

CLEANING LABORATORY EVALUATION SUMMARY

SCL #: 2004
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 Experimenters: Jason Marshall
 ClientType: Manufacturer of Ceramic Capacitors
 ProjectNumber: Project #1
 Substrates: Ceramics
 PartType: Coupon
 Contaminants: Waxes
 Cleaning Methods: Immersion/Soak
 Analytical Methods: Gravimetric
 Purpose: To evaluate more alternatives for wax removal

Experimental Procedure: Seven cleaners were selected from the laboratories database of past testing based on supplied data from client. All products were used at full strength also in 250 ml beakers. All products were also used at room temperature. Twenty-one preweighed ceramic coupons were coated with client supplied wax, Zopher Mills Inc No 1563 Wax (mixture of waxes and resins). The wax was first melted using a Master Appliance heat gun in a beaker and applied directly to the coupon surface. The coupons were allowed to cool to room temperature before weighing a second time. Three coupons were cleaned in each solution for 30 minutes using stir-bar agitation. Coupons were rinsed in tap water for 15 seconds at 120 F, followed by air blow off at room temperature. Once dry, coupons were weighed a final time and efficiencies for each cleaner were calculated.

Results: Three products removed over half of the wax within the 30 minutes. Of these the Citrus Pure removed over 85% of the wax. The table below lists the amount of wax added and the amount remaining after cleaning.

Cleaner	Initial wt	Final wt	% Removed
Bio T 300 B	0.3040	0.0494	83.75
	0.3166	0.0828	73.85
	0.5694	0.2018	64.56
D-Limonene	0.4505	0.2704	39.98
	0.4144	0.1521	63.30
	0.3475	0.1142	67.14
SC Supersolve	0.4816	0.4814	0.04
	0.4326	0.4273	1.23
	0.2456	0.2427	1.18
3-D Degreaser	0.3359	0.3305	1.61
	0.2341	0.2039	12.90
	0.3788	0.3736	1.37
Citrus-Pure Remover	0.3000	0.0241	91.97
	0.3655	0.0991	72.89
	0.2170	0.0181	91.66
SoySolv II	0.4546	0.4211	7.37
	0.3020	0.2797	7.38
	0.4335	0.4047	6.64
DBD 6	0.5307	0.5213	1.77
	0.3592	0.3546	1.28
	0.3567	0.3375	5.38

Summary:

Substrates:	Ceramics				
Contaminants:	Waxes				
Company Name:	Product Name:	Conc.:	Efficiency:	Effective:	Observations:
Bio Chem Systems	Bio T 300 B	100	74.05	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Florida Chemical Company	D-Limonene	100	56.80	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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Gemtek Products	SC Supersolve Safety Solvent	100	0.82	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Finger Lakes Chemical	3 D Degreaser	100	5.29	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Abatement Technologies	Citrus Pure AS850	100	85.50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Soysolv Industrial Products	Soysolv II solvent	100	7.13	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Invista S.a.r.l	Flexisolv DBE 6 ester	100	2.81	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Conclusion:

The successful products from both trials may be more effective at a higher temperature, however some of these products have a flash point below 140 F. Ultrasonics may also improve the removal of the wax.