

## **E-Kleen™ 163-A**

### **Non-etch Neutral Phosphated Multi Cleaner for Aluminum, Brass & Zinc. Also cleans Stainless Steel**

**E-Kleen 163-A** is a liquid, non-etch neutral soak cleaner based on borates and phosphates. It provides excellent detergency and cleaning of all metal surfaces. It contains organic surfactants and corrosion inhibitors but no caustic soda or chelants. It also does not deposit on the side of the tank like other cleaners.

**E-Kleen 163-A** cleans water soluble oils, petroleum and animal fat buffing compounds. It emulsifies oil. In most cases the buffing compound will not emulsify settling to the bottom of the tank. A filter can be used to extend bath cleaner life. **E-Kleen 163-A** offers extended cleaner life (3-4 times longer) as compared to other buffing compound cleaners.

**E-Kleen 163-A** is intended for cleaning to remove stamping and cutting oils, drawing compounds, metal filings and chips.

#### **METAL FINISHING EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mild steel and stainless steel are suitable construction materials for tanks, heaters and heating coils.

#### **METAL FINISHING OPERATING CONDITIONS**

**E-Kleen 163-A concentration:** 5 to 15% by volume  
**Temperature:** 120 - 200°F  
**Time:** 1 – 10 minutes

Some solution agitation improves cleaning however air is not recommended as it causes foam.

**NOTE:** Copper will dissolve in **E-Kleen 163-A** solutions turning them blue which means copper immersion on steel and on zinc is possible when copper is present. For this reason, avoid using the same soak cleaning solution for cleaning steel and zinc parts that is used for cleaning copper and/or brass parts.

#### **METAL FINISHING SOLUTION MAKE UP**

Mix the **E-Kleen 163-A** liquid concentrate with water.

The **E-Kleen 163-A** working solution concentration is maintained with periodic additions of the liquid concentrate to replace that consumed by removing soils or due to drag-out. The strength of the working solution is determined chemically with either a burette titration or dropping bottle test.

When the cleaning solution becomes excessively contaminated with soils it should be dumped and a new solution made up.

## **METAL FINISHING SOLUTION CONTROL**

### **A. Burette Titration Method**

1. Take a sample of the **E-Kleen 163-A** solution and allow to cool to room temperature.
2. Pipette a 25 ml sample and transfer to a clean 125 ml Erlenmeyer flask. Add 25 ml of water.
3. Add 10 drops of Bromophenol Blue Indicator.
4. Titrate with Hydrochloric Acid until the color changes from blue to yellow.

**Concentration of E-Kleen 163-A (% by volume) = (ml of Acid) x (N HCl) x 2.94**

### **B. Dropping Bottle Method**

1. Take a 25 ml sample of the **E-Kleen 163-A** solution with a 25 ml graduated cylinder and add along with 25 ml of water to a 125 ml Erlenmeyer flask.
2. Add 10 drops of Bromophenol Blue Indicator.
3. Add dropwise 5N Sulfuric Acid from a dropping bottle while counting the drops and swirling the solution.
4. Stop adding drops when solution changes color from blue to yellow.

**Concentration of E-Kleen 163-A (% by volume) = number drops 5N Sulfuric Acid x 0.43**

## **CAUTION**

**E-Kleen 163-A** and its solutions are mildly alkaline. Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Do not take internally. When handling, wear goggles or face shield. In case of contact, immediately flush skin or eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. For eyes, call a physician.

**Do not** mix **E-Kleen 163-A** with acidic materials or any other chemical substance.

**Do not** work with **E-Kleen 163-A** without first reading and understanding the **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET** furnished by **EPI**.

## **PACKAGING**

One (1) 32 oz Spray bottle, One (1) 5 (five) and 55 gallon non-returnable containers.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE! For Industrial Use Only**

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