


		Polarity Index <sup>1</sup>	Viscosity (cP)	UV (nm) Cutoff <sup>2</sup>	Solubility in Water (%)
	Acetic Acid	6.2	1.26	230	100
	Acetone	5.1	0.32	330	100
	Acetonitrile	5.8	0.37	190	100
	Benzene	2.7	0.65	280	0.18
	Butanol	4.0	0.73	254	0.43
	Carbon tetrachloride	1.6	0.97	263	0.08
	Chloroform	4.1	0.57	245	0.815
	Cyclohexane	0.2	1.00	200	0.01
	1,2- Dichloroethane	3.5	0.79	225	0.81
	Dichloromethane	3.1	0.44	235	1.6
	Dimethyl formamide	6.4	0.92	268	100
	Dimethylsulfoxide	7.2	2.00	268	100
	Dioxane	4.8	1.54	215	100
	Ethanol	5.2	1.20	210	100
	Ethyl acetate	4.4	0.45	260	8.7
	Ethyl ether	2.8	0.32	220	6.89
	Heptane	0.0	0.39	200	0.0003
	Hexane	0.0	0.33	200	0.001
	Isopropyl alcohol	3.9	2.30	210	100
	Methanol	5.1	0.60	205	100
	Methyl-t-butyl ether	2.5	0.27	210	4.8
	Methyl ethyl ketone	4.7	0.45	329	24
	Pentane	0.0	0.23	200	0.0004
	Tetrahydrofuran	4.0	0.55	215	100
	Toluene	2.4	0.59	285	0.051
	Water	9.0	1.00	200	100
Xylene	Xylene	2.5	0.61	290	0.018

 Miscible  
 Immiscible

<sup>1</sup> The polarity index is a measure of the relative polarity of a solvent and is useful for identifying suitable mobile phase solvents. The polarity index increases with polarity. For reverse phase chromatography eluent strength decreases as its polarity increases

<sup>2</sup> UV cutoff, the wavelength at which the solvent absorbance in a 1 cm path length cell is equal to 1 AU (absorbance unit) using water in the reference cell.

#### Solvent Polarity Chart

Relative Polarity	Formula	Group	Solvents
	R-H	Alkanes	Petroleum ethers, hexanes, ligroin
	Ar-H	Aromatics	Toluene
	R-O-R	Ethers	Diethyl ether
	R-X	Alkyl halides	Trichloromethane, chloroform
	R-COOR	Esters	Ethyl acetate
	R-CO-R	Aldehydes and ketones	Acetone, MEK
	R-NH <sub>2</sub>	Amines	Pyridine, triethylamine
	R-OH	Alcohols	MeOH, EtOH, IPA, Butanol
	R-COHN <sub>2</sub>	Amides	Dimethylformamide
	R-COOH	Carboxylic Acid	Ethanoic Acid
Polar	H-O-H	Water	

Solvent Miscibility and Viscosity Chart  
 adapted from Paul Sadek The HPLC  
 Solvent Guide Wiley-Interscience, 2002.

Mobile phases, stationary phase,  
 analyte and samples must be  
 compatible