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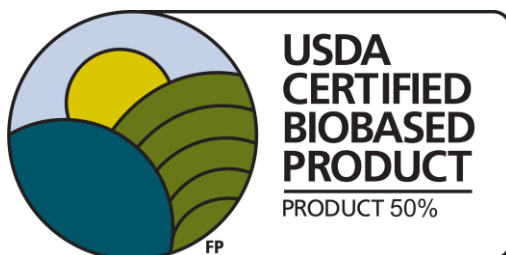
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**PRESS RELEASE**



## Cortec® EcoLine® 4320/4330 Stand Ready to Answer EPA Methylene Chloride Ban

Several months before the [EPA announced](#) its final rule banning methylene chloride from consumer paint stripper sales because of acute fatalities, Cortec® addressed the problem [with the release of](#) EcoLine® 4320 and 4330. These two biobased alternatives go above and beyond EPA requirements by not containing methylene chloride or N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP), another paint stripper chemical that has been frowned upon for potential adverse health effects<sup>1</sup> and which several retailers have already voluntarily chosen to discontinue.



EcoLine® 4320 and 4330 answer both concerns and are formulated with renewable materials and recycled solvent. EcoLine® 4320 and 4330 contain 50% USDA certified biobased content and are

qualified products under the mandatory federal purchasing initiative of the USDA BioPreferred® Program (for more information, go to <http://www.biopreferred.gov>).

EcoLine® 4320 and 4330 have low odor and are VOC compliant to the California Regulation for Reducing Emission from Consumer Products.\* They do not contain any California Prop 65 components that cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. They also do not contain chlorinated solvents, toluene, or acetone.



EcoLine® 4320 and 4330 paint strippers are designed to remove coatings, inks, and resins from metal, concrete, and wood surfaces. They are effective on a wide variety of paints and contain flash corrosion inhibitors to prevent rust and tarnishing throughout the stripping process. EcoLine® 4320 should be used in dip tanks and on horizontal surfaces. EcoLine® 4330 is a gelled version for use on vertical, overhead, or complex surfaces.

While the new EPA rule (which goes into effect in about six months) only addresses consumer product sales, Cortec® takes the precaution to a level higher by providing methylene-chloride-free strippers to the industrial market, as well, for the benefit of users in the workplace.

To learn more about EcoLine® 4320/4330, please visit:

[https://www.cortecvci.com/whats\\_new/announcements/EcoLine\\_4320-4330.pdf](https://www.cortecvci.com/whats_new/announcements/EcoLine_4320-4330.pdf)

*\*California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 3, Chapter 1, Subchapter 8.5, Article 2, Sections 94507-94517*

#### References:

1. United States Environmental Protection Agency. "TSCA Work Plan Chemical Risk Assessment: N-Methylpyrrolidone: Paint Stripper Use." EPA Document# 740-R1-5002. Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. March 2015. See pp. 49 and following at [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-11/documents/nmp\\_ra\\_3\\_23\\_15\\_final.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-11/documents/nmp_ra_3_23_15_final.pdf).



**EcoLine® 4320/4330**

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

EcoLine® 4320 and 4330 are heavy-duty, green chemistry paint strippers designed to remove coatings, inks, and resins from metal, concrete, and masonry surfaces. The products are formulated with renewable materials and recycled solvent. They contain 50% USDA certified biodegradable content and are qualified products under the mandatory federal purchasing initiative of the USDA BioPreferred® Program.

**FEATURES**

- Made with biodegradable materials
- Contains 100% USDA Certified biodegradable content
- 100% odor
- VOC compliant
- Non-flammable
- No methylene chloride
- No HAP
- No California Prop 65 components that cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm
- No EPA listed cancer-causing components

**BENEFITS**

- Removes paint from metal surfaces such as tanks, pipes, equipment, and vehicles
- Removes paint from cementitious and masonry surfaces such as buildings, floors, and stairways
- Removes pavement markings
- Prevents flash corrosion after cleaning
- Does not scratch before cleaning. Coatings with multiple layers

**APPLICATIONS**

The products can be used in dip tank applications or be brushed or rolled onto coated surfaces. Once evenly distributed, allow sufficient time for the product to penetrate and soften the coating. For most coatings, the stripping time is 15-30 minutes. Stripping time for other materials, such as pavement markings and epoxy coatings, can vary and should be determined on an individual basis. Removal can be accomplished by lightly scraping to remove the coating. For large objects and surfaces, pressure washing can be used for quick surface cleaning. Coatings with multiple layers

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