

# CLEANING LABORATORY EVALUATION SUMMARY

SCL #: 2020  
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 Experimenters: Justin Kiander  
 ClientType: Metal Finishing  
 ProjectNumber: Project #1  
 Substrates: Steel  
 PartType: Coupon  
 Contaminants: Oil  
 Cleaning Methods: Immersion/Soak  
 Analytical Methods: Gravimetric, Visual, Contact Angle (Surface Tension)

**Purpose:** The purpose of this experiment was to test the effectiveness of 4 cleaners in removing Vanishing Oil from cold rolled steel coupons provided by the company and comparing the contact angles to solvent cleaned coupons.

**Experimental Procedure:** Four cold rolled steel coupons provided by the company were obtained for each of the cleaners being tested. Cleaners were prepared to the following concentrations: Liquinox 1%, Surface Cleanse 930 5%, Sta Sol ESS 160 100%, and Smart Solve 605 100%. Cleaners were heated to 100°F. An initial weight was obtained for each coupon, then coupons were soiled with the Vanishing Oil and a dirty weight was recorded. When solutions reached the proper temperature, coupons were submerged into their respective cleaners for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes had passed, coupons were placed into a deionized water bath at 100°F for 30 seconds. Coupons were then dried with an air gun on the cool setting. Once dried, clean weights were obtained, and three contact angles were determined and averaged together for each coupon. Effectiveness of the cleaners was then determined.

**Results:**

Cleaner	Initial wt of cont	Final wt of cont	%Cont Removed	Contact Angle	Average Contact Angle
Liquinox	0.0129	0.0056	56.59	55.02	52.08
				51.69	
				49.52	
Surface Cleanse 930	0.0098	0.0090	8.16	5.15	4.94
				4.79	
				4.89	
Sta Sol ESS 160	0.0149	0.0024	83.89	55.04	40.55
				37.64	
				28.98	
Smart Solve 605	0.0143	0.0027	81.12	1.23	5.45
				11.7	
				3.43	

**Summary:**

<b>Substrates:</b>		Steel			
<b>Contaminants:</b>		Oil			
<b>Company Name:</b>	<b>Product Name:</b>	<b>Conc.:</b>	<b>Efficiency:</b>	<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Observations:</b>
Alconox Inc	Liquinox	1%	56.59	<input type="checkbox"/>	Average contact angle of 52.08
International Products Corporation	Surface Cleanse Concentrated Neutral 930	5%	8.16	<input type="checkbox"/>	Average contact angle of 4.94
JR Hess & Co., Inc.	Sta-Sol ESS 160	100%	83.89	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ineffective due to a contact angle of 40.55
United Laboratories International	Smart Solve 605	100%	81.12	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ineffective due to a contact angle of 5.45

**Conclusion:** Sta Sol ESS 160 had the highest % removal of soil at 83.89%. However, no cleaner was able to reach an average contact angle value to surpass the current solvent. Next steps would be to reevaluate the list of cleaners to determine more options.