



AQUAKLEEN™ WATER-BASED FIBER CLEANER

DESCRIPTION

Polywater® AquaKleen™ Fiber Cleaner is formulated for cleaning fiber-optic cables and endfaces. Its excellent wetting reaches precision parts to lift dust, buffer gel, lint, fingerprints, and oils. AquaKleen dissipates static to remove surface charges so that the surface is less likely to be re-contaminated.

AquaKleen contains innovative, water-based technology. Its special blend of 94% ultra-pure deionized water with proprietary solvents does not leave a residue. AquaKleen is an environmentally desirable cleaner. It does not contribute to global warming or ozone depletion, and has very low VOC content. AquaKleen has low toxicity for safe use.

AquaKleen is packaged in easy-to-use containers that allow precise cleaner application, reduce waste, and limit contamination. Polywater’s non-woven FiberKleen towelettes trap dirt and absorb contaminants from high-speed fiber and optical equipment. A smooth wiping surface and durable material promote easy, effective cleaning.

PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES

AquaKleen is a high-performance optical cleaner. AquaKleen removes a broad variety of endface contaminants.

SOIL TYPE	CLEANING EFFECTIVENESS
Dry/ionic soil (dust, salt)	Excellent
Wet/non-ionic soil (oil, buffer gel)	Excellent
Combination soil	Excellent

AquaKleen meets the rigorous standards of Telcordia GR-2923-CORE, “Generic Requirements for Fiber Optic Connector Cleaning Products.”



AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner utilizes innovative water-based technology.

PRODUCT FEATURES

- **Non-Hazardous for Shipment:** Minimal restrictions via land or air.
- **Water-Based:** No irritating solvent vapor.
- **Eco-Friendly, Non-Toxic:** Safe to use in critical areas, including data centers.
- **Convenient Packaging:** Lightweight packages for easy field use.
- **Excellent Solvency:** Cleans all types of soils without leaving a residue.

APPROVALS

- Meets Telcordia GR-2923-CORE, “Generic Requirements for Fiber Optic Connector Cleaning Products.”
- RoHS and WEEE compliant.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner is a high-purity, optical-grade cleaner.

PROPERTY	RESULT
Residue	<100 ppm
Flash point (ASTM D93)	<140°F (60°C)
Initial boiling point	212°F (100°C)
Specific gravity	1.0
Evaporation rate	Medium

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner is best used with the combination wet/dry cleaning procedure recommended in Telcordia GR-2923-CORE. Non-linting towels (DT-D175) available from American Polywater Corporation work well with this method.

Apply several drops or a light spray of cleaner on the towel. Preferred cleaning motion is in a straight line, drawing the endface through the wetted portion of the towel, and then through a clean portion of a second dry towel. Swabs may be dampened on the wetted portion of the towel in order to clean the alignment adaptor or scope.

APPLICATION PROPERTIES

Temperature Use Range:

20°F to 120°F (-5°C to 50°C)

Storage and Shelf Life:

Keep containers tightly closed when not in use. Shelf life is 2 years.

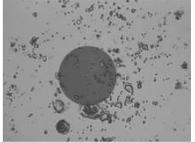
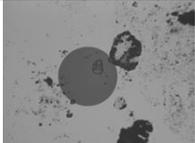
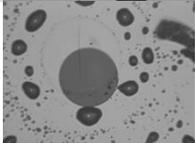
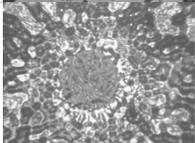
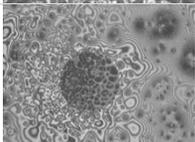
END USE

AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner is an excellent choice for cleaning precision fiber optic components such as:

- Endfaces
- Ferrules
- Single-mode fiber
- Bulkheads
- Multi-mode fiber
- Lenses, mirrors

CLEANING PROPERTIES

AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner removes a broad range of contaminants from fiber connectors. To prove this, reference reflectance and transmitted power are measured on an unsoiled test connector at 1310 nm, 1550 nm, and 1625 nm. Then the near-end connector plug is removed and soiled according to standard¹. Connector end adapter is cleaned using recommended procedure. Insertion loss and reflectance are measured and compared to control. An electronic image of each cleaning is recorded.

SOIL	IMAGE—SOILED	IMAGE—1 ST CLEANING
Gypsum		
Carbon black		
Olive oil		
Gypsum/buffer gel		
Gypsum/10W30 oil		

SOIL	INSERTION LOSS	REFLECTANCE
Gypsum	Pass (<0.05 dB loss)	Pass (<2 dB change)
Carbon black	Pass (<0.05 dB loss)	Pass (<2 dB change)
Olive oil	Pass (<0.05 dB loss)	Pass (<2 dB change)
Gypsum/buffer gel	Pass (<0.05 dB loss)	Pass (<2 dB change)
Gypsum/10W30 oil	Pass (<0.05 dB loss)	Pass (<2 dB change)

¹ Tested using methods from Telcordia GR-2923-CORE, "Generic Requirements for Fiber Optic Connector Cleaning Products."

COMPATIBILITY

AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner is compatible with most common plastics and rubbers.

Polycarbonate:

Injection-molded plaques of polycarbonate are cut into bars, 2½ inches by ½ inch. Samples are bent in a three-point fixture. Percent strain is calculated based on the bar thickness and the radius of curvature.

“Strain limit” is the greatest percent strain where no stress cracking occurs. A strain limit greater than 0.5% indicates strain resistance.

Strain Limit >0.7%

AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner shows good compatibility with polycarbonate.

Cladding:

Fiber cladding (Corning Cable) is firmly wiped 5 times with a cleaner-saturated towel. Towel and cable are visually inspected for cladding transfer or damage.

Cladding shows no visible damage.

AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner shows good compatibility with fiber cladding.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner is an excellent alternative to solvent-based cleaners.

PROPERTY	RESULT
VOC content	60 grams/liter
Global warming potential	Does not contain global warming compounds
Ozone depletion potential	None
CFC, HCFC, HFC content	None
RCRA	Not regulated as hazardous waste
CERCLA/SARA status	Not regulated as a hazardous substance
RoHS and WEEE	Compliant
REACH	Compliant

SAFETY

AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner has a low level of toxicity and contains no listed carcinogens. Good industrial hygiene practice and appropriate precautions should be employed during use. See SDS for specific details.

PACKAGING

AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner is packaged in safety sealed containers that resist spills, leaks, and contamination. The 2 fl. oz. spray and dropper bottles have over 500 uses.

Non-Linting Towels:

FiberKleen™ Dry Towels offer high absorbency and are made from non-linting, non-fraying, ultra-clean material. This specialty, non-woven fabric is engineered for optimum particle entrapment. The durable towel has a smooth surface for easy cleaning. It meets Telcordia Specification.



Convenient Kit Packaging and Cleaning Accessories

SOAK TESTING

Materials are immersed in AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner for 72 hours at 50°C (122°F). Rubbers may swell slightly, but will return to their original state once the cleaner evaporates.

PLASTIC	COMPATIBILITY
Acrylic	Excellent
ABS	Excellent
Nylon 66	Excellent
Polycarbonate	Excellent
Polyethylene (HDPE)	Excellent
Polyethylene (LDPE)	Excellent

RUBBER	COMPATIBILITY
Silicone rubber	Excellent
EPDM	Excellent

MODEL SPECIFICATION

The statement below may be inserted into a customer specification to help maintain engineering standards and ensure work integrity.

The fiber cleaner shall be effective on both ionic and non-ionic soils. It shall meet the cleaning criteria of Telcordia GR 2923-CORE, "Generic Requirements for Fiber Optic Connector Cleaning Products." It shall contain an oxygenated solvent component for static dissipation.

The cleaner shall leave minimal residue of less than 100 ppm. It shall be compatible with fiber optic components. It shall not stress crack polycarbonate, and shall have a strain limit greater than 0.5%.

The cleaner shall be water-based with low toxicity and low environmental impact. It shall have a volatile organic content (VOC) less than 100 grams/liter. It shall not contain any global warming compounds, and have no ozone depletion potential.

ORDER INFORMATION

CAT #	PACKAGE DESCRIPTION
AQ-2LP	2-oz. (60 mL) AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner finger sprayer
AQ-2DR	2-oz. (60 mL) AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner squeeze bottle dropper
AQ-35LF	1-qt. (.95 L) AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner with flip top
AQ-KIT2	AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner Kit: 2 AQ-2LP 1 DT-D175 1 SWB-250F100
AQ-KIT3	AquaKleen Fiber Cleaner Kit: 2 AQ-2DR 1 DT-D175 1 SWB-250F100
SWB-250F100	2.5 mm FiberKleen foam swab (100-pack)
SWB-125F10	1.25 mm FiberKleen foam swab (10-pack)
SWB-C100	FiberKleen cotton swab (100-pack)
SWB-V100	V Groove FiberKleen foam swab (100-pack)
SWB-M100	Mirror FiberKleen foam swab (100-pack)
DT-D175	175 microfiber towels in a sealed case with cleaning pad

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