

### **PDA VIRTUAL TRAINING COURSE** EXTRACTABLES – LEACHABLES

## EXTRACTABLES & LEACHABLE CONSIDERATIONS FOR SMALL VOLUME PARENTERAL APPLICATIONS

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- 2. Rubbers an Introduction
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- 4. Glass & Glass related Issues
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- 6. Main SVP containers: E/L considerations
  - Vials Lyo vials
  - Prefilled syringes
  - Cartridges

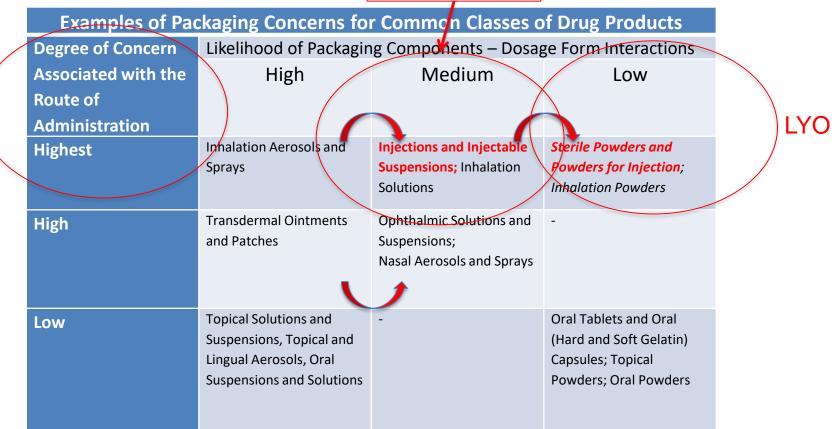


## **1. Regulatory Expectations for Small Volume Parenterals – Brief Recap**

## **1. Regulatory Expectations - US**



#### LIQUID SVP's

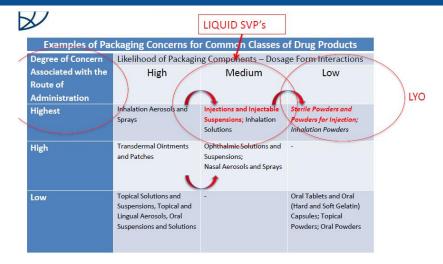


Revision of "Table 1" in USP <1664>,

Originally Included into the FDA Guidance for Industry (1999): "Container/Closure systems for Packaging Human Drugs and Biologics"

## **1. Regulatory Expectations - US**





- Remark:
- 1. the "Medium" <u>Likelihood of Packaging DP Interaction</u> for Liquid SVP's is mainly based upon the observation that most Parenteral DP are Aqueous Based. For Non-aqueous based drug products: more caution is needed!
- 2. The "Low" <u>Likelihood of Packaging DP Interaction</u> for LYO SVP's is mainly based upon the observation that:
  - 1. the *interactio*n between a solid (Lyo cake) a material (eg rubber) *is limited*
  - 2. AND, there is *limited direct contact* between Lyo cake and Rubber closure
  - However the Mechanism of interaction for a LYO Cake and its MoC may not need always a direct contact.
  - BE CAREFUL when "rationalizing" a LYO application as being Non Critical!!!

## **1. Regulatory Expectations - US**

#### Video of **Dan Mellon** (FDA - CDER)

- 1. Identify Compounds above the Qualification Threshold (QT)
- 2. The use of Inappropriate Threshold Levels
- 3. Inadequate Sensitivity of the Detection Methods
- 4. Inadequate Stability Data to Examine Trends in Leachables
- 5. Inadequate toxicology justification to support a Permitted Daily Exposure (PDE)
- 6. Inadequate descriptions of how Extractables data were used to design Leachables assessments
- 7. Inadequate correlations between Extractables & Leachables

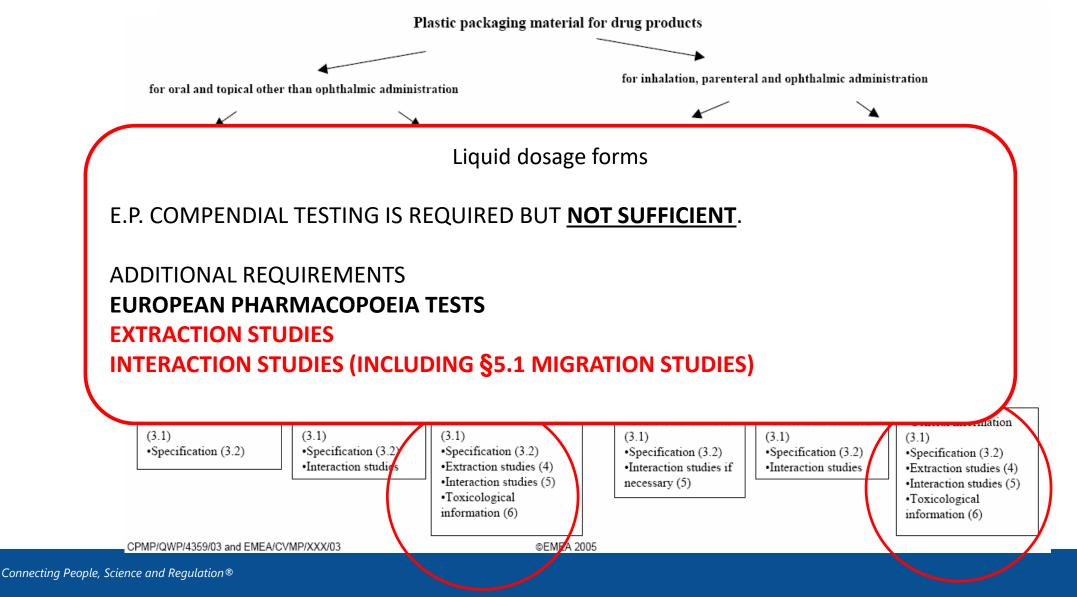


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## 1. Regulatory – EU – Plastic Immediate Packaging Materials (2005

#### • Going through the decision tree: liquid dosage forms – high requirements





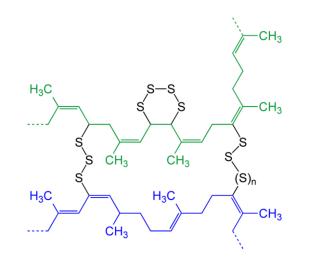
## *Elastomeric closures* **2. Rubbers – An introduction**

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What is rubber?

An **elastic** material A **compounded** material



- Basis of a rubber  $\rightarrow$  polymer  $\rightarrow$  elastomer
- Elasticity via crosslinking (curing, vulcanising) the elastomer
- Additional ingredients to "tune" the rubber

## 2. Rubbers – an Introduction



## **Rubber = Compounded material of:**

1. Elastomer

2. Filler

- 3. Cure system
- 4. Pigment
- 5. Other ingredients





BASE COMPOSITION	PHYSICAL / CHEMICAL PROPERTIES	PRODUCT PERFORMANCE & APPLICATION

e.g.	e.g.	e.g.
Elastomer type	E&L profile	Drug compatibility
Additives	Hardness	Container Closure Integrity
Filler	Compression set	Gamma/Steam resistance
	Tensile strength	Fragmentation
		Gliding curve

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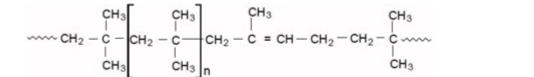
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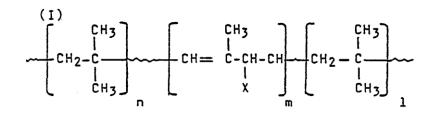
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## • Halobutyl (BromoButyl, ChloroButyl)

- Cleanest curing system
- Lowest permeability
- High resistance to ageing







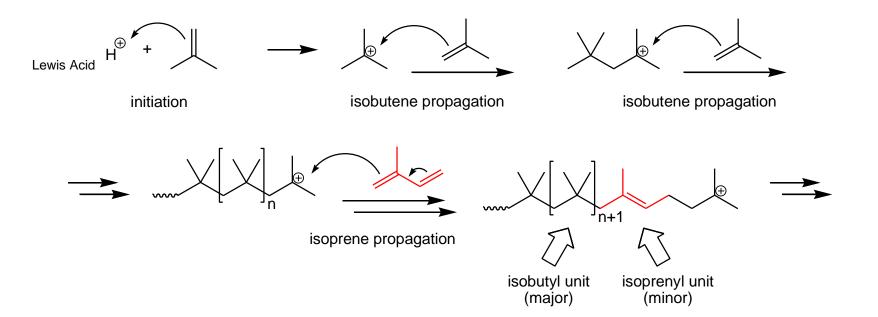
Butyl

Halobutyl





## Butyl Elastomer (IIR): Cationic Polymerization



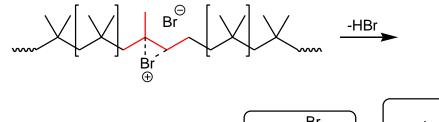
#### > Note: the Polymerization Starts with a Isobutene Unit (present in high excess!!)

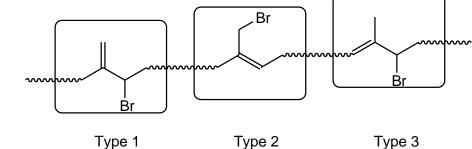
o 98 – 99 mol% is isobutylene

 $\circ$  1 – 2 mol% is isoprene



## Bromination of a Butyl Elastomer (BIIR) $\sqrt{|\rangle}$ | $\sqrt{|}$ +Br<sub>2</sub>

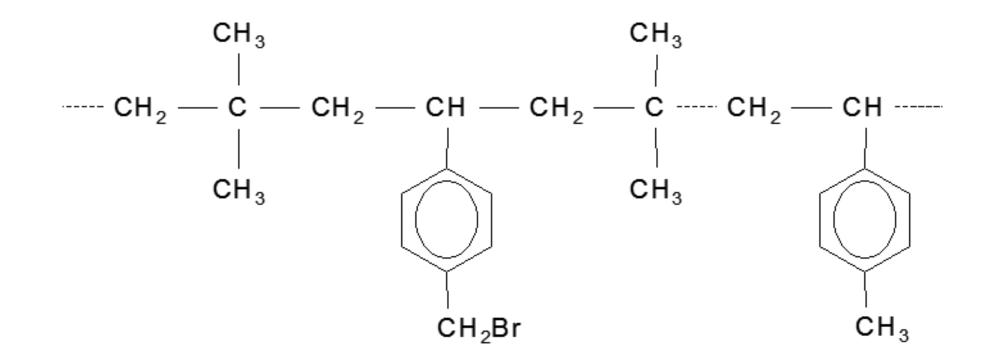




#### Bromination of the Backbone makes Elastomer (with a relatively Low N° of double bonds in backbone) more reactive in vulcanization/cross linking

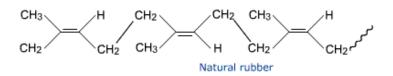


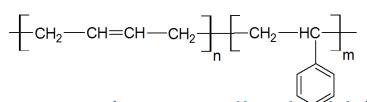
Regular **butyl** still on the market, and also newer types like **BIMS** (*Brominated isobutylene para-methylstyrene*)



## Natural rubber / Polyisoprene

- Natural rubber: latex allergy discussions
- Historically the oldest elastomer type
- Need complex curing systems
- Good elastic properties
- Polyisoprene (synthetic) replaces Natural rubber
- SBR (styrene-butadiene rubber)
  - Intermediate permeability
  - Typically used for pre-assembled EtO sterilized components (e.g. Needle Shields)



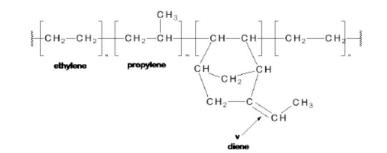


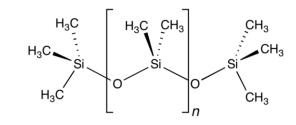


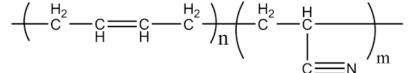
• Nitrile rubber

- Typically used for mineral oil based drugs

- Silicone rubber
  - High permeability
  - Typically not used for parenteral applications
- **EPDM** rubber
  - For niche applications











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## 2. Rubbers – an Introduction - FILLERS

PDDA<sup>®</sup> Parenteral Drug Association

- Fillers give mechanical strength (stiffness) to a rubber
- Attributes **physical properties** to a rubber compound
  - More filler = Harder compound
    → Better for gliding profile plungers
    → Worse for stopper piercing (coring!)
- Inorganic fillers ('white compounds')
  - Aluminum silicate (clay)
  - Magnesium silicate (talc)
  - Silicate
  - [Calcium carbonate]
- Carbon black ('black compounds')
  - Undesired for cleanliness reasons
  - May be associated with PNA's





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## 2. Rubbers – an Introduction – CURE SYSTEMS



#### • Cure system:

- Crosslinking agent
- Activator: gives the onset of vulcanization
- Accelerator: speeds up the vulcanization
  - Easily extractable organic molecules such as thiurams, sulfonamides, thiazoles, ...
- Modern cure systems
  - Aim at giving little extractables
- Historic cure systems
  - Use easily extractable organic accelerators

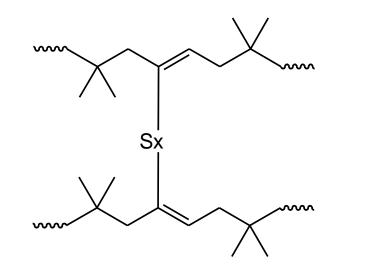


**Crosslinked** polymer chains

## 2. Rubbers – an Introduction – CURE SYSTEMS



Rubber Curing / Vulcanization:

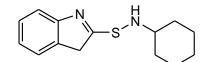


Rubber crosslinking requires S-Donors, activators, accelerators Activator: ZnO / Stearic acid

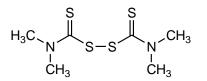
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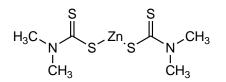
Rubber Curing - Accelerators:



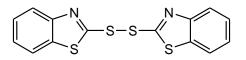
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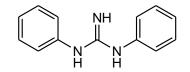
Tetramethylthiuram disulfide(TMTD)



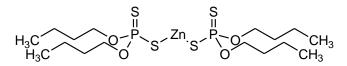
Zinc dimethyldithiocarbamate



Mercaptobenzothiazole disulfide



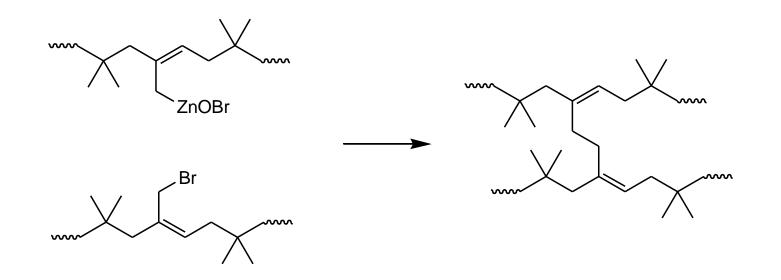
Diphenyl guanidine



Zinc dibutylphosphorodithiate

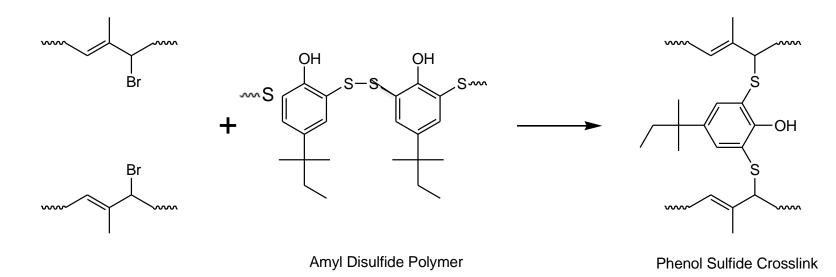


### ZnO as Cross-Linking Compound in Halobutyl-Rubbers:





## Vultac Curing of (Halobutyl) Elastomers



#### Bromide: good leaving group!

Bond Energy C-H 413 J/mol ⇔ C-Br 209 J/mol

Explains Br<sup>-</sup> release from bromobutyl rubbers



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## 2. Rubbers – an Introduction – **PIGMENTS**

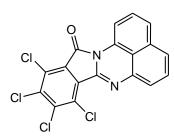
## PDA®

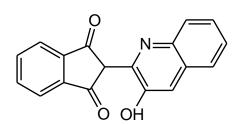
## • Inorganic pigments

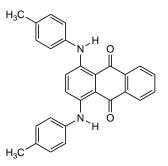
- Titanium dioxide
- Traces of carbon black
- Oxides of iron

## • Organic pigments

Avoided in modern compounds







Solvent Red

Solvent yellow 114

Solvent Green 03



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## 2. Rubbers – an Introduction – OTHER INGREDIENTS



### Halobutyl polymer stabilizers

#### (to prevent dehydrohalogenation during processing)

- Calcium stearate
- Epoxydized soybean oil
- Anti-oxidants
  - Already present in halobutyl elastomer
  - Hindered phenol type anti-oxidants
  - Additionally added to improve environmental stability (ageing)
- Plasticizer, Waxes, Oil
- (introduce softness, anti-"coring")
  - High polymeric weight plasticizers, Paraffinic oil
  - To tune a formulation (e.g. reduce coring)
- Processing aids



## THE COMPOSITION OF RUBBERS CAN BE VERY COMPLEX!!

## **RUBBER EXTRACTABLES: SUM OF**

- 1. **INITIAL INGREDIENTS** OF THE RUBBER FORMULATION
- 2. **IMPURITIES** OF THESE INGREDIENTS

(e.g. Residual Solvents, **Oligomers in Elastomer**, Halides in Halobutyl Rubber...)

3. **REACTION/DEGRADATION PRODUCTS** DURING RUBBER PRODUCTION



# In general too many ingredients should be avoided: negative impact on E-profile

→ "what you don't put in, can't come out"



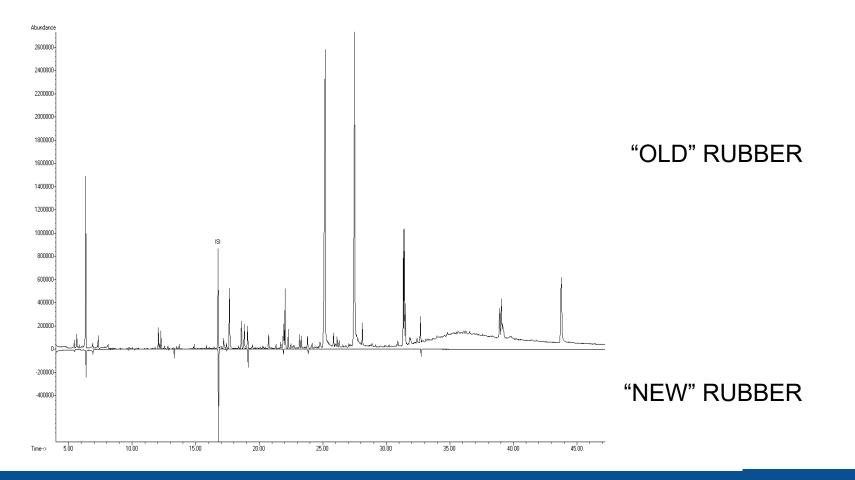
## Number of Leachables from rubbers in SVPs is determined by:

- The Type of Rubber Formulation
- The Number of Ingredients in the Rubber
- **Type** of Ingredients (type of vulcanisation, type of AO, stabilizer....)
- Coated/Non-coated rubbers
- The composition of the Medicinal Product (MP)
- The **type of contact** between the rubber and the MP (*e.g. exposed surface area*)
- The Storage Temperature
- The Storage Time (Expiration Date)

## 2. Rubbers – an Introduction



## Difference in Extractable Results for an **OLD** vs **NEW** rubber (*IPA Extract; GC/MS analysis*)



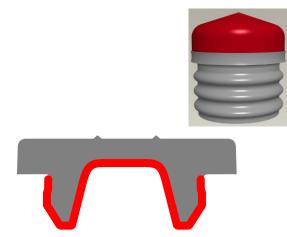
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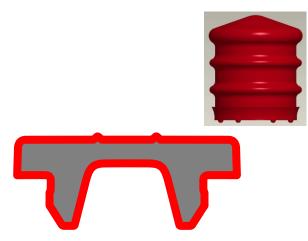
## **COATED RUBBERS**

- Coated closures: significant improvement in E&L terms
- Key attribute: <u>barrier effect</u> from the fluoropolymer!
  - Simplified extractables profile
  - Improved compatibility with drugs/excipients

#### Film coating technology

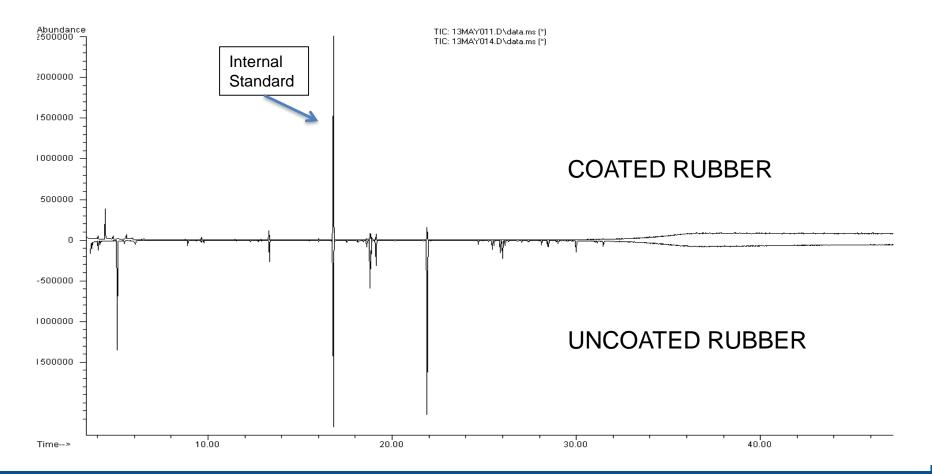


#### Spray coating technology





# Difference in Extractable Results for a **Coated vs Uncoated rubber**, for the same rubber grade (*IPA Extract; GC/MS analysis*)

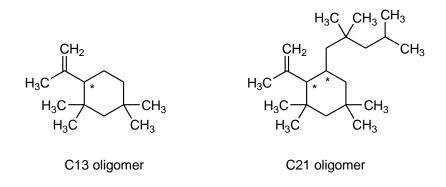






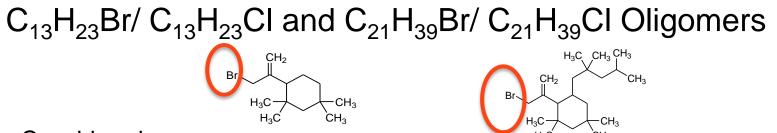
### $C_{13}H_{24}$ and $C_{21}H_{40}$ Oligomers

- Formed both during the Polymerization and the rubber curing at high temperatures
- Considered as
  - Cyclic aliphatic hydrocarbon compounds
  - One double bond
- No experimental data / Literature data is known about toxicity of these compounds
- Structure Activity Relationship Assessment (SAR): compound of low tox. risk.





#### Halogenated Rubber Oligomers – Compounds of high concern



- Considered as
  - HALOGENATED Cyclic Aliphatic Hydrobarbon compounds (Allyl Halide)
  - Alkylating Agents
  - One double bond
- Structure Activity Relationship (SAR) Assessment:

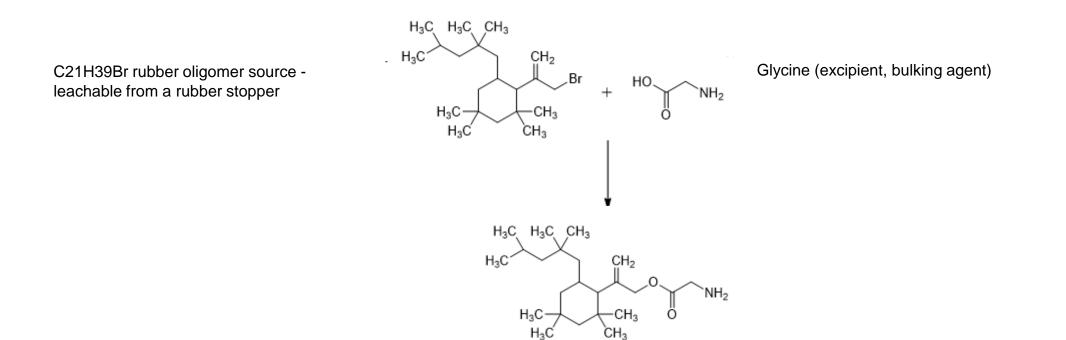
#### CARCINOGENICITY IN HUMANS IS PLAUSIBLE

• As no experimental data / Literature data is known about the toxicity of these compounds, a lot of Pharma companies:

- <u>Rely on the result of a SAR assessment</u> to perform a tox evaluation
- Conclude that these compounds are of High Concern



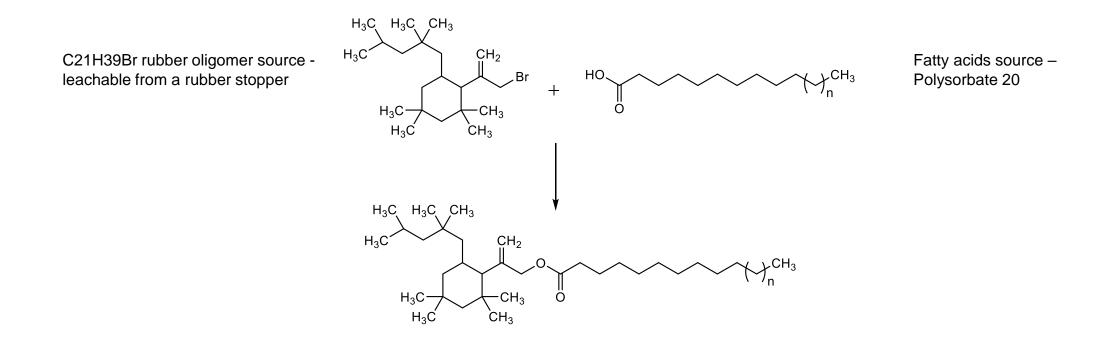
### Lyophilized Drug Product B in a glass vial with a rubber stopper (without coating): Excipients a.o.: Glycine





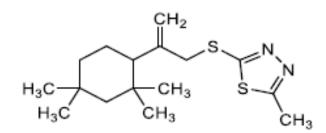
#### Lyophilized Drug Product A in a glass vial with a rubber stopper (without coating):

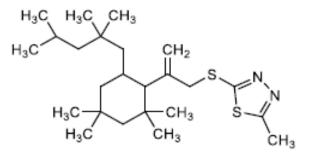
Excipients a.o.: Polysorbate 20





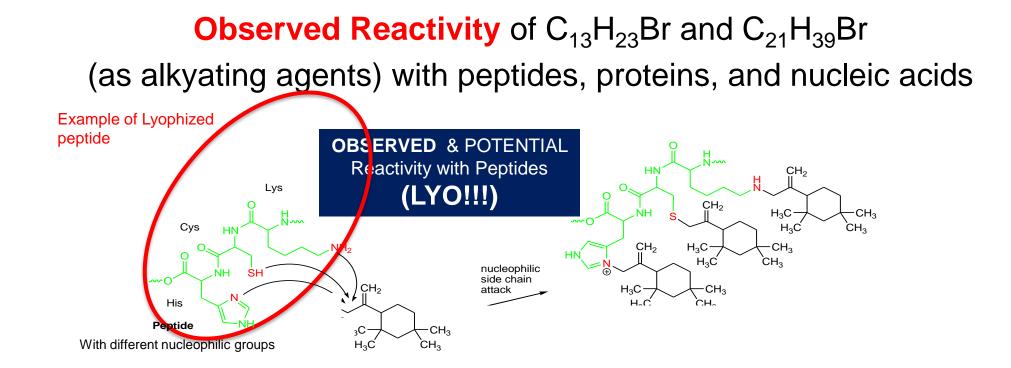
## Adduct Formation of an API (Antibiotic) with the $C_{13}H_{23}Br$ and $C_{21}H_{39}Br$ oligomers



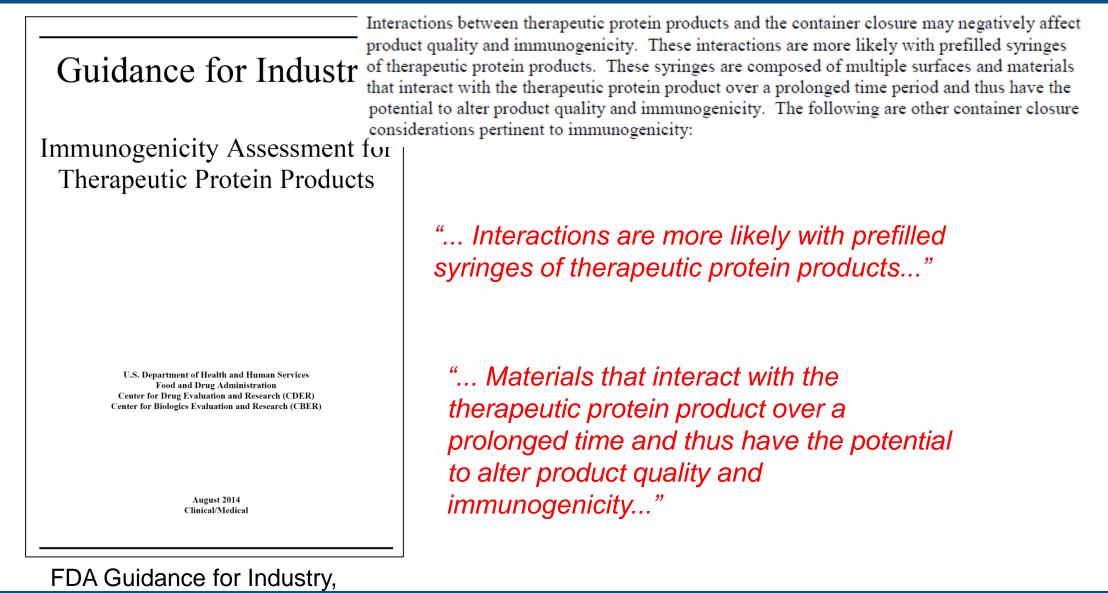


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### **4. Glass & Glass Related Issues** *Vials, Prefilled Syringes, Cartridges*

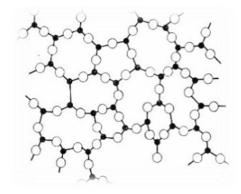


### What is Glass?

An inorganic fused substance that has been cooled to a rigid condition without crystallization (e.g. Supercooled amorphous substance)

### Why Glass as packaging material?

- Well-known material
- Transparent
- Heat resistant
- Good barrier properties: gas & vapour tight
- Chemically and physically (quite) inert.



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### Composition of Glass – Function of Ingredients

- SiO<sub>2</sub> : Backbone structure
- CaO : Increasing hardness & Chemical resistance
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> : Increasing Chemical Resistance
- $Na_2O \& B_2O_3$ : Lowering the melting point
- $Fe_2O_3$ ,  $TiO_2$ : Amber Glass
- CuO : Blue Glass
- Mn<sup>3+</sup> : Violet Glass

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### **Glass Types**

Glass Type	General Description	Uses	
I	High resistant Borosilicate	Parenteral Preparations	
II	Treated Soda-Lime	Acidic and Neutral Parenteral Preparations	
111	Soda Lime	Not for Parenteral Preparations	
NP	Soda-Lime	Oral / Topical	



### Glass Composition for different Glass Types:

Component	Type I (Borosilicate)	Type II, III, NP (Soda-Lime)	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	70 - 73%	69 - 73%	
B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10%	0 - 1%	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2 - 9%	13 - 14%	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6 - 7%	2 - 4%	
BaO	0,1 - 2,0%	0 - 2%	
K <sub>2</sub> O	1 - 2%	0 - 3%	
CaO	0,7 - 1,0%	5 - 7%	
MgO	0 - 0,5%	3 - 4%	
ZnO	0 - 0,5%	-	



#### **Examples for Extractables / Leachables**

- High heating during molding process leads to an increasing release of alkali ions from the glass surface => Delamination
- Heating promotes migration of alkali oxides within the silica matrix to the glass surface
- During the process, components of the heated glass vaporize and deposit on the surface

#### • Relevant for glass containers made from tubular glass

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#### Parameters, impacting the Glass Leachables

- **Filling Volume**: *smaller filling volumes show higher leachable concentrations*
- **Storage time**: *leachable concentrations increase over time*
- **Sterilization / Sterilization time**: *longer autoclaving cycles, higher concentrations*
- **Sterilization Temperature**: *higher temperatures, higher concentrations*
- Type of contact solution:

[Si]: Lactic acid < acetic acid < ascorbic acid < malic acid < tartaric acid < oxalic acid < citric acid **Complexing agents**, such as EDTA may also impact the metal release from Glass

Impact of pH: higher pH, higher [Si] release.
 In general, more metals are leaching out of glass at pH>9

### 4. Glass and Related Glass Container issues



#### **Risk of Glass Leachables**

- Most observed Metal Leachables from Glass:
  Si and Na as MAJOR leachables, K, B, Ca & Al as MINOR LEA, Fe: traces
- Alkali release: pH shift of unbuffered solutions
- Silicon (Si) release: increased particle load, delamination!
- Aluminum release:

Aluminum can accumulate in patients with reduced renal function, causing e.g. neurological diseases

• Potential Arsenic (As) release:

glass can contain arsenic oxide (III) as a fining agent to improve glass tranparency. Arsenic is toxic!

• **Release of metals**, causing precipitation with some salts, present in the DP  $Ba \Rightarrow BaSO_4$ ,  $Al \Rightarrow Al(OH)_3$ 

### 4. Glass and Related Glass Container issues



#### How to (try to) prevent Glass Leaching

#### **1.** Chemical surface treatment

(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is injected before annealing

 $(NH_4)_2SO_4 \rightarrow (NH_4) HSO_4 + NH_3$ 

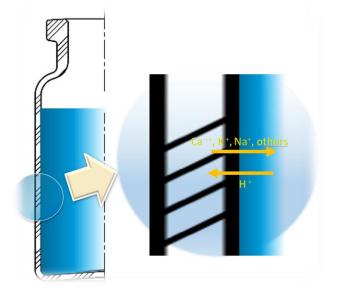
 $2Na^+ + (NH_4)HSO_4 \rightarrow Na_2SO_4 + NH_3 + 2H^+$ 

Afterwards, rinsing with Water to remove soluble NaSO<sub>4</sub> Result: lower pH shift because lower amounts of Na will leach

2. Coating on Glass (SiOx): Schott Type I plus

3. Siliconisation will reduce interaction between glass and DP

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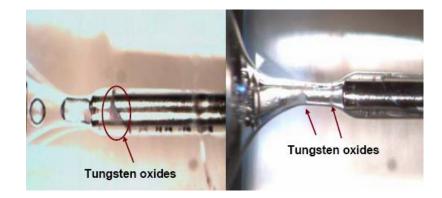
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### **Glass as Barrel Material**

#### **TUNGSTEN RESIDUES**

- <u>Tungsten pin</u> used in the production of glass pre-filled syringes to open the syringe hub (cavity where staked needle is glued in)
- Tungsten Oxide Residues are known to cause protein degradation (protein oxidation causing aggregation)





### **Glass as Barrel Material**

#### **GLUE RESIDUES**

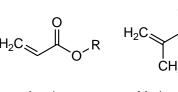
- ➢ Glue is used to glue in the staked needle into the PFS-system
- > <u>Prolonged contact</u> with a drug product may release glue components
- Target compounds may depend upon the glue used (e.g. Loctite 3345, Loctite 3081, or other grades)

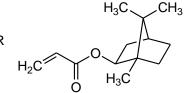


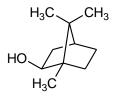
#### **Glass as Barrel Material – Related Compounds**

## EXTRACTABLES RELATED TO GLASS BARRELS: GLUE RESIDUES

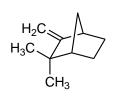
Base Polymer







Isoborneol



Acrylate

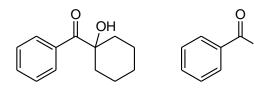
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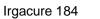
Isobornyl acrylate

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Camphene

UV curing / activation





Benzaldehyde

Cyclohexanone



#### **Glass as Barrel Material – Related Compounds**

#### SILICONE OIL RESIDUES

- Glass surfaces are siliconized a.o. to reduce potential interactions with aqueous contact solutions
- > Hydrophobic surface / <u>reduced wettability</u>
- Reduced alkali release
- > Silicone oil remainders <u>become leachables</u>

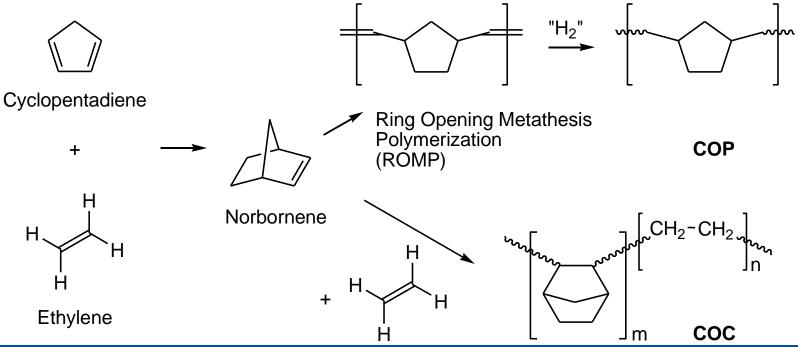


#### 5. Other Materials used in Small Volume Parenteral C/C Manufacturing



### COP: <u>Cyclic Olefin Polymers</u> COC: <u>Cyclic O</u>lefin <u>C</u>opolymers

- Relatively Clean Materials
- High Tg, rigid materials
- However, low gas barrier (O<sub>2</sub>) properties
- Risk for diffusion: potential (regulatory) risk for label migration





#### CRITICAL PARTS OF A POLYMER SYRINGE WRT E/L

**PRIMARY PACKAGING** (Direct Contact between DP and Material):

- The Barrel: COC, COP, PP
- The Piston: Rubber
- The Tip Cap: Rubber Same Concern as for Glass PFS
- The Needle

**SECONDARY PACKAGING** (No Direct Contact between DP and Material):

- The Needle Shield (should it be considered as primary or secondary?): Rubber
- The Label: Adhesive, Ink, other Label Components
- In some Cases: The Lacker
- In some Cases: The Packaging of the Syringe (Overwrap, Tubs,...)

Specific for Polymer PFS!



#### TYPICAL COMPOSITION OF COMMERCIAL POLYMERS,

- e.g. For Barrel Manufacture
- o Additives (BHT, Irganox 1010, Stearates, Pigments, Clarifyers...)
- o Residues (Monomers, Solvent Residues, Processing Residues..)
- Oligomers (Mainly for PP)
- Potential Degradation Compounds from Polymers
  - Organic Acids, Aldehydes, Ketones, Alcohols, Chain Scission Fragments...

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#### **Regulatory Requirements for Secondary Packaging**

FDA guidance document: 'Container Closure systems for Packaging Human Drugs and Biologics', 1999:

"*if the packaging system is relatively permeable,* the possibility increases that the dosage form could be contaminated by the migration of an ink or adhesive component...*In such case the secondary packaging component should be considered a potential source of contamination* and the safety of its materials of construction should be taken into consideration..."

> EMA: 'Guideline on Plastic Immediate Packaging Materials', 2005:

"it should be scientifically demonstrated that **no components of ink or adhesives, applied to the outer surface of the container closure system, will migrate into the medicinal product**."



### **SECONDARY PACKAGING**

### > Label

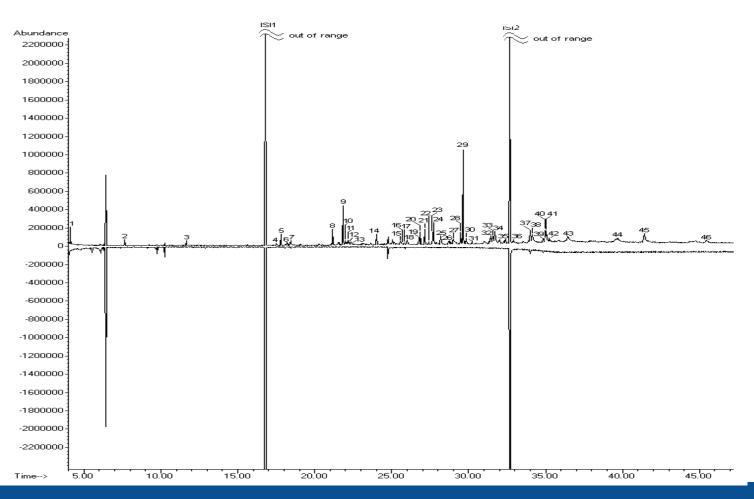
- > Adhesive
- Paper
- ≻ Ink
- ➤ Varnish

#### Typical extractable compounds:

Curing agents (e.g. Benzophenone, Irgacure 184,...) Solvent residues (e.g.Toluene, acetone) Adhesive residues (e.g. Acrylates) Paper residues (e.g. (dehydro)abietic acids, abietates)



• Example GC/MS Chromatogram of a Label Extract (IPA)





### • SECONDARY PACKAGING



### > Overwrap/Overpouch/Blister

(to compensate for potential lower barrier properties of the Polymer)

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- Multilayer System
- Aluminum as barrier layer
- Tie-layers to keep the different layers together

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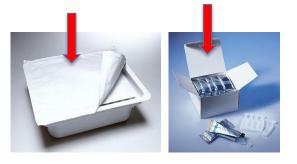
#### Typical extractable compounds:

Bislactone Compounds from Tie-layer  $\bigcirc$ Residues from other layers (depends largely on selected materials of the multilayer!!)

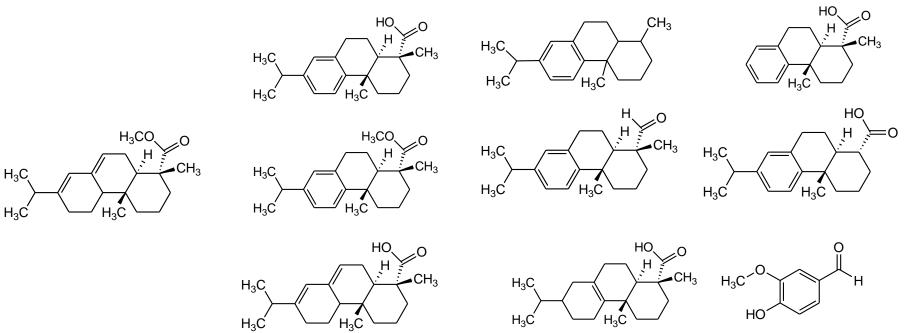


### **SECONDARY PACKAGING**

- Tubs for Nested Syringes (eg Tyvek)
- > Carton / Paper (may also from label):



Example Structures of abietic acids / abietates (& Vanillin)





### 6. Main SVP containers: Extractrable Considerations



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## 1.Vials:



### 5. Main SVP Containers: Extractable Considerations



#### VIALS for Liquid Drug Products or Reconstitution Solution



- If it is a GLASS VIAL with RUBBER CLOSURE: Sources of Impurities, coming from packaging:
  - Glass: Metals (may not be necessary to be studied in EXT Study, if glass composition is available, direct assessment in LEA study)

#### > Rubber Closure:

- ✓ Typically, higher migration when solution is in contact (inverted)
- ✓ Migration will be determined by:
  - Solubility of leachables in Drug Product Solution
  - Potential Diffusion of Compounds through rubber, into solution
  - Temperature
- ✓ VOC, SVOC and NVOC & some metals may cause a **Safety Issue**
- VOC, SVOC, NVOC, Silicone Oil and some Metals may also be Reactive e.g. with reconstituted DP: also potential Performance & Quality Issue!
- ✓ Also, lons may need to be "checked off"...

### **5. Main SVP Containers: Extractable Considerations**



### LYO-CAKE VIAL

Sources of impurities, coming from packaging



No "Liquid Film" barrier

on rubber

- **Glass**: Metals (may not be necessary to be studied in EXT Study, if glass composition is available, direct assessment in LEA study)
- **Rubber Closure:**  $\succ$ 
  - ✓ **No Direct Contact** between DP and Closure (upright)
  - **HOWEVER:** Release of Volatile (VOC) and Semi-Volatile (SVOC)  $\checkmark$ Compounds from the Rubber Closure vial desorption and subsequent adsorbtion of compounds onto Lyo-Cake!
  - Lyo-cake acts as adsorbent for VOC and SVOC compounds! Released Compounds are concentrated over time onto the Lyo Cake
  - Regardless if vial is in upright or inverted position (contact / no contact) with DP)
  - ✓ VOC and SVOC may also be **Reactive** with DP: also potential Performance & Quality Issue!
  - ✓ Also NVOC, Metals and lons need to be "checked off", because of short term contact with Reconstituted DP



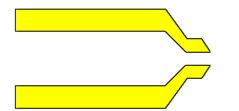
### 2. Pre-Filled Syringe:



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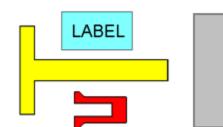
BARREL – Glass, COC/COP, PP, Silicone Oil, ...

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NEEDLE – Metals, Tungsten (W), Needle Glue, ...

RUBBER SEALINGS (Plunger Tip, Tip Cap, Disks) -Rubber, Silicone, ...



SECONDARY (Needle Shield, Label, Stem, ...) – Rubber, Label Adhesive, ...

### 5. Main SVP Containers: Extractable Considerations



### **Pre-Filled Syringes**



- BARREL: Metals (may not be necessary to be studied in EXT Study, if glass composition is available, direct assessment in LEA study) Silicone Oil residues may cause protein aggregation
- Rubber Plunger (very similar to rubber stopper for vial):
  - $\checkmark$  Typically, higher migration when solution is in contact
  - $\checkmark$  Migration will be determined by:
    - Solubility of leachables in Drug Product Solution
    - Potential **Diffusion of Compounds through rubber**, into solution
    - Temperature
  - ✓ VOC, SVOC and NVOC may cause a safety issue
  - ✓ VOC, SVOC, NVOC, Silicone Oil and some Metals may also be **Reactive** with reconstituted DP: also potential Performance & Quality Issue!
  - ✓ Also, lons may need to be "checked off"...
  - ✓ Coated versus Non-Coated plungers

### 5. Main SVP Containers: Extractable Considerations

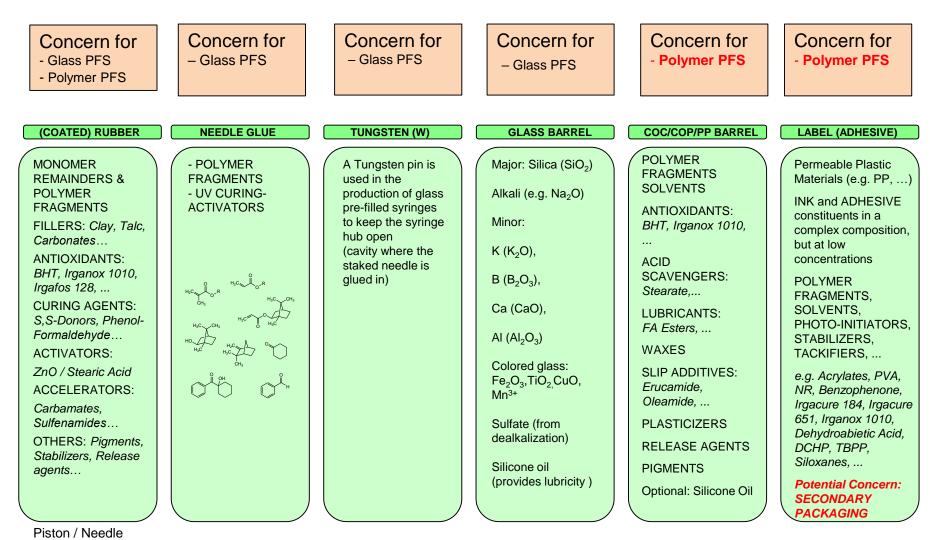


- GLUE for staked needle: Glue residues may for protein denaturation
- **TUNGSTEN Residues**: May cause protein aggregation
- NEEDLE SHIELD:

**Pre-Filled Syringes** 

- No Direct Contact between DP and Needle Shield
- HOWEVER: Release of Volatile (VOC) and Semi-Volatile (SVOC)
  Compounds from the Needle shield into the content of the PFS is possible!
- VOC and SVOC may also be Reactive with DP: also potential Performance & Quality Issue!
- Typically No NVOC, Metals and lons investigation is necessary for a Needle Shield.







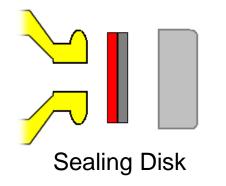
### 3. Cartridges



### 5. Main SVP Containers: Extractable Considerations



**Cartridges** 





- > Sealing Disk:
  - ✓ Typically, a sealing disk is a **two-layered** system
  - The inner layer has product contact (primary contact), should be the focus of the investigation
  - "One Sided" extraction mimics the product contact, avoids contribution of the outer layer
  - Complete Extraction of the 2 layered sealing disk can be considered as "Worst Case"
  - ✓ Both approaches can be taken and have found regulatory acceptance

### 5. Main SVP Containers: Extractable Considerations



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#### BARREL: Metals (may not be necessary to be studied in EXT Study, if glass composition is available, direct assessment in LEA study) Silicone Oil residues may cause protein aggregation

#### > Cartridge Plunger (same as for PFS!):

- ✓ Typically, higher migration when solution is in contact (inverted)
- ✓ Migration will be determined by:
  - Solubility of leachables in Reconstitution Solution (typically inorganic aqueous solution (typically low solubility for most non-polar organic compounds)
  - Potential Diffusion of Compounds through rubber, into solution
  - Temperature

Cartridges

- ✓ VOC, SVOC and NVOC may cause a safety issue
- ✓ VOC, SVOC, NVOC, Silicone Oil and some Metals may also be **Reactive** with reconstituted DP: also potential Performance & Quality Issue!
- ✓ Also, lons may need to be "checked off"...

#### TIME FOR QUESTIONS





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