



NEWS ALERT

Biobased Alternatives to Methylene Chloride Paint Strippers



This year, the [EPA proposed banning most uses of methylene chloride](#), mentioning the availability of alternative products that do not include this extremely dangerous chemical. In light of tightening regulations and the obvious hazards of methylene chloride (a chemical often used in industrial paint strippers) Cortec® invites those seeking alternative products to consider trying [EcoLine® 4320 or 4330](#) for their next paint removal task.

Eliminating Methylene Chloride and NMP

Cortec® introduced EcoLine® 4320 and 4330 five years ago, as more retailers were pulling paint strippers containing methylene chloride and N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) off the shelf. EcoLine® 4320 and 4330 do not contain either of these substances. However, in a salute to “green” chemistry, they incorporate renewable raw material, which has allowed them to earn the USDA Certified Biobased Product label as products that contain 50% USDA certified biobased content.*



Removing Paint from Metal and Concrete

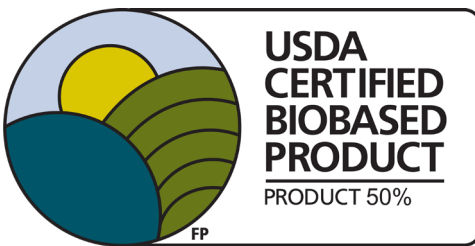
EcoLine® 4320 and 4330 can be used on metal, cementitious, and masonry surfaces such as tanks, pipes, equipment, floors, and stairways. EcoLine® 4320 is a liquid version that can be applied via dip tank; EcoLine® 4330 is a gel that can be brushed or rolled onto coated surfaces. In most cases, EcoLine® 4320/4330 will soften the coating enough to remove it in 15-30 minutes, although this can vary depending on the number of layers and age of the coating. Corrosion inhibitors provide the added benefit of protection against flash rust on metals during the stripping process.

Get the Job Done with Biobased Alternatives

Regulations are tightening, but reality is also setting in about the serious health risks of methylene chloride. EcoLine® 4320 and 4330 are examples of chemistry advancements that eliminate these chemicals while helping industries get the job done and introducing raw materials from renewable resources. [Contact Cortec® to learn more about these USDA Certified Biobased Product alternatives for paint removal.](#)

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***PPE and careful handling still required.**



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