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# PROSOCO Residential BricKLEAN

masonry cleaner for new brick homes

#### **OVERVIEW**

PROSOCO Residential BricKLEAN dissolves hardened excess mortar, construction dirt, efflorescence and more from newly constructed residential brick.

Residential BricKLEAN removes mortar smears, efflorescence and common construction soiling from red or dark brick or tile, concrete and decorative concrete.

#### **ADVANTAGES**

- Safer than muriatic acid.
- Economical concentrate dilutes with fresh water.
- Cold-water rinse leaves brick clean and uniform without streaking or burning.

#### **Limitations:**

- Not for use on polished marble, limestone or travertine.
- Not suitable for buff-colored brick and some natural stone. Use Sure Klean® Vana Trol®.
- Not for removing atmospheric dirt. Contact PROSOCO for cleaner recommendations.
- Metallic oxides used to color many types of brick can form green and brown stains on the surface or in surrounding mortar joints. Minor stains often disappear if allowed to weather 10-14 days. If staining persists, use Sure Klean® Vana Trol®.

### REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

#### **VOC Compliance**

PROSOCO Residential BrickLEAN is compliant with all national, state and district regulations.

#### TYPICAL TECHNICAL DATA

FORM	Clear liquid with slight amber color
SPECIFIC GRAVITY	1.130
рН	0.1 @ 1:9 dilution
WT/GAL	9.40 lbs
ACTIVE CONTENT	Not applicable
TOTAL SOLIDS	Not applicable
VOC CONTENT	Not applicable
FLASH POINT	Not applicable
FREEZE POINT	<-22°F (-30°C)
SHELF LIFE	3 years in tightly sealed, unopened container

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#### PREPARATION

Protect people, vehicles, property, metal, painted surfaces, plants and other non-masonry materials from product, splash, residue, wind drift and fumes.

Vapor sand liquid can damage a variety of metals and fabrics. Clean masonry before installing windows, doors, metal fixtures, light fixtures, hardware, decorative paving, painted surfaces, plants and other nearby non-masonry items. If already installed, protect with plastic sheeting.

Clean mortar and grout staining within 14—28 days of installation. Remove high-strength mortar and grout staining within 7 days. Contact PROSOCO with questions.

Water in walls contributes to efflorescence and other staining. Protect open wall cavities from rain during construction.

#### **Surface and Air Temperatures**

For best results, clean when air and surface temperatures are 40°F (4°C) and rising. Do not clean when temperatures are below freezing or will be overnight.

#### **Equipment**

Use acid-resistant rigging and safety equipment.

For small areas, apply diluted cleaner with a softfibered tampico masonry washing brush. Scrub with a plastic or brass bristle scrub brush. NO brushes with steel bristles. Rinse treated surfaces with a garden hose.

For large areas, apply diluted cleaner with a low-pressure sprayer (max 50 psi) with acid-resistant hoses and gaskets and a shower-type spray nozzle for even distribution of the cleaning solution. Do not atomize. Scrub with a plastic or brass-bristle scrub brush. NO brushes with steel bristles

Rinse treated surfaces with clean water at 400-1000 psi and 6-8 gpm. Use a  $15-45^{\circ}$  fan spray tip. Heated water ( $150-180^{\circ}F$ ;

65—85°C) may improve cleaning efficiency. Reduce water flow rates and rinsing pressure as needed for sensitive surfaces.

Rinsing pressures greater than 1000 psi and fan spray tips smaller than 15° may damage sensitive masonry. Water flow rates less than 6 gpm may slow down work and contribute to uneven cleaning results.

#### Storage and Handling

Store in a cool, dry place with adequate ventilation. Vapors and liquid can damage a variety of metals and fabrics. Provide adequate ventilation. Do not alter or mix with other chemicals. Always seal container after dispensing. Published shelf life assumes upright storage of factory-sealed containers in a dry place. Maintain temperature of 45–100°F (7–38°C). Do not double stack pallets. Dispose of unused product and container in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

#### **APPLICATION**

Before use, read "Preparation" and "Safety Information."

ALWAYS TEST (minimum 4-ft x 4-ft area) for suitability and results before overall application. Test each type of masonry and each type of stain. Let test area dry 3—7 days before inspection. Use the following application instructions. Keep the test panel available for comparison throughout the cleaning project.

#### **Dilution**

Dilute by pouring cold water into an empty plastic bucket or sprayer, then add cleaner. Add one part cleaner to 4—12 parts cold water. Do not dilute with hot water. Do not use metal buckets or sprayers. Do not alter or add other chemicals, especially bleach.

ALWAYS TEST to find the dilution that cleans best.

#### **ALWAYS TEST**

ALWAYS TEST a small area of each surface to confirm suitability and desired results before starting overall application. Test with the same equipment, recommended surface preparation and application procedures planned for general application.

#### **Coverage Rates**

Coverage rates vary based on porosity and texture. Always test.

- Porous, Textured Surfaces: 300—400 sq.ft. (28—37 sq.m.) per gallon of concentrate
- Semi-Porous Surfaces: 500—900 sq.ft. (46—84 sq.m.) per gallon of concentrate
- Dense, Smooth Surfaces: 600—1100 sq.ft. (56—102 sq.m.) per gallon of concentrate

#### **Application Instructions**

- Before applying the prepared cleaning solution, thoroughly prewet the surface with fresh water, working from the bottom to the top.
- 2. Apply the diluted cleaning solution freely.
- 3. Leave cleaner on the surface 3—5 minutes. Do not let it dry. Rinse lower surfaces with fresh water to prevent streaking.
- Gently scrape off heavy build-up of excess mortar using a wood scraper or piece of brick. Reapply cleaner and scrub areas of heavy soiling. Be careful not to harm the masonry surface.
- Rinse thoroughly with fresh water until
  masonry is completely clean. Rinse from the
  bottom of the work area to the top. Thorough
  rinsing is extremely important to ensure that
  all residues are removed from the porous
  masonry.
- 6. Reapply as needed following steps 1–5.

#### Cleanup

Clean tools with fresh water. Use fresh water to wash stray cleaner and rinse-water off nearby surfaces.

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#### SAFETY INFORMATION

Residential BricKLEAN is a concentrated, acidic cleaner. This product may damage a variety of common construction materials and has safety issues common to corrosive materials. Use appropriate safety equipment and job site controls during handling and application. Read full label and MSDS for precautionary instructions before use.

#### First Aid

*Ingestion*: Contact a physician immediately.

**Eye Contact**: Rinse for 15 minutes; get medical attention.

**Skin Contact**: rinse for 15 minutes; seek medical assistance as needed.

24 Hour Emergency Information: INFOTRAC at 800-535-5053

#### WARRANTY

Information and recommendations are based on our research and the research of others, and are believed to be accurate. No guarantee of their accuracy is made because we cannot anticipate every application or variations encountered in masonry surfaces, job conditions and methods used. The purchasers shall make their own tests to determine the suitability of such products for a particular purpose.

PROSOCO, Inc. warrants this product to be free from defects. Where permitted by law, PROSOCO makes no other warranties with respect to this product, express or implied, including without limitation the implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. PROSOCO's liability shall be limited in all events to supplying sufficient product to re-treat the specific areas to which defective product has been applied. Acceptance and use of this product absolves PROSOCO from any other liability, from whatever source, including liability for incidental, consequential or resultant damages whether due to breach of warranty, negligence or strict liability. This warranty may not be modified or extended by representatives of PROSOCO, its distributors or dealers.

#### **CUSTOMER CARE**

Factory personnel are available for product, environmental and job-safety assistance with no obligation. Call 800-255-4255 and ask for Customer Care - technical support.

Factory-trained representatives are established in principal cities throughout the continental United States. Call Customer Care at 800-255-4255, or visit our web site at www.prosoco.com, for the name of the PROSOCO representative in your area.

#### **BEST PRACTICES**

ALWAYS TEST to determine best dilution and satisfactory cleaning results before overall application. Remove severe metallic staining using Sure Klean® 800 Stain Remover or Sure Klean® Ferrous Stain Remover.

Conduct tests under weather conditions which are similar to those anticipated during clean down. Cleaning results are affected by temperature. Increase dwell time and reduce dilution ratio during cold weather.

If needed, install temporary barriers to direct cleaning rinse waters away from nearby plants. For a free copy of PROSOCO's Technical Bulletin "Controlled Handling of Cleaning Wastewater," see the Helpful Literature link at www.prosoco.com or call toll free 800-255-4255.

Clean from the bottom to the top keeping all lower surfaces thoroughly rinsed with water. Inadequate prewetting or rinsing may leave unsightly cleaning residues. Do not hold back on the water!

Pre-rinse with low pressure water before pressure washer rinsing to reduce damage caused by wind drift.

Protect cleaned brick work with Sure Klean® Weather Seal Weather Seal GP or Sure Klean® Weather Seal Siloxane PD.

Never go it alone. For problems or questions, contact your local PROSOCO distributor or field representative. Or call PROSOCO technical Customer Care toll-free at 800-255-4255.

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