

CLEANING LABORATORY EVALUATION SUMMARY

SCL #: 2016
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 Experimenters: Sabrina Apel
 ClientType: Metal Working
 ProjectNumber: Project #1
 Substrates: Stainless Steel
 PartType: Coupon
 Contaminants: Waxes
 Cleaning Methods: Immersion/Soak
 Analytical Methods: Gravimetric

Purpose: To find alternative degreasing agents

Experimental Procedure: Two cleaners were tested at room temperature (68°F) to evaluate removal of Carnuba Wax on stainless steel coupons. Six pre-weighed coupons were coated with Carnuba Wax. Each coupon was baked in an oven at 200 °F for ten minutes and cooled at 120 °F for five minutes. Coupons were removed from the oven, cooled to room temperature, and weighed to determine amount of soil added. Three coupons were immersed in one of the solvents for five minutes in a beaker. The coupons were air dried for 15 minutes. There was no rinse. Once dry, final weights were measured and efficiency was calculated for each coupon cleaned.

Results: Fluosolv CX and Fluosolv NC did not clean the Carnuba Wax efficiently, Fluosolv CX had better removal gravimetrically. The coupons did not visually show removal of the soil after immersing. While air drying the coupons, the residual wax dried and turned white.

Cleaner	Initial wt of cont.	Final wt of cont.	%Cont Removed
Fluosolv CX	0.0683	0.0338	50.51
	0.0344	0.0264	23.26
	0.0453	0.0226	50.11
Fluosolv NC	0.0531	0.0388	26.93
	0.0528	0.0419	20.64
	0.0482	0.0359	25.52

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Company Name:	Product Name:	Conc.:	Efficiency:	Effective:	Observations:	
NuGeneration Technologies, LLC	FluoSolv CX	100	41.29	<input type="checkbox"/>		
NuGeneration Technologies, LLC	FluoSolv NC 786	100	24.36	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Conclusion:

Ecolink Fluosolv CX and Fluosolv NC did not efficiently remove Carnuba Wax on stainless steel at room temperature. The Ecolink Fluosolv CX cleaned with an efficiency of 41.29%. The Ecolink Fluosolv NC cleaned least efficiently with an efficiency of 24.36%.