

impermeable adjective

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: not permitting passage (as of a fluid) through its substance

broadly : **IMPERVIOUS**

(,)im-,pər-mē-ə-'bi-lə-tē 🔊 **noun**

impassable

impenetrable

impregnable

impassible

impervious

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an *impermeable* layer of rock

The success came at a moment when country music was especially rife with bros—polished, spiritually *impermeable* acts such as Florida Georgia Line and Jason Aldean, who wore skinny jeans and were preternaturally focussed on pickup trucks and girls.

— Amanda Petrusich, *The New Yorker*, 20 Nov. 2023

The state's most powerful Democrat, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, even endorsed Bush for president in 2000, burnishing the Republican's bipartisan credentials in a way that's unimaginable in today's age of *impermeable* partisanship.

— Mark Z. Barabak, *Los Angeles Times*, 10 Nov. 2023

Officials said the debris would be put into dumpsters lined with *impermeable* plastic, then wrapped up and sealed with glue.

— Audrey McAvoy The Associated Press, *Arkansas Online*, 29 Oct. 2023

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Etymology

Late Latin *impermeabilis*, from Latin *in-* + Late Latin *permeabilis* permeable

First Known Use

1661, in the meaning defined [above](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *impermeable* was in 1661

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: not permitting passage (as of a fluid) through the material of which it is made

(,.)im-,pər-mē-ə-ˈbil-ət-ē ▶▶ noun

: not permitting passage (as of a fluid) through its substance

the plasma membrane of a red blood cell is relatively *impermeable* to sodium and calcium ions

(.)im-.per-mē-ə-'bil-ət-ē ») noun

plural **impermeabilities**

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