓	✓	✓	○
Ammonium Nitrate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Crotonaldehyde	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Methyl Alcohol (Methanol)	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Xylene	✓	✓	✓	○
Ammonium Phosphate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Cumene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Methyl Chloride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc	✓	✓	✓	○
Amyl Acetate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Cupric Chloride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Methylene Dichloride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Chloride	✓	✓	✓	○
Amyl Alcohol	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Cuprous Ammonium Acetate-Viscose	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Methyl Ethyl Ether	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Amyl Amines	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Cyanic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Amyl Chloride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Cyanide Plating Solutions	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Methyl Isobutyl Ketone	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Aniline	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Cyclohexane	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Methyl Salicylate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Anthracene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Detergents	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Milk	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Antimony	✓	○	○	○	○	Dibutyl Phosphate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Mineral Oil	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Argon	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Diethanol Amine	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Molasses	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Arsenic (Molten)	✓	○	○	○	○	Diethyl Sulfate (Ethyl Sulfate)	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Monoethanol Amine	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Asphalt	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Disodium Phosphate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Muriatic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Aromatic Fuels	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	"Dowtherm"	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Naphtha	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Babbitt Metal (molten)	✓	○	○	○	○	Epichlorohydrin	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Naphthalene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Baking Soda	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Ethane	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Nickel Chloride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Barium Hydroxide	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Ether (Ethyl Ether)	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Nickel Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Barium Sulfide	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Ethyl Acetate	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Nitrating Acid to 75% total acid	○	○	○	○	○	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Battery Acid (90% H ₂ SO ₄)	✓	○	○	○	○	Ethyl Alcohol	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Nitric Acid to 15%	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Beer	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Ethyl Benzene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Nitric Acid 15 to 100%	✓	○	○	○	○	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Benzaldehyde	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Ethyl Chloride and Dichloride	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Nitrobenzene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Benzene (benzol)	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Ethylene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Nitrogen	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Benzene Sulfonic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Ethylene Glycol	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Nitrogen Tetroxide	○	○	○	○	○	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Benzoic Acid	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Ethylene Oxide	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Nitro Paraffins	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Toluene	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Zinc Sulfate	✓	✓	✓	○
Beta-Naphthol	✓	✓	✓	○	✓	Fatty Acids	✓	✓	✓	○																		