

CLEANING LABORATORY EVALUATION SUMMARY

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ClientType: Textile Mfr

ProjectNumber: Project #1

Substrates: Stainless Steel

PartType: Coupon

Contaminants: Coatings, Plastic

Cleaning Methods: Manual Wipe

Analytical Methods: Gravimetric, Visual

Purpose: To test the efficacy of other solvents to manually remove three types of polymers from stainless steel

Experimental Procedure: Three 304 stainless steel coupons were assigned to each of the soils per solvent resulting in a total of 27 coupons total. Each coupon was weighed with a mass balance and had their initial weights recorded. Each coupon was then soiled with its respective polymer and catalyst mixture. To soil each coupon, a pipette was used to apply a 0.5ml of the correct polymer catalyst mixture in a stripe across the middle of the coupons. The stripe of soil was then spread with a paint scraper to apply a thin coating to the bottom half of the coupon. After drying for 30 seconds, the next layer was applied. Each coupon was soiled with a total of 5 layers. After the soil was applied, the coupons were placed in the oven at 325F for 5 mins to cure the polymers. Each coupon had their dirty weights recorded. Each coupon was then timed while manually wiped with a cotton rag dipped in the respective solvent with circular motions. Manual wiping was ceased when all visible soil was removed from a coupon. If all visible soil was not able to be fully removed at 5 mins (300 seconds), cleaning was ceased. Coupons were then left to air dry for 30 mins before recording their clean weights.

Results:	Cleaner	Soil	Initial wt of cont.	Final wt of cont.	%Cont Removed	% AVG	% Overall	Time until clean	Secs AVG	Secs Overall			
Ethylene Glycol	7159NF Alum	0.0617	0.0089	85.5754	82.86	78.35	30	27	39				
							0.0971			0.0019	98.0433	24	
							0.0719			0.0252	64.9513	28	
		7229	0.0716	0.0346	51.6760		60.24	34		56			
								0.0474			0.0223	52.9536	67
								0.0983			0.0235	76.0936	68
		7223	0.1684	0.0015	99.1093		91.95	35		33			
								0.1455			0.0288	80.2062	41
								0.1817			0.0063	96.5327	22
	Isopropanol	7195NF Alum	0.0695	0.0002	99.7122	99.62	99.65	22	16	20			
								0.0668			0.0002	99.7006	14
								0.0724			0.0004	99.4475	11
		7229	0.0901	0.0006	99.3341	99.51		31	35				
								0.1024			0.0004	99.6094	40
								0.1217			0.0005	99.5892	34
7223		0.1950	0.0003	99.8462	99.82	10		9					
						0.1823			0.0004		99.7806	8	
						0.1999			0.0003		99.8499	8	

The Ethylene Glycol did not air dry in 30 mins after the cleaning concluded, so the coupons were dried with a heat gun before taking clean weights.

Summary:	Substrates:	Stainless Steel				
	Contaminants:	Coatings, Plastic				
	Company Name:	Product Name:	Conc.:	Efficiency:	Effective:	Observations:
	Alfa Aesar	Ethylene Glycol	100%	78.35	<input type="checkbox"/>	39 seconds until clean
	Fisher Scientific	Isopropanol (CAS:67-63-0)	99%	99.65	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20 seconds until clean

Conclusion: Isopropanol (rubbing alcohol) is highly effective in removing all soils from the stainless steel coupons. Ethylene Glycol was effective in removing the 7159 NF Alum and 7223 polymers but was unsuccessful in removing the 7229 polymer.

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