



Spec Clean™

Ready-to-Use Surface Disinfectant/Cleaner

WHAT IS SPEC CLEAN READY-TO-USE DISINFECTANT?

Spec Clean is a ready-to-use intermediate-level tuberculocidal surface disinfectant and cleaner approved for use in healthcare settings. The light lemon scent makes frequent disinfection tasks more pleasant.

What is the contact time for Spec Clean Ready-to-Use liquid?

Spec Clean is tested and approved for a one minute contact time to inactivate HIV-1, Herpes simplex virus type 1 & 2, Staphylococcus aureus and methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), Salmonella enterica, Pseudomonas aeruginosa and fungi such as Trichophyton mentagrophytes. Spec Clean inactivates benchmark M. tuberculosis var. bovis (TB) in five minutes.

Does Spec Clean have EPA registration?

Yes, it is regulated as a General Purpose, hard surface cleaner/disinfectant by the EPA and as such has undergone required AOAC testing with subsequent registration # 46851-5.

What is CDC guidance for disinfectant activity against Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C?

Ability of a disinfectant to inactivate M. tuberculosis var. bovis (TB) is considered a benchmark by the CDC to designate intermediate level disinfectant activity. It makes Spec Clean suitable for use in healthcare and other settings where blood and other human soils are likely to be present. The CDC also states that any germicide with a tuberculocidal claim on the label is considered capable of inactivating less resistant blood borne pathogens such as HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C.

What are the chemical actives in Spec Clean?

This product is a water-based dual synthetic phenolic compound with o-phenylphenol and o-benzyl-p-chlorophenol. Synthetic phenolics combine reliable disinfectant qualities with tested safety for low toxicity. Recent independent lab testing reaffirms the safe use of Spec Clean with bare hands in the absence of biohazards.

What is the benefit of non-alcohol actives in the Spec Clean formula?

- Disinfectants with alcohol tend to evaporate quickly making full contact time more difficult.
- Alcohol interferes with cleaning by causing blood and proteins to adhere more tightly.
- Long term use of disinfectants containing alcohol and/or solvents may cause tubing, vinyls and plastic housing to crack and discolor.

Why should clinicians avoid disinfectant products with solvents?

Solvents such as glycol ethers are added to some disinfectants to reduce contact time. This ingredient is not found on the main label but will be listed in product Safety Data Sheets. Testing of products with glycol ethers demonstrates visible damage to acrylic plastic and similar surfaces after long term application. Spec Clean has no glycol ether solvents in the formula.

How should Spec Clean be used?

For surface disinfection as a "one-step" cleaner/disinfectant for surfaces that are not visibly soiled: Spray or squirt Spec Clean onto surfaces or apply using paper towels or 4 X 4 gauze. Allow surfaces to stay wet for five minutes.

For surface disinfection on surfaces with visible blood and soils: Use the 2 step method. Clean surfaces by spraying or squirting Spec Clean onto surfaces or paper towels or 4 X 4 gauze. Wipe to remove soils. Discard used wipe material. Reapply Spec Clean to surfaces and keep wet for a total of five minutes.

For instrument holding and cleaning solution: Check instrument manufacturer's instructions. Fill pan or ultrasonic tank with sufficient Spec Clean to cover instruments. Soak for 5 minutes. Avoid prolonged soaking over one hour.

Is Spec Clean recommended for use to disinfect dental impressions and appliances?

Yes. Spec Clean is water based and meets most recommendations for disinfection of dental impression materials. It is bleach-free and will not corrode the metal portions of appliances. Rinse and remove gross debris from item. Place impression or appliance inside baggie, thoroughly wet all surfaces with Spec Clean and allow 5 minute contact time. Remove and rinse item gently.

How should Spec Clean be used for disinfection of tubing on equipment used to clean devices with channels and cannulas?

Follow the cleaning equipment manufacturer's directions and use a five minute contact time. Rinse disinfectant residue out of tubing after disinfection is completed.

Why is cleaning such an important step in environmental disinfection?

Spec Clean contains surfactants and detergents to quickly remove body soils, blood and dust. Soils act as a barrier between disinfectants and germs on surfaces. Blood and body soils also act as carriers to keep some germs viable (able to infect) for days or even weeks. Patients perceive safety and infection prevention through a clean and sanitary environment.

What color range should I expect to see in Spec Clean Ready-to-Use?

This product contains synthetic phenolics which are naturally tan to brown. Spec Clean should appear nearly clear to light golden brown. Heat, light and air exposure will accelerate color change. If Spec Clean is medium brown (color of tea), check expiration date (stamped on every container). Spec Clean has a two year use life after date of manufacture.

How can we cut down on aerosols created during environmental cleaning and disinfection?

Saturate paper towel or gauze applicator with Spec Clean, then apply to surface. Do not "fog" treatment areas. Use squirt caps supplied with Spec Clean labeled 16 oz. spray bottles instead of spray heads. Use Spec Clean™ wipes pre-saturated disinfectant wipes with similar water based dual synthetic phenolic actives and a three minute contact time.

Is it appropriate to use a stack of gauze pads pre-saturated with Spec Clean solution?

This is not best practice. Gauze fibers may interact with disinfectant agents and reduce efficacy. Reaching into an open container may introduce contamination. Gauze at the bottom may not be used in a timely fashion and become degraded.

Does Spec Clean have residual antimicrobial properties on surfaces?

Yes, phenolic disinfectants have demonstrated persistence of antimicrobial action on surfaces well after the initial application.

Will Spec Clean stain surfaces?

No, it is non-staining but after repeated use may leave residue from surfactants in the formula. This is easily avoided by simply wiping surfaces with water and paper towels at least weekly.

Spec Clean actives may interact with bleach creating a permanent stain on porous surfaces and textiles. Rinse surfaces and clothing prior to any application of bleach products.

Can I use Spec Clean as a "cold sterile soak" for plastic items that cannot tolerate heat sterilization?

Items that are used inside the mouth or other mucosal surfaces such as film holders, bite blocks and laryngeal airway devices are considered semi-critical. According to CDC guidelines such items preferably should be heat sterilized or at a minimum disinfected using high level disinfectant processes (gluteraldehyde, peracetic acid, ethylene oxide gas, etc.). Spec Clean is an intermediate level disinfectant.

Reference: CDC Guidelines for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008.

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