

# SOLVENTS COMPARISON CHART

This chart is meant to work as a guide and/or starting point for using solvents. You may discover a solvent works best in a completely different application than what is presented (which is awesome!!)

Solvent	Urethanes (resins, foams and rubbers)	Epoxies	Polyesters	Shellac	Oil-based paints and varnishes	Silicones	Waxes and Oils
Acetone	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Denat. Alcohol (Ethanol)	-	✓	-	+	-	-	-
Methanol	-	✓	-	+	-	-	-
Isopropyl Alcohol	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	-
VM&P Naphtha	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Dibasic Ester	+	+	+	-	✓	-	-
Odorless Mineral Spirits	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓
Zee-Lene	-	-	-	-	+	+	+

Key	
+	Preferred solvent, most effective
✓	May be used, but not the most effective
-	Not effective

\*for cleaning up or diluting water-based mediums, water is generally the best "solvent" to use!