

CLEANING LABORATORY EVALUATION SUMMARY

SCL #: 2017
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 ClientType: General
 ProjectNumber: Project #1
 Substrates: Aluminum
 PartType: Coupon
 Contaminants: Waxes
 Cleaning Methods: Immersion/Soak
 Analytical Methods: Gravimetric, Visual

Purpose: To evaluate the effectiveness of five drop-in solvents at removing wax from aluminum alloys.

Experimental Procedure: Prewieghed aluminum coupons were tested for each cleaner. Coupons were soiled with Lenox Lube Tube Wax (CAS:8002-74-2; 57-11-4; 5989-27-5) using a swab to cover the bottom third of the substrate and dirty weights were recorded. Coupons were immersed, three at a time, in a beaker with 200ml of the chosen cleaner at room temperature (68 F) for five minutes. Visual observations were taken during this time, and final weights were recorded after cleaning. This process was repeated for each cleaner.

Cleaner	Initial wt.	Final wt.	% Removed	Average % Removed
Fluosolv CX				
	0.1554	0.1326	14.67	18.02
	0.0947	0.0767	19.01	
	0.0869	0.0692	20.37	
Fluosolv NC				
	0.8361	0.719	14.01	14.91
	0.8227	0.6897	16.17	
	1.1123	0.9504	14.56	
Solstice PF				
	0.8529	0.664	22.15	16.35
	0.8597	0.7561	12.05	
	0.8457	0.7202	14.84	
Solstice PF-2A				
	0.5232	0.4318	17.47	21.24
	0.416	0.3098	25.53	
	0.4061	0.3219	20.73	
Vertrel Sion				
	0.474	0.3752	20.84	41.73
	0.7537	0.2876	61.84	
	0.7268	0.4179	42.5	

Although drop-in solvents were ineffective at removing the wax completely, the wax was slightly lifting off the coupon with Fluosolv NC. An increase in immersion time may remove a higher percentage of the wax.

Summary:

Substrates:	Aluminum				
Contaminants:	Waxes				
Company Name:	Product Name:	Conc.:	Efficiency:	Effective:	Observations:
NuGeneration Technologies, LLC	FluoSolv CX	100	18.02	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NuGeneration Technologies, LLC	FluoSolv NC 786	100	14.91	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Honeywell	Solstice PF with N2	100	16.35	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Honeywell	Solstice PF-2A with N2	100	21.24	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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DuPont	Vertrel Sion	100	41.73	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Conclusion:

All five drop-in solvents were ineffective at removing wax from aluminum. Next step would be to add agitation and increase immersion time. Not all products will be evaluated in future testing due to EHS criteria and performance.