

CLEANING LABORATORY EVALUATION SUMMARY

SCL #: 2019
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 Experimenters: Ted Kearney
 ClientType: Cleaner Manufacturer
 ProjectNumber: Project #1
 Substrates: Marble
 PartType: Coupon
 Contaminants: Calcium/lime
 Cleaning Methods: Immersion/Soak
 Analytical Methods: Gravimetric

Purpose: To evaluate K-cup cleaners on the effectiveness of their descaling performance using marble pieces.

Experimental Procedure: To test the descaling performance, the marble block test was used. In this test, a marble block is submerged for a period of time in two cleaner solutions. The weight of the marble block was measured before the immersion and after the immersion. Marble is chemically similar to hard water stains in that they both are made up of calcium carbonate. Results can be expressed in the number of grams lost over time during the immersion process. This method is widely used due to its simplicity but has some restrictions. One such limitation is how other soils typically mixed with hard water stains are not taken into consideration.

Several marble chunks of similar size were weighed to determine the baseline weight of each piece. The marble chunks were then immersed into two supplied products at vendor recommended dilutions and allowed to soak for two hours. The marble chunks were removed from the solutions after 5 minutes, and were rinsed to remove any loose material, dried using a Master Appliance Heat gun at 500 F, weighed, and reimmersed into the cleaner. This process was repeated after 10, 15, 30, 60, and 120 minutes. After the full 120 minutes, the marble chunks were removed from both solutions, rinsed, and dried. Final weights were recorded to determine weight loss. Three trials were performed for each supplied cleaner.

Results:

Cleaner	Trial	Initial wt Marble	Final Wt Marble	Wt Loss	% Wt Loss	Average % Wt Loss
Clean'n Brew Cleaning Cup 1	1	18.5111	18.1772	0.3339	1.8	1.96
	2	13.0642	12.8372	0.227	1.74	
	3	10.7880	10.5344	0.2536	2.35	
Clean'n Brew Cleaning Cup 2	1	18.8218	18.1231	0.6987	3.71	4.55
	2	13.6086	12.9568	0.6518	4.79	
	3	10.5836	10.0392	0.5444	5.14	

Product Name	Trial Run	Initial Temperature	Final Temperature
Clean 'n Brew Cleaning Cup 1	1	80 C	23 C
	2	80 C	23 C
	3	80 C	22 C
Clean 'n Brew Cleaning Cup 2	1	80 C	22 C
	2	80 C	23 C
	3	80 C	22 C

Summary:

Substrates:	Marble				
Contaminants:	Calcium/lime				
Company Name:	Product Name:	Conc.:	Efficiency:	Effective:	Observations:
Clean 'n Brew	Clean'n Brew Cleaning Cup	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K cup 1 Average Wt Loss 1.96%
Clean 'n Brew	Clean'n Brew Cleaning Cup	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K Cup 2 Average Wt Loss 4.55%

Conclusion:

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Clean 'n Brew Cleaning Cup 2 was the most effective cleaner in terms of weight loss in comparison to the Clean 'n Brew Cleaning Cup 1 cleaner. Clean 'n Brew Cleaning Cup 2 had an average weight loss of 4.55%, and Clean 'n Brew Cleaning Cup 1 had an average weight loss of 1.96%. Clean 'n Brew Cleaning Cup 2 would be recommended for descaling.