

CLEANING LABORATORY EVALUATION SUMMARY

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ClientType: Cleaner Manufacturer

ProjectNumber: Project #1

Substrates: Stainless Steel

PartType: Coupon

Contaminants: Oil

Cleaning Methods: Immersion/Soak

Analytical Methods: Gravimetric

Purpose: To evaluate second supplied product for Green Seal GS 34 degreasing standard.

Experimental Procedure: According to Green Seal, GS 34 is a procedure for evaluating the ability of a degreaser to remove soil and is based on ASTM G-122, (1996), MIL-PRF-87937C (DOD, 1997) and MIL-C-29602 (DOD, 1995).

Two types of soils were prepared individually. The first soil, maintenance soil, consisted of 10 grams of carbon black, 10 grams iron oxide, 100 ml WD-40, 100 ml hydraulic oil, and 100 ml gear oil. Each component was placed in a 750 beaker and mixed for 20 minutes at room temperature using a magnetic stirrer. The second soil, production soil, was made by mixing 200 ml Quench Oil and 200 ml cutting oil for 20 minutes at room temperature using a magnetic stirrer in a second 750 ml beaker.

Approximately 100 mg of each soil was applied to a precleaned and preweighed (clean mass = A) stainless steel coupon onto one side only with a handheld swab. No soil was applied to the two control coupons. The maintenance soil for all three coupons was baked in an oven for 30 minutes at a temperature of 40° C (105 F). For the production soil, all three coupons were baked in an oven for thirty minutes at 105° C (220 F). The coupons were then allowed to cool to room temperature and weigh a second time (soiled mass = B).

The cleaning product was diluted to XX% and preheated to 40 C (105 F). Four 600 mL beakers were filled with enough fresh degreaser solution to completely submerge the coupons in the degreasing solution without any overflow. The four beakers were suspended in the heated tank and allowing the temperature in the cleaning bath and beakers to equilibrate.

Each coupon was suspended in a beaker, allowing the entire contaminated surface to be submerged in the cleaning solution. The coupons were washed for 20 minutes using immersion cleaning only.

The washing was followed by two rinse steps. The coupons were drained for 30 seconds prior to each rinse step. For each rinse step a 20-minute soak was utilized. After the two rinse steps, all coupons were first allowed to air dry for 30 minutes and then dried in an oven at 105° C for 30 minutes. The coupons were then cooled to room temperature and final weights were measured (mass of the coupon after cleaning = C).

The control coupons were examined to determine if there were any visible signs of corrosion. Next, the control coupon was weighed to determine if there was any lost mass, which might occur if corrosion was in progress; or gained mass, which might occur if the degreaser had left a residue on the coupons. The following equation was applied:

$[MCC - MCB] < 0.1 \text{ mg}$ (which is the maximum balance error).

Where:
MCC = mass of the control coupon after washing and rinsing
MCB = mass of the control coupon before washing and rinsing

For the cleaned coupons, the amount of residual soil per surface area was calculated, using the following formula:
 $RS = (C-A)/ Ar$

Where:
RS = amount of residual soil (mg/m²)
C = mass of the coupon after cleaning
A = initial coupon mass
Ar = surface area = 0.0045 m²

If the average residual maintenance soil loading, and the average residual performance soil loading are each less than 2,000 mg/m², the degreaser meets the cleaning performance criteria.

Results: The Nutrisol-Calsoft L40 mix met the standard removal rate for Process soil (1763 mg/m²) but did not for the maintenance soil (3430 mg/m²). The formulation did work better than the existing formulation (P-1926, M-8719). A quick check of the product at a higher concentration resulted in an improvement for the maintenance soil (3111) but still did not meet the required removal rate of 2000 mg/m². A quick check also was performed on a second formulation option. The results were promising (1659 mg/m²) but the initial soil loading was not within the standard required range and would need to be retested to

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ensure proper soil removal rates. The table lists the values for each coupon cleaned for both soils using immersion cleaning.

| Calsoft L40 mix | Initial mass of coupons (A) | Mass of coupon after soiling (B) | Mass of coupon after cleaning (C) | Residual soil (mg/m ²) | Mass difference control |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| M1 | 62.5826 | 62.6728 | 62.5913 | 1933 | |
| M2 | 62.7810 | 62.8711 | 62.7934 | 2756 | |
| M3 | 64.3747 | 64.5073 | 64.3999 | 5600 | |
| MC | 60.2934 | | 60.2935 | | -0.0001 |
| Average | | | | 3430 | |
| P1 | 62.5021 | 62.6011 | 62.5104 | 1844 | |
| P2 | 62.7543 | 62.8968 | 62.7615 | 1844 | |
| P3 | 59.0830 | 59.1365 | 59.0849 | 1600 | |
| PC | 59.0962 | | 59.0962 | | 0.0000 |
| Average | | | | 1763 | |
| | | | | | |
| Green Bridge Original Formula | | | | | |
| M1 | 62.9454 | 63.0675 | 62.9579 | 2778 | |
| M2 | 62.6956 | 62.8449 | 62.7657 | 15578 | |
| M3 | 60.2190 | 60.3614 | 60.2541 | 7800 | |
| MC | 62.2156 | | 62.2155 | | 0.0001 |
| Average | | | | 8719 | |
| P1 | 60.1899 | 60.2774 | 60.1962 | 1400 | |
| P2 | 59.8873 | 59.9872 | 59.9005 | 2933 | |
| P3 | 62.5879 | 62.6932 | 62.5944 | 1444 | |
| PC | 62.8415 | | 62.8415 | | 0.0000 |
| Average | | | | 1926 | |
| | | | | | |
| SugaNate 160 | | | | | |
| M1 | 59.083 | 59.1365 | 59.0849 | 422 | |
| M2 | 62.1892 | 62.2478 | 62.2094 | 4489 | |
| M3 | 60.2938 | 60.3598 | 60.2941 | 67 | |
| MC | 62.1154 | | 62.1154 | | 0.0000 |
| Average | | | | 1659 | |
| Calsoft L40 3:1 | | | | | |
| M1 | 62.726 | 62.8417 | 62.7362 | 2267 | |
| M2 | 62.7052 | 62.8482 | 62.7194 | 3156 | |
| M3 | 62.7426 | 62.8589 | 62.7602 | 3911 | |
| MC | 62.8415 | | 62.8416 | | -0.0001 |
| Average | | | | 3111 | |

Summary:

Conclusion:

The Calsoft L40 mix was not successful on the maintenance soil using immersion cleaning at 40 C (105 F). A follow up test will be conducted using ultrasonic cleaning. If the solution passes the removal rate under these conditions, the second performance test (oil-water separation) will be conducted.