



Common recycled solvents and approaches for recovery

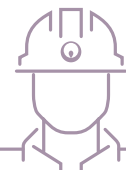
Depending on the specific solvent stream, there could be multiple different approaches to recover each individual solvent. Batch fractional distillation columns are available for mixed solvent separation, as are thin film evaporators for solids separation and recovery. Processes have been developed to yield selected products up to a 99.5 percent minimum purity, with a water content under 500 ppm, no uncharacteristic odor, and no color. Below is a list of typical solvents and equipment used in solvent recovery.

Recoverable solvents, partial list

- Acetone
- Acetonitrile (ACN)
- Automotive purge solvent
- Butanol
- Chlorobenzene
- Cyclohexanone
- Dimethylformamide (DMF)
- Ethanol
- Ethyl acetate
- Ethylene glycol
- Ethyl lactate
- Heptane
- Hexane

- Isopropyl alcohol (IPA)
- Isoamyl acetate
- Isobutyl acetate
- Isopropylacetate (IPAc)
- Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK)
- Methanol
- Methylene chloride
- MIBK methylisobutylketone
- n-methyl pyrrolidone (NMP)
- n-propyl bromide (NPB)
- Propanol
- Propyl acetate
- Propylene carbonate

- Propylene glycol methyl ether acetate
- Propylene glycol
- Tetrahydrofuran (THF)
- Thinner
- Toluene
- Trichloroethylene (TCE)
- Xylene
- All Flourinert® liquids
- All Vertrel® solvents
- Freon® solvents



Equipment approaches to solvent recovery

Reclaim equipment type	Typical streams processed
Thin/wiped film evaporator	Spent solvents or solvent mixtures containing solids/non-volatile residues
Post still	Spent solvents or solvent mixtures with no solids that do not require fractionation
Distillation column	Spent solvents or solvent mixtures with no solids that require fractionation
Glass lined distillation column	High value spent solvents with no solids that require high purity fractionation
Liquid-liquid extractor	Spent solvents or solvent mixtures that azeotrope, have close boiling points or high energy requirements
Molecular sieve	Recovered solvents or solvent mixtures requiring water and/or azeotropic water removal

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