Choosing The Best Film For Your Gas Sampling Bag Needs



	Properties	Advantages	Limitations
Tedlar®	Low gas permeation High tensile strength Max. operating temp: 400°F Unaffected by the chemical components of gases commonly sampled	 Less permeable than FEP, PFA and TFM Bags resist puncture in the field Less expensive than FEP, PFA, TFM film 	 Exhibits background levels of DMAC and phenol High permeation rate for CO₂ Relatively high permeation rate for O₂
ALTEF	 Developed specifically for gas sampling applications Chemically inert to most acids, aliphatic and aromatic organic compounds, chlorinated solvents, and alcohols Max. operating temp: 260°F Made of 0.003" thick film 	 Suitable for sampling most VOC's and many sulfur compounds Low VOC background Longer sample storage times than most other bag materials Does not exhibit background levels of DMAC or phenol Lower permeability than Tedlar® to CO₂, N₂, and CH₄ Superior resistance to solvents 	 More permeable to most compounds than Tedlar® Not suitable for sampling ketones and esters in high concentrations (>30%) Less resistance to UV light than Tedlar® Many sulfur compounds must be analyzed within 24 hours. More expensive than Tedlar®
Multi-layer Foil	 Ideal for collecting low molecular weight compounds such as: CH₄, H₂S, CO, and CO₂ Foil layers provide very low permeability and complete moisture barrier Max. operating temp: 190°F Opaqueness protects samples from ultraviolet light 	 The only bag material that adequately holds H₂S for long periods Ideal for collecting low molecular weight compounds Sample stability up to 5 days for most compounds Very low permeability to O₂ and CO₂ Good VOC stability Less expensive than Tedlar® and ALTEF 	 Not recommended for collecting low ppm to high ppb VOC's due to background levels from bag materials Recommend analyzing within 48 hours after collection for CH₄, H₂S, CO, and CO₂
FEP	One of the most chemically inert materials available for making gas sampling bags Max operating temperature: 400°F Virtually transparent	Works well in extreme temperatures from -400°F to 400°F Heavier gauge film is resistant to most severe corrosives as well as tolerates applications involving rough handling or difficult service conditions Less expensive than PFA	Poor long term storage stability for most VOC's and sulfur compounds Much more permeable and more expensive than Tedlar®, ALTEF, and Multi-Layer Foil bags Lower tensile strength than Tedlar®
PFA	 Highest purity, most chemically inert film available for making gas sampling bags Wide temp range -420°F to 500°F 	 Not affected by the most corrosive chemicals, such as HF, Nitric, HCL and Sulfuric Acids Temps from -400°F to 500°F 	 Poor long term storage stability for most VOC's and sulfur compounds The most expensive film option for gas sampling bags Much more permeable than Tedlar®
TFM	 High purity, flexible, low permeation versus FEP and PFA Translucent Wide temperature range; from -328°F to 500°F 	 Not affected by the most corrosive chemicals, such as HF, Nitric, HCL and Sulfuric Acids Sample stability for 4 to 5 days for most compounds Withstands temperatures from -400°F to 500°F 	 Expensive Tears easily Low tensile strength More permeable than Tedlar®, ALTEF, and Multi-Layer foil bags



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Valves And Fittings For Gas Sampling Bags



Polypropylene Screw Cap Combo Valve with Replaceable Septum



Polypropylene Locking Combo Vakve with Septum



Nickel Plated HR Barbed On/Off Valve



Plastic Jaco Plating for Tubing or Septum



Swagelok Type Stainless Steel Fitting for Tubing or Septum



Stainless Steel Push/Pull Valve



Stainless Steel TCLP Fitting with Replaceable Septum



PFA Fitting Tubing or



PTFE On/Off Valve with

Valves and Fittings	Features	
Polypropylene Screw Cap Combo Valve With Replaceable Septum	 On/Off valve function with replaceable septum in a single unit Made of Inert polypropylene Quick turning screw cap to open and close valve Visual confirmation that valve is open or closed 	
Polypropylene Locking® Combo Valve With Septum	 On/Off valve function with septum in a single unit Made of Inert polypropylene Push/Pull (On/Off) valve stem Quick Locking function, in closed position Fluoropolymer faced septum, with Ultra-low bleed silicone 	
Stainless Steel TCLP Fitting With Replaceable Septum	 Stainless steel body construction with aluminum cap Designed for use with Zero Headspace Extractors Replaceable fluoropolymer faced septum 	
Swagelok® Type Stainless Steel Fitting For Tubing Or Septum	 Stainless steel construction Option of cap for tubing or septum Replaceable fluoropolymer faced septum with large area 	
Nickel Plated Halkey® Roberts Barbed On/Off Valve	Barbed stem for attaching tubingLeak resistant seal in closed position	
Plastic Jaco® Fitting For Tubing Or Septum	 Compression ferrule secures tubing onto fitting Polypropylene molded construction Option of cap for tubing, or cap with septum Replaceable fluoropolymer faced septum with large area 	
PFA Fitting For Tubing Or Septum	 PFA fluoropolymer construction Option of cap for tubing, or cap with septum Compression ferrule secures tubing onto fitting Replaceable fluoropolymer faced septum with large area 	



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