# **OAKITE® ALUMINUM CLEANER NST**

Non-silicated liquid aluminum cleaner for tank application.

### **PRIMARY APPLICATION**

Oakite Aluminum Cleaner NST is designed for tank immersion cleaning of aluminum and its alloys, including sheet stock, castings, extruded shapes and tubing. Effective in hard water, it does not leave the sludge or scale build-up that often occurs when silicated cleaners are used. Because of its mild deoxidizing properties, it brightens as well as cleans aluminum surfaces.

## **CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

chemical composition	. blend of surfactants, inorganic alkaline salts and coupling	
	agents	
physical form		
	as used: nearly colorless solution	
odor		
specific gravity	1.064 at 20°C (68°F)	
bulk density	1064 g/λ (8.9 lb/gal)	
viscosity	4 to 8 cps, Brookfield Spindle 1, 60 rpm	
flash point	none	
foaming tendency	moderate	
recommended diluent	water	
maximum solubility	complete	
behavior in hard water		
rinsability	good	
biodegradable surfactants	yes	
phosphate-free	no	
normal operating temperature	49° to 54°C (120° to 130°F)	
normal working concentrations	5 to 10% by volume of water	
pH at working concentrations		
	rate of metal loss from 24-hour immersion in Oakite	
5	Aluminum Cleaner NST, 5% by volume at 49°C (120°F),	
	projected for one year, is as follows:	

metal (alloy)	mm/yr	in/yr
steel (1010)	0.00	0.000
stainless steel (316L)	0.00	0.000
copper	0.00	0.000
aluminum (2024)	1.27	0.050
aluminum (1100)	0.51	0.020
galvanized steel	0.76	0.030
brass	0.00	0.000
magnesium	0.00	0.000



# **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Oakite Aluminum Cleaner NST is normally used at 5 to 10% by volume of water,  $49^{\circ}$  to  $54^{\circ}$ C ( $120^{\circ}$  to  $130^{\circ}$ F). Some aluminum alloys may undergo slight attack if temperatures exceed  $54^{\circ}$ C ( $130^{\circ}$ F). Recommended immersion time is 2 to 5 minutes although this can vary depending upon the type and extent of soils to be removed.

## SOLUTION CONTROL:

Concentrations may be titrated using Procedure 91 or Test Kit Procedure 126.

# NOTES ON USE

(See Material Safety Data Sheet)

Do not use on food contact surface.

Ordinary steel tanks and coils may be used.

**Safety and Handling Precautions**: Oakite Aluminum Cleaner NST is a mildly alkaline industrial product. Direct contact may cause irritation of eyes. Prolonged contact may cause irritation of skin. May be harmful if swallowed. Do not get in eyes. Avoid prolonged skin contact. Wash thoroughly after handling. Do not take internally.

**First Aid in Case of Contact:** For **eyes**, flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If eyes are irritated, get medical attention. For **skin**, flush with water. If **swallowed**, drink plenty of water. Contact a physician.

# KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

## DISPOSAL

Dispose of according to all federal, state and local regulations.

#### PACKAGING

Packaged in nonreturnable polyethylene containers as follows: large drum: 208 liters (55 U. S. gallons) small drum: 76 liters (20 U. S. gallons)

#### SHIPMENT

May be shipped by any common carrier. Freight classification is "Cleaning Compound, NOIBN, Liquid" Product Code No: 3180.

### STORAGE

Suitable for general indoor storage. Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Keep from freezing.

effect of high temperature storage ......none effect of low temperature storage .....will freeze: is restored upon thawing and agititating.

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