

# Periodic Table of Scaling Compounds

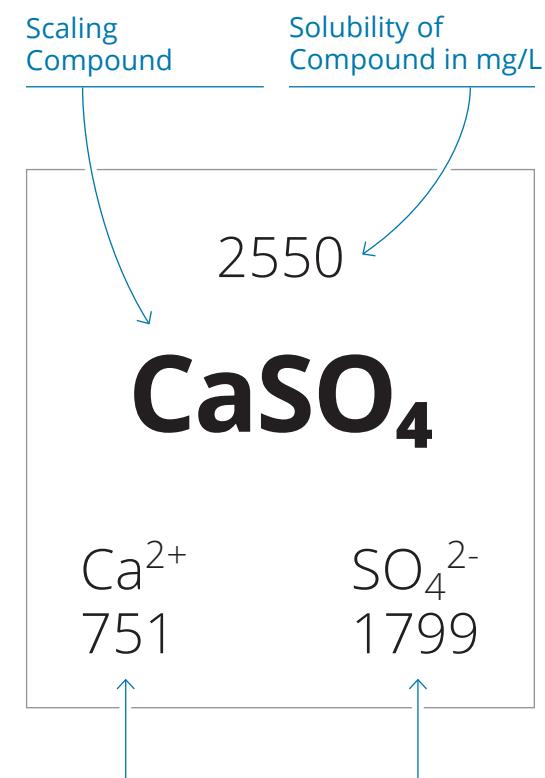


2550 <b>CaSO<sub>4</sub></b> Ca <sup>2+</sup> 751   SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> 1799	15 <b>CaF<sub>2</sub></b> Ca <sup>2+</sup> 7.7   pH >2   F <sup>-</sup> 7.3	6.17 <b>CaCO<sub>3</sub></b> Ca <sup>2+</sup> 2.5   pH >5   CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> 3.7	132 <b>SrSO<sub>4</sub></b> Sr <sup>2+</sup> 63   SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> 69	1.0 <b>Al(OH)<sub>3</sub></b> Al <sup>3+</sup> 0.37   pH >3	120 <b>SiO<sub>2</sub></b> SiO <sub>2</sub> 120   pH <10
20 <b>Ca<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub></b> Ca <sup>2+</sup> 7.8   pH >5   PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> 12.2	24 <b>BaCO<sub>3</sub></b> Ba <sup>2+</sup> 17   pH >5   CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> 7.3	2.45 <b>BaSO<sub>4</sub></b> Ba <sup>2+</sup> 1.4   SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> 1.0	1.43 <b>Fe(OH)<sub>3</sub></b> Fe <sup>2+</sup> 0.75   pH >3	1.43 <b>Mn(OH)<sub>2</sub></b> Mn <sup>2+</sup> 2.0   pH >3	

## Tips

- These values are based on solubility at 20°C-no ionic effects and no antiscalants present
- Well-designed antiscalants can increase solubility of scaling ions to maximize system recovery

## How to Use This Chart



Concentrations of the individual ions in mg/L at their solubility limits. If Ca<sup>2+</sup> > 751 mg/L and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> > 1799 mg/L in your water, then there is CaSO<sub>4</sub> scaling potential.

## Example

The example provided is for reverse osmosis brine water chemistry. The Periodic Table of Scaling Compounds demonstrates that the RO Brine has  $\text{CaSO}_4$  and  $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$  scaling potential.

2550 <b><math>\text{CaSO}_4</math></b>	$\text{Ca}^{2+}$ 751	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ 1799	All scaling conditions met. There is $\text{CaSO}_4$ scaling potential for this water.	120 <b><math>\text{SiO}_2</math></b>	$\text{SiO}_2$ 120      pH <10
15 <b><math>\text{CaF}_2</math></b>	6.17 $\text{CaCO}_3$	132 <b><math>\text{SrSO}_4</math></b>	1.0 <b><math>\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3</math></b>	9.6 <b><math>\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2</math></b>	
20 <b><math>\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2</math></b>	24 <b><math>\text{BaCO}_3</math></b>	2.45 <b><math>\text{BaSO}_4</math></b>	1.43 <b><math>\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3</math></b>	1.43 <b><math>\text{Mn}(\text{OH})_2</math></b>	



Does not meet condition for scaling potential



Meets condition for scaling potential



Parameter (mg/L)	RO Brine
pH (in pH units)	7.5
Total Dissolved Solids	22500
Aluminum	0.5
Barium	0.2
Bicarbonate	375
Calcium	1020
Carbonate	<1
Chloride	4775
Fluoride	5
Hydroxide	<1
Iron	0.3
Magnesium	655
Manganese	1.5
Nitrate	20
Potassium	15
Phosphate	<1
Silica (as $\text{SiO}_2$ )	70
Sodium	5550
Strontium	22
Sulfate	9950