

Leaching of Glasses by Ultra-pure water.

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① Temperature dependence.

Schott Duran (8330). Samples kept in H.H.-Ro water for 30 d. 18 h. at temperatures of 45, 60 - 75°C.

Water changed at 12 d. & 24 d. All samples in pairs, to check consistency.

		day	
45°C	181 cm <sup>2</sup>	lost	16.7 mg. → $2.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$ g./cm <sup>2</sup> /d.
65°C	212 "	" " 57.8 "	→ $7.4 \cdot 10^{-6}$ " " "
75°C	193 "	" " 91.1 "	→ $12.8 \cdot 10^{-6}$ " " "

Agrees ~~roughly~~ with doubling for each 10°C temp. rise.  
More closely, rate of solution increases by a factor of 1.75 for each 10° increase in temp.

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### ② Comparison of different glasses

Specimens cut from various glass samples. All immersed in Milli-Ro water at  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$  for various periods. Water changed twice

Glass	Area $\text{cm}^2$	Mass loss mg	Time d.	Loss rate at $60^{\circ}\text{C}$ $10^{-6}\text{g/cm}^2/\text{d}$	Loss rate at $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ $10^{-6}\text{g/cm}^2/\text{d}$
Schott 8245	294	9.2	36.8	0.85	0.052
Pyrex	304	25.1	22.8	3.6	0.22
Sovent 801	602	119.1	36.8	5.4	0.32
Schott 8330	212	57.8	36.8	7.4	0.45
B 47.2	675	962.9	36.8	38.8	2.4

### ③ Effect of Surface Finish

Bulbs blown from B 47.2. Immersed at  $75^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 7 d, followed by 16.6 d.

Area  $83 \text{ cm}^2$ . Mass loss in 7 d. 53.8 mg, followed by further loss of 81.9 mg in 16.6 d.

Loss rates at  $75^{\circ}\text{C}$  thus.  $92 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ g/cm}^2/\text{d}$  &  $59 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ g/cm}^2/\text{d}$

Reduced to  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  these give  $2 \cdot 42 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ g/cm}^2/\text{d}$  &  $1 \cdot 55 \cdot 10^{-6}$

Compare these with disc results (with ground faces) above, of  $2 \cdot 4 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ g/cm}^2/\text{d}$ .

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### ④ Schott 8246

This was only available initially as a small amount. It was therefore reduced by pestle & mortar & sieved to be  $> 75\mu \text{ & } < 150\mu$

Five samples immersed in Milli-Ro water at  $55^\circ\text{C}$  for 32 d. Samples all lost similar fractions of their initial mass. In total, 93 mg were lost from 14.7825 gm.

For crude area estimate, assume glass in cubes of side  $100\mu$  & density (borosilicate) =  $2.23 \text{ gm cm}^{-3}$ .

Then surface area is approx  $400 \text{ cm}^2$  & rate of loss at  $55^\circ\text{C} = 0.73 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ g/cm}^2/\text{d}$

Corrected to  $10^\circ\text{C}$  this gives  $0.06 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ g/cm}^2/\text{d}$ , comparable with Schott 8245 (see previous table)

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$$\text{Loss}^{22.9} + \text{Loss}^{10^\circ\text{C}} = \frac{W_{22.9} - W_{10^\circ\text{C}}}{W_{22.9}} \approx 1\%/\text{day}$$