

CLEANING LABORATORY EVALUATION SUMMARY

SCL #: 2001

DateRun: 11/26/2001

Experimenters: Jason Marshall

ClientType: Electronics Manufacturer

ProjectNumber: Project #1

Substrates: Steel

PartType: Part

Contaminants: Solvent, Salts

Cleaning Methods: Immersion/Soak

Analytical Methods: Visual

Purpose: Preliminary evaluation of selected products.

Experimental Procedure: Eleven cleaning formulations were selected from the laboratories supply. Ten were used at 100% and at room temperature (75 F). A plastic eye dropper was used to place a small amount of the solutions onto the part's surface and allowed to soak for 1 minute. At the end of the soaking, the solution was wiped off using a swab. The part was observed for any signs of cleaning. One product, sodium bicarbonate, was used in a media blasting unit. The part was cleaned for 1 minute at room temperature at a pressure around 100 psi.

Contaminant: White powders (SiO₂, NHCl, (NH₄)₂SiF₆, or NH₄HF₂)

Results: At first glance, most of the products looked like they cleaned the white powder from the metal part. After the liquids dried, the white powder returned. A couple of products left less white powder than was already there. The media blasting with sodium bicarbonate was very successful in removing the white powder. The blasting also removed the green paint from the side of the part. The following table lists the observations made during the trial.

Table 1. Cleaning Observations

Multikleen 1568	Appeared to dissolve powders, after drying part was still white
	Lifted out dirt and green specks
Shopmaster	Appeared to dissolve powders, after drying part was still white
	Less white than start-lifts dirt
Inproclean 3800	Appeared to dissolve powders, after drying part was still white
	Lifted out dirt and green specks
Amberclean 526L	Smudges powder
	Lifted out dirt and green specks
Beyond 2001	Appeared to dissolve powders, after drying part was still white
	Less white than start-lifts dirt
Coil Bright	Little powder dissolving
Valtron SP 2700KB	Smudges powder
DS 108	Appeared to dissolve powders, after drying part was still white
	Evaporates fast
Uni Clear II	Appeared to dissolve powders, after drying part was still white
Bio T Max	Appeared to dissolve powders, after drying part was still white
Sodium Bicarbonate	Removes white powder, removes green paint from surface

Summary:

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Company Name:		Product Name:	Conc.:	Efficiency:	Effective:	Observations:
Heatbath Corporation		Multi-Kleen 1568	100		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Buckeye International		Shopmaster	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Oakite Products		Inproclean 3800	100		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Innovative Organics Inc		Amberclean 527 L	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Today & Beyond		Beyond 2001	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Watson Technical Associates		Coil Bright	100		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Valtech Corporation		Valtron SP 2700 KB	100		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dysol		DS 108 Wipe Solvent	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Universal Photonics		Uni Clear II	100		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bio Chem Systems		Bio T Max	100		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Armex Cleaning and Coating Removal Systems		Sodium Bicarbonate	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Conclusion:

The five cleaners that were more successful will be evaluated at the client's current operating conditions of 20 minutes and 140 F. One part will also be cleaned fully with media blasting.