

CLEANING LABORATORY EVALUATION SUMMARY

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ClientType: Adhesive Manufacturer

ProjectNumber: Project #1

Substrates: Stainless Steel

PartType: Coupon

Contaminants: Adhesive

Cleaning Methods: Manual Wipe

Analytical Methods: Visual

Purpose: Various safer solvents to be tested

Experimental Procedure: The purpose of this experiment is to find a cleaner for Adhesive Manufacturer that will replace their current 4:1 heptane-toluene mixture. So far, attempts with aqueous cleaners and semi-aqueous terpenes have proven unsuccessful. Various solvents that are safer than the current Adhesive Manufacturer cleaning solution will be tested.
Durotac Adhesive was applied to the 316 stainless steel coupons. Sitting times of the adhesive was between 10 and 15 minutes. Cleaning would be accomplished by first applying some cleaning chemistry (100%) onto the contaminated coupons and allowing to sit for about 30 seconds. The adhesive was then removed with a scouring pad. Time and ease of removal was noted. All chemistries were used at room temperature.
SUBSTRATE MATERIAL: 316 Stainless Steel Coupons
CONTAMINANTS: Duro-Tac toluene-heptane based adhesive
CONTAMINATING PROCESS USED: Adhesives applied on with swab and allowed to sit for 10 minutes to 15 minutes

Results: The cleaners tested and the results are shown in the table below:

Cleaning Chemistry	Time of removal (sec)	Notes
Brulin Corp. Compliance	50	Pretty good removal
AW Chesterton 803 Solvent	70	
Ausimont USA Inc Perfluorosolv PFS-1	80	Very tough to remove
Ashland Chemical Co Solvent 6733	DNC	
ISP Tech N-Methyl 2-Pyrrolidone	DNC	
Solvent Kleene, Inc. Degrease 500	40	Dissolves at first, but leaves a tacky
CSA Inc. Biosafe 1023	35	Not as effective as the 1024
CSA Inc. Biosafe 1024	25	Not much dissolving action, but Adhesive rolls off easily
Bush-Allen-Boake K-312	45	Dissolves but leaves a film that is tough to remove
Dow Development Solvent 40570	65	Surface still quite tacky
Dow Development Solvent 40571	35	Very clean surface

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Dow Development Solvent 40579	45	No residue left
Toluene	30	Tacky residue left

Summary:

Substrates:		Stainless Steel				
Contaminants:		Adhesive				
Company Name:	Product Name:	Conc.:	Efficiency:	Effective:	Observations:	
Brulin Corporation	Compliance	100		<input type="checkbox"/>		
AW Chesterton	803 Industrial & Marine Solvent II	100		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ausimont USA Inc	Perfluorosolv PFS 1	100		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Ashland Specialty Chemical Company	Solvent 6733	100		<input type="checkbox"/>		
EcoLink	Safe Strip	100		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Transene Company, Inc.	D Greeze 500 LO	100		<input type="checkbox"/>		
CSA Inc	Bio Safe 1023	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
CSA Inc	Bio Safe 1024	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Bush Boake Allen Inc	BBA Solvent K312	100		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Dow Chemical Company	XUS 40570 Development Solvent	100		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Dow Chemical Company	XUS 40571 Development Solvent	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Dow Chemical Company	XUS 40579 Development Solvent	100		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
EM Science	Toluene	100		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Conclusion:

The Bio-Safe 1023 does a good job of lifting the adhesives. One last experiment will be to try mixtures of the most successful terpenes and aqueous products. Most of the terpenes will dissolve the adhesive to some degree but leave a sticky residue that does not peel off. The aqueous products are just the opposite, they cause no dissolving action, but the adhesive peels off pretty easy after a while. A combination of these traits may be most effective.