



# SURCLEAN

## Electronic Production Materials

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### **Surclean Screenclean 400-General Description**

Surclean Screenclean 400 is a synergistic blend of high performance Glycol Ethers and Hydrocarbons specifically designed for fast, effective removal of uncured Solder Paste and Adhesive residues from Screens, Stencils and associated tooling. It will also remove residues from misprinted PCB's. SC400 is Surfactant free and does not degrade in use. SC400 is supplied ready to use and is suitable for a wide range of processes from hand spot cleaning, use in the solvent tanks on automatic Stencil Printers for between print under Stencil cleaning through to immersion and spray type automatic Stencil Cleaning Machines.

### **Main Characteristics of Surclean 400**

- 1) Powerful action with the cleaning power of Solvent Cleaners combined with many of the safety and environmental advantages of Aqueous based materials such as low toxicity, high flash-point and biodegradability.
- 2) Wide range of process applications from manual localised cleaning and batch type methods, through to fully automated screen cleaning systems. Useable at ambient temperatures. Does not require heating. Can be warm air dried or water rinsed with rinse residue warm air dry after.
- 3) Cleans a wide range of residues and will not foam or leave white residues after rinsing.
- 4) Environmentally safe. SC400 is free of Surfactants, Inorganic salts and Halogenated Compounds. SC400 is classified as an Ultra low VOC content material and it has an ODP potential of 0. Surclean SC400 is non toxic and 100% Bio-degradeable.
- 5) Economical in use. SC400 will still work even when heavily contaminated and can be re-circulated through filtration to extend its life. No chemical additions are needed to maintain its condition.
- 6) Safe and pleasant to use. SC400 is very low odour, has low flammability and is safe for operators.
- 7) Exceptionally good compatibility with Screen and Stencil attachment adhesives. PH neutral formulation prevents damage to Screen and Stencil Frames.

### **General Process Application Data**

Surclean Screenclean 400 is designed for use in a wide range of processes. Process times will vary according to process and residue characteristics. SC400 can be air dried by air knives and heated air or rinsed with either town supply or D.I. water with the water then warm air dried at temperatures up to 50 deg C. Screenclean 400 can be used in a contaminated state until residue saturation inhibits cleaning or if rinsing is used, the rinse stage is unable to cope with the level of contamination. Rinsing of Stencils can be carried out by using Town water. Rinsing of mis-printed PCBs with D.I. water is preferable. Recirculation of Surclean 400 through progressive filters down to 5 microns can greatly extend the materials in process life.

### **Processing - Cleaning - Immersion type systems**

Fully immerse Screen in the cleaning tank. SC 400 does not require heating. Natural heating due to mechanical agitation within the process will not harm the material and can even reduce the cycle time. Agitation of the solution using spray under immersion or ultrasonics, where available, is particularly beneficial. Process times vary according to the residue and the particular cleaning processes, but are typically 3 to 12 minutes excluding drying or rinse/dry stage.



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### **Processing - Cleaning - Spray type systems.**

Process times depend on the throughput speed and spray characteristics of the particular equipment but all the process parameters shown for immersion cleaning used as a guide. SC400 does not show tendencies to produce micro aerosols or create fume vapor, however, where fitted, process fume extraction should also be utilised.

### **Optional Processing - Stage 2 - Rinse**

Rinse using Town-water or DI water at ambient temperature. Typical rinse time 3 - 5 minutes.

### **Processing - Stage 3 - Drying**

Dry using warm air up to a maximum temperature of 50 deg C. Drying time typically 5 - 10 minutes. Drying can be achieved at room temperature, but the time taken is longer.

### **Cleaning - Applications - residue types**

Residue	Cleaning Ability
Uncured Low solids Flux residues	Good
Uncured Rosin/Modified Resin based Flux residues	Acceptable
Misprinted Solder Paste	Very Good
Uncured Misprinted Adhesive	Very Good

### **Screenclean 400 - Physical Characteristics**

Relative Density (gms/cubic CM) measured @ 20 deg. C	0.77
Surface Tension (mN/m) measured @ 25deg.C	23.8
Boiling Range.	155 -177
Flash Point.	59 deg C
Flammability.	Low flammability
Ph Value.	Neutral
Operating temperature range.	Ambient
Solubility in water.	Miscible
Equipment usage. Use in un-heated cleaning equipment without zone II protection is OK	

### **Maintenance of Screenclean 400 Solution**

Surclean 400 can be used in a contaminated state until residue saturation levels cause either a fall off in cleaning action or the optional rinsing stage is no longer able to rinse the cleaning solution and contaminant away. Determining this point is by experience, but heavily contaminated fluid can still work quite acceptably. Contamination levels can be monitored by visual observation and by spot PH testing to determine the level of flux activation acids dissolved within the cleaning solution. By correlating the PH readings and observations of cleaning and first stage rinse performance. A repeatable process control procedure can be established allowing timely replenishment of the solution without undue waste.

### **Disposal actions**

Disposal of in accordance with local authority trade effluent license conditions or by specialist waste collection contractors, e.g. Biffa PLC.