

CLEANING LABORATORY EVALUATION SUMMARY

SCL #: 2002
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 ClientType: Cleaning Equipment Mfr
 ProjectNumber: Project #2
 Substrates: Stainless Steel
 PartType: Coupon
 Contaminants: Waxes
 Cleaning Methods: Ultrasonics
 Analytical Methods:
 Purpose: 7th contaminant cleaning

Experimental Procedure: Thirteen preweighed coupons were coated with a paraffin wax, by heating the wax with a Master Appliance heat gun and rubbing the coupons with the hot wax. Once cooled, coupons were reweighed. Five coupons were clipped to wire racks and immersed into the Flow-Matic machine and cleaned for 1 minutes using ultrasonics at 92 F, removed and rinsed in a tap water spray and re-immersed into the ultrasonics for an additional 1 minute followed by a second 5 second rinse. The coupons were then dried using an air knife for 15 seconds. A second set of five coupons followed the same cleaning cycle except they were hung on a wire stand and immersed into a Crest 40 kHz ultrasonic tank. The final three coupons were cleaned in water using stir-bar agitation, rinsed with the spray and dried with air knives.

Results: Comparison of the two processes revealed that both system were ineffective at removing the wax from the stainless steel coupons.
 Table 1. Cleaning Efficiencies

Process	Flow-Matic	Traditional
	-0.28	0.00
	-0.21	0.42
	2.46	0.16
	-0.94	0.68
	-0.96	0.04
Average	0.01	0.26
Std Dev	1.41	0.29

Water in the immersion cleaning removed about the same amount of wax as the ultrasonic systems.
 Wax
 -0.32
 -0.42
 -0.14
 -0.30
 0.14

Summary:

Substrates:		Stainless Steel			
Contaminants:		Waxes			
Company Name:	Product Name:	Conc.:	Efficiency:	Effective:	Observations:
Water	Water	100	0.26	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traditional System
Water	Water	100	0.01	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flow-Matic System
Water	Water	100	-0.30	<input type="checkbox"/>	Immersion System

Conclusion: Neither system was effective in cleaning the wax.