

# CLEANING LABORATORY EVALUATION SUMMARY

SCL #: 2020  
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 Experimenters: Alicia McCarthy, Hayley Byra  
 ClientType: Metal  
 ProjectNumber: Project #1  
 Substrates: Stainless Steel  
 PartType: Coupon  
 Contaminants: Resins/Rosins  
 Cleaning Methods: Manual Wipe  
 Analytical Methods: Gravimetric, Visual

**Purpose:** The purpose of this experiment was to determine the effectiveness of five cleaners; Isopropyl alcohol, SC Aircraft & Metal Cleaner, Dimethyl glutarate, Propylene carbonate, and RB Degreaser, in removing a water based rosin from stainless steel substrates with unheated manual wiping.

**Experimental Procedure:** Three coupons were obtained and weighed for each of the five tested cleaners; Isopropyl alcohol (100% concentration), SC Aircraft & Metal Cleaner (50% concentration), Dimethyl glutarate (100% concentration), Propylene carbonate (100% concentration), and RB Degreaser (1:30 concentration). Coupons were then soiled with the water based rosin using a swab and dried overnight before taking the dirty weight. Cotton cloths for each cleaner were saturated and used to wipe down the soiled coupons for 30 seconds at room temperature before taking the final clean weights.

**Results:**

Cleaner	Initial wt of cont.	Final wt of cont.	%Cont Removed	% AVG
Isopropyl alcohol	0.0756	0.0347	54.10	35.64
	0.0938	0.0527	43.82	
	0.201	0.1829	9.01	
SC Aircraft & Metal Cleaner	0.2142	0.1702	20.54	16.09
	0.2601	0.2247	13.61	
	0.2259	0.194	14.12	
Dimethyl glutarate	0.1822	0.0259	85.78	90.7
	0.2438	0.0165	93.23	
	0.2284	0.0158	93.08	
Propylene Carbonate	0.2534	0.2532	0.08	1.70
	0.2617	0.2968	-13.41	
	0.1861	0.1518	18.43	
RB Degreaser	0.1881	0.1276	32.16	35.72
	0.1861	0.0999	46.32	
	0.2257	0.161	28.67	

**Summary:**

<b>Substrates:</b>		Stainless Steel			
<b>Contaminants:</b>		Resins/Rosins			
<b>Company Name:</b>	<b>Product Name:</b>	<b>Conc.:</b>	<b>Efficiency:</b>	<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Observations:</b>
Fisher Scientific	Isopropanol (CAS: 67-63-0)	100%	35.64	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worked well to remove thin areas. Thicker areas were harder to remove.
Gemtek Products	SC Aircraft & Metal Cleaner Super Concentrate	50%	16.09	<input type="checkbox"/>	Did not perform on thick areas and barely on thin areas. Really bubbly.
Fisher Scientific	Dimethyl glutarate (CAS:1119-40-0)	100%	90.70	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Worked really well, removed almost all soil from all coupons.
Fisher Scientific	Propylene carbonate 99.5% (CAS:108-32-7)	100%	1.70	<input type="checkbox"/>	Had difficulty removing thicker areas. Did not work well.
Environmental Technology	RB Degreaser Cleaner	1:30	35.72	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worked well on thin areas.

**Conclusion:** Dimethyl glutarate was the most effective cleaner.