

COMPATIBILITY TESTS OF LOW VAPOUR PRESSURE PERFLUOROPOLYETHER  
OILS WITH UF<sub>6</sub>

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An extensive study has been carried out in order to evaluate the possible use of the perfluoropolyether fluids, obtained from HFP photooxidation and specially purified and selected as lubricants or vacuum working fluids, in presence of UF<sub>6</sub>.

Some physicochemical properties are reported and the results of the tests experienced on perfluoropolyether cuts put into contact with UF<sub>6</sub>, in different conditions for long aging time at high temperature in presence of some typical engineering materials. The results, shown in this work, allowed a verification of the long term compatibility of the perfluoropolyether special fractions against UF<sub>6</sub> at temperatures up to 130°C. These results still offer a contribution in order to solve some technological problems on UF<sub>6</sub> processing.