



# PRODUCT INFORMATION



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## Technical Data:

**Description:** *CitriSurf 2250* is a high quality blend of chemicals formulated for the cleaning and passivation of stainless steel products. *CitriSurf 2250* is specifically designed to provide low cost and efficient removal of contaminants and all free iron from the surface of most grades of stainless steel, including austenitic, ferritic, martensitic, and precipitation hardening, providing the highest chrome oxide levels possible.

## Physical Properties:

Specific Gravity	1.2
Approx. wt. /gallon	10.1 lb/gal
Viscosity	5 cps
Form	Liquid
Chemical Composition	Citric acid, water, proprietary ingredients
Operating Temperature	Room temp or higher (120-160°F preferred)
Flash Point	None
Water solubility	Complete
Normal working concentration	9-18% by volume in water
pH at working concentration	2.6-3.2

**Packaging:** 5 gallon or 55 gallon plastic containers. Larger sizes available upon request.

**Application Procedure:** *CitriSurf* is an excellent cleaner by itself for many cleaning and passivation processes. However, to assure best results and help extend the life of the bath, the parts to be passivated may be cleaned with an appropriate cleaning solution prior to treatment with *CitriSurf* solution, especially when heavy grease and oils are present. For grades containing high carbon, sulfur, or selenium, preclean using a good water based alkaline cleaner of pH  $\geq 12$  (see *KleerKleen 4002*). *CitriSurf 2250* is an emulsifying cleaner. If you need to skim oils from the cleaning tank, this should be done with a separate cleaner prior to cleaning and passivation with *CitriSurf*.

All equipment, mixers, tanks and pumps should be clean and dry prior to mixing of *CitriSurf* solution. *CitriSurf 2250* should be mixed with clean water (deionized or distilled water if desired) at a ratio of **1 part of *CitriSurf 2250* with 5 to 10 parts of water by volume** to fill the tank used so as to adequately cover all parts to be treated. Polypropylene, stainless steel, or equivalents should be used for construction of all tanks and devices used in the *CitriSurf* bath. Agitation of the solution in the tank is strongly recommended to attain optimum results. Air bubble agitation may produce excessive foaming (see *CitriSurf 3250*). Optimum results can be obtained with many parts by using *CitriSurf* in an ultrasonic tank.

Heat the solution for optimum performance. Teflon coated (or equivalent), stainless steel or titanium heating devices are recommended. Your tests should indicate the best bath working temperature for the products you manufacture. 120-160°F is typical. Room temperature could be adequate depending on the end use.

Completely immerse the parts to be passivated in the solution for a period sufficient to remove all free iron and contaminants from the surface. This is typically 5-20 minutes, depending on temperature, grade of stainless steel, hardness, use of ultrasonics, and the condition of the surface of the parts. This should be determined by testing with your product. Rinse the parts thoroughly with clean water, flowing water is optimum. DI water may be used to prevent water spotting. Dry completely in air immediately. Drying can be accelerated by use of a hot air oven or other drying medium to attain a highly passive surface.

**Notes on Use:** Although very safe in normal use, *CitriSurf 2250* is a Citric Acid based material, and as such it may cause irritation to exposed surfaces of the body. **See Material Safety Data Sheet before using this material.**

**Maintenance:** The Specific gravity of the *CitriSurf 2250* bath should be held to +0.010/-0.001 of its initial value for normal operation. See Maintenance Sheet for further information.

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

**Storage:** *CitriSurf 2250* should be stored at temperatures between 50°F and 120°F in 316 stainless steel or approved plastic containers (polyethylene or polypropylene). (If accidentally frozen, thawing will return product to normal.)

**Technical Services:** For technical assistance, please contact Stellar Solutions at (847) 854-2800.

**Specifications:** *CitriSurf 2250* meets all of the requirements of ASTM A-967 and AMS 2700 specifications.

**Testing of your products with CitriSurf before using in production is recommended. Every product and production facility is different, and requires testing to ensure that CitriSurf is compatible with the particular situation. No warranty is implied, or may be given in writing or verbally without the written permission of Stellar Solutions, Inc.**