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# STAHLIN® NON-METALLIC ENCLOSURES

# STATEMENT OF RIGHTS





### Why do we call this a Statement of Rights?

Because this factual, comparative guide states the proven reasons why Stahlin<sup>®</sup> Non-Metallic **Enclosures are the "right"** choice for you.

We are proud to state that the quality performance of our products makes Stahlin the most specified fiberglass electrical enclosures in the world. A review of the property and feature comparisons in this brochure will underscore the reasons why we can clearly state that Stahlin brings you the:

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The proof is in our performance!

**STAHLIN<sup>®</sup> RIGHT REASONS VERSUS METALLICS** 

#### Why Stahlin? Why Non-Metallics Instead of Metallics?

Right Reason #1: Corrosion & Chemical **Resistance** 

 Stahlin non-metallic enclosures provide excellent corrosion and chemical resistance compared to metallics such as aluminum and painted or galvanized steel...and is very comparable to that of stainless steel. With non-metallics, enclosure maintenance is virtually eliminated.

**Right Reason #2: Electrical Insulation** 

 Stahlin non-metallic enclosures provide optimal dielectric strength as an electrical insulator versus the electrical conductivity of all metals. Non-metallic enclosures do not require grounding to ensure safety against indirect and direct contact.

- **Right Reason #3: Cost Savings**
- Stahlin non-metallic enclosures are significantly more cost effective than stainless steel and are very competitive with other metallics.

Right Reason #4: Ease-Of-Customizing

 Stahlin non-metallic enclosures are extremely easy to drill, punch and cut compared to all metals. Retrofitting is eliminated because of the ability to modify fiberglass with knockout panels and windows.

Right Reason #5: Ease-Of-Handling

 Stahlin non-metallic enclosures are lightweight and easy to handle compared to metal enclosures.

## **STAHLIN RIGHT REASONS VERSUS NON-METALLICS**

## Why Stahlin? Why Fiberglass Instead of Other **Non-Metallics?**

**Right Reason #1: Corrosion Resistance** 

 Stahlin's fiberglass provides better acidic and alkaline-based environmental corrosion resistance than plastics such as polycarbonate... and superior solvent-based corrosion resistance to materials including ABS and Noryl®.

**Right Reason #2: Chemical Resistance** 

 Stahlin's fiberglass provides chemical resistance that exceeds all other major non-metallic alternatives.

**Right Reason #3: Impact Resistance** 

 Stahlin's fiberglass provides impact resistance that is greater than that of ABS and Norvl®.

ABS

#### **Stainless** Mild Steel Mild Steel Aluminum Steel (Painted) (Galvanized)

Polyester Fiberalass **PVC** 

Relative Physical Strength	High	Average	High	High	Average	Low	Low	Low	Average	Relative Physical Strength
Corrosion Resistance	<ul> <li>Acids: Recommended in most applications.</li> <li>Alkalines: Recommended in most applications.</li> <li>Solvents: Recommended in most applications.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acids: Limited use in most applications.</li> <li>Alkalines: Very limited use in most applications.</li> <li>Solvents: Recommended in most applications.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acids: Limited use in most applications.</li> <li>Alkalines: Acceptable in many applications.</li> <li>Solvents: Acceptable in most applications.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acids: Very limited use in most applications.</li> <li>Alkalines: Acceptable in many applications.</li> <li>Solvents: Acceptable in many applications.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acids: Recommended in most applications.</li> <li>Alkalnes: Recommended in most applications.</li> <li>Solvents: Recommended in most applications.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acids: Recommended in many applications.</li> <li>Alkalines: Recommended in many applications.</li> <li>Solvents: Limited to a very few applications.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acids: Recommended in most applications.</li> <li>Alkalines: Recommended in most applications.</li> <li>Solvents: Recommended in most applications.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acids: Recommended in most applications.</li> <li>Alkalines: Recommended in most applications.</li> <li>Solvents: Very limited application.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acids: Limited use in most applications.</li> <li>Alkalines: Very limited use in most applications.</li> <li>Solvents: Recommended in most applications.</li> </ul>	Corrosion Resistance
Chemical Resistance	(72%) Excellent	(42%) Good	(26%) Poor	Poor	(66%) Excellent	Moderate	(51%) Very Good	(44%) Good	(43%) Good	Chemical Resistance
Relative Cost	Moderate to High	Moderate	Low	Low to Moderate	Low to Moderate	Low	Low	?	Low to Moderate	Relative Cost
Impact Resistance	(Izod, 110 ft-Ib/in @ 1/8") Very High		(Charpy 35 ft-lb @ 70°F) Very High	(Charpy 35 ft-lb @ 70°F) Very High	(7-22 ft-lb/in @ 1/8") Moderate	(3.0 ft-lb/in @ 1/8") Low	(0.4-1.0 ft-lb/in @ ½") Low	(5 ft-lb/in @ 1/8") Low Moderate	(12-14 ft-lb/in @ 1/8") Moderate	Impact Resistance
Tensile Strength	75,000 psi Very High	28,000 psi High	63,000 psi Very High	63,000 psi Very High	8,000 psi	5,500 psi Low	4,200 psi Low	8,000 psi	10,000 psi	Tensile Strength
Temperature Range	1700°F Very High	-40°C(F) to 500°F Medium High	High	High	-40°C(F) to 121°C(250°F) Moderate	20°C(-4°F) to 65°C(149°F) Low	-40°C(F) to 95°C(200°F) Moderate	100°C(212°F) Moderate	-35°C(-31°F) to 120°C(248°F) Moderate	Temperature Range
UV Resistance	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent with Inhibitors and Color     Unequaled Protection of Gloss     and Color Because of Stahlin's     SolarGuard™ SMC Formulation	Not Recommended	Excellent with Inhibitors and Color		Good	UV Resistance
Ease of Drilling, Punching and Cutting	Hardest	Less Hard	Hard	Hard	Very Easy	Very Easy	Very Easy	Easy	Easy	Ease of Drilling, Punching and Cutting
Dielectric Strength	Electrical Conductor	Excellent Electrical Conductor	Electrical Conductor	Electrical Conductor	(380 volts/mil) Electrical Insulator	(350 volts/mil) Electrical Insulator	(350 volts/mil) Electrical Insulator	(500 volts/mil) Good Electrical Insulator	(380 volts/mil) Electrical Insulator	Dielectric Strength
Thermal Conductivity	(0.070 cal-cm/sec-cm²-°C) Thermal Conductor	(0.361 cal-cm/sec-cm²-°C) Good Thermal Conductor	(0.115 cal-cm/sec-cm²-°C) Thermal Conductor	(0.0115 cal-cm/sec-cm²-°C) Thermal Conductor	(.00012 cal-cm/sec-cm²-°C) Thermal Insulator	(.00045 cal-cm/sec-cm²-°C) Thermal Insulator	(.00035 cal-cm/sec-cm²-°C) Good Thermal Insulator	(.00052 cal-cm/sec-cm²-°C) Thermal Insulator	(.00047 cal-cm/sec-cm²-°C) Thermal Insulator	Thermal Conductivit
Weight	(489 lb/ft³) Heavy	(168.6 lb/ft³) Moderate	(490 lb/ft³) Heavy	(490 lb/ft³) Heavy	(110.5 lb/ft³) Light	(65.9 lb/ft³) Lighter	(81.2 lb/ft³) Light	(64.9 lb/ft³) Lighter	(89.9 lb/ft³) Light	Density

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**Right Reason #4: Physical Strength** 

- Stahlin's fiberglass provides relative physical strength that exceeds ABS and Noryl®.
- **Right Reason #5: UV Resistance**

 Stahlin's fiberglass is excellent with inhibitors and colors, surpassing the UV resistance performance of ABS, Noryl<sup>®</sup> and polycarbonates. SolarGuard™, our proprietary, patent-pending, non-haloginated SMC formulation outperforms available alternatives by as much as 60% in its ability to retain gloss and color through unequaled UV resistance.

## Noryl®

## **Poly**carbonate

eved to be accurate, but not warranted so. Statements of comparison to other non-metalics are based on generic formulations of compounds