

Features & Uses

There are different AWL-PREP Wipe Down Solvents to fit a variety of cleaning needs from wax and grease removal to mild surface cleaning. Surface cleaners are generally used to remove light contaminants such as hand oils from finish primers and topcoats. Substrate Cleaners are generally used to remove wax, grease or other harsh contaminants from substrates. Read each product description to choose which AWL-PREP product is right for you.

T0008**AWL-PREP Surface Cleaner - Use to wipe down finish primers and topcoats**

A fast evaporating surface cleaner used to wipe down final primed or topcoated surfaces before and after sanding. AWL-PREP T0008 is a mild surface cleaner that will remove hand oils, light grease and other light surface contaminants. Using the Two Cloth Method wipe down with AWL-PREP T0008 before and after sanding of primers, fillers, and topcoats. AWL-PREP T0008 has a "drying" effect which removes latent moisture from the surface. Latent moisture on the surface can cause a gloss finish to come out flat. T0008 is non-photochemically reactive.

T0115**AWL-PREP PLUS Wax & Grease Remover - Use to remove wax residue and grease from substrates**

A medium fast evaporating, strong, solvent designed to remove waxes, oils, and greases commonly found on painted surfaces, new or aged gelcoat, aluminum, or steel. Use before and after sanding the substrate prior to priming. Always de-wax before sanding. Use the Two Cloth Method to apply and remove T0115. Do not use T0115 on freshly applied primers or topcoats. T0115 is photochemically reactive.

T0170**AWL-PREP 400 Slow Evaporating Wipe Down Solvent - Use to wipe down finish primers and topcoats.**

General purpose surface cleaner which evaporates five times slower than T0008. Use to wipe down final primed or topcoated surfaces before and after sanding. T0170 will remove hand oils, light grease and other light surface contaminants. Use the Two Cloth Method to apply and remove the T0170. The slower evaporation rate of T0170 allows for larger areas to be cleaned in hot weather using the two cloth method without creating wipe marks. T0170 is also excellent for removing tape residue. T0170 is non-photochemically reactive. T0170 is recommended for use in warm weather.

Specification Data

Type: AWL-PREP (T0008) - Surface cleaner for finish primers and topcoats
AWL-PREP PLUS (T0115) - Wax & Grease Remover
AWL-PREP 400 (T0170) - Slow Evaporating Wipe Down Solvent for cleaning finish primers and topcoats
Packaging: Available in 1 gallon and 1 quart containers.
VOC: T0008: 809 g/ltr or 6.8 lbs/gallon
T0115: 817 g/ltr or 6.8 lbs/gallon
T0170: 769 g/ltr or 6.4 lbs/gallon

Product Components, Reducers, Additives, and Auxiliary Components

Not applicable.

Application Equipment

Clean, oil free, dry cotton cloths or prepackaged surface cleaning lint free towels designed for solvent wiping.

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Surface Preparation

A clean, dry surface is essential to the success of any coatings application. Remember -- Clean before sanding. Sanding often melts greases and oils into the surface making it difficult to obtain a clean surface.

Care should be used when wiping primed or painted surfaces which are not fully cured. AWL-PREP wipe down products can attack an epoxy or urethane coating as well as some polyester fillers which are not fully cured. Usually an epoxy or urethane surface which can be sanded is cured enough to be wiped down with AWL-PREP surface cleaning solvents, but not de-waxing or degreasing solvents. Polyester fillers are often sensitive to the types of solvents in the AWL-PREP product line. Always check a small area before beginning the Two Cloth Method on a primed or topcoated surface.

Detergent Scrubbing

Many applicators scrub the surface they are going to paint with household cleanser and a 3M Scotchbrite® Pad before any other prep work is performed. This is an excellent practice as careful observation of the rinse water will tell you when you have a clean surface. Breaks, holes or beading of the rinse water indicate areas which need additional cleaning.

Mixing & Reduction

None required.

Application Instructions**Two Cloth Cleaning Method:**

1. The surface should be cleaned thoroughly of all dust. Use a vacuum to remove dust or use clean dry compressed air to blow while wiping with clean, oil free, dry cotton cloths. A majority of dust and dirt should be removed before wiping down with an AWL-PREP wipe down solvent.

2. Soak one cloth in the AWL-PREP solvent of choice. Use this cloth to wet the surface.

3. Use a dry second cloth to wipe the surface dry and lift the contamination off the surface.

* Work small areas (4 sq. feet / 0.4 sq. meters or less) to keep the surface cleaner from drying before the second rag wipes the surface clean and dry.

- Repeat steps 2 and 3, changing rags frequently, until the surface is residue free.

WARNING: Wiping the surface with one wet cloth only smears contamination around. Be sure the cloth used does not have any contaminants; clean cotton or prepackaged surface cleaning lint free towels designed for solvent wiping work the best. The surface must be dry before using tack rags.

IMPORTANT

Before mixing, read Material Safety Data Sheet for health hazard and safety information.

WARNING!

DO NOT incorporate into this Awlgrip Coating System, any thinner, additive, modifier, converter, or related product produced by any manufacturer other than Awlgrip. Any such substitution can jeopardize the unique chemical characteristics provided by each of the Awlgrip Coating system.



PRODUCT DATA SHEET
AWL®-PREP WIPE DOWN SOLVENTS T0008/T0115/T0170

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