



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### What is Rapidex?

rapidex is a specially formulated surface - active cleanser with complete rinsibility for rapid residue removal. It is a powder, available in water- soluble sachets and cartons of bulk powder with a measuring scoop.

### What does it do?

rapidex removes dirt, stuck or dried blood, tissue residues and other matter from instruments, glassware and hard surfaces.

### How do I use rapidex?

Dissolve two measures or one soluble sachet in 5 L of warm water. The working temperature is 50oC (can use 20oC - 70oC). Stir thoroughly. Immerse articles and allow to soak for at least five minutes. Rinse thoroughly before allowing to dry. For very heavily soiled items one sachet or two measures in 1 L of water can be used.

### Can I keep a made up solution?

An unused solution of rapidex can be kept for 7 days. If stored cold it may need warming to get a clear solution. If the solution is used, discard after 24 hours.

### Will the colour disappear?

rapidex colour is unlikely to disappear. If it does the solution remains an active cleanser.

### Do I need to rinse?

Rinsing is an essential part of the cleaning process. Once dirt has been released from the surfaces being cleaned, it must be flushed away to avoid redeposition. Radiation contamination may need up to five rinses.

### Why do I sometimes get a white deposit on the articles?

Any white deposit indicates that insufficient rinsing occurred before drying or that the rinse water needs softening. A white deposit is likely to be a mixture of insoluble calcium soaps and salts.

### How long can I leave items soaking?

rapidex is suitable for prolonged immersion of instruments and glassware. Some soft metals, such as aluminium and zinc, may be etched.

### Can I use cold water?

rapidex should be dissolved in warm water. The working temperature is 50oC (can use 20oC - 70oC). However a cold (room temperature) solution can be used. If flocculation occurs in the solution slight warming will redissolve it.

### Can I put a solution of rapidex in a spray?

A solution of rapidex can be sprayed but spray rinsing might not be sufficiently thorough. rapidex is designed for immersion.

### Can I use rapidex safely in an ultrasonic cleaning machine?

rapidex is especially suitable for use with ultrasonic cleaning machines as surface tension holding dirt to surfaces is lowered by rapidex.

### Is rapidex a disinfectant?

No, rapidex removes residues, which may contain microorganisms, from hard surfaces.

### What about autoclaves?

Autoclaves do not remove dirt. rapidex, with its complete rinsibility does, thus rendering instruments uncontaminated and ready for the autoclave.

### Can rapidex be used in automatic washers?

We do not recommend the use of rapidex in automatic washers. However, it can be used at very low concentrations to avoid excessive foaming.

### Does rapidex have a smell?

No. rapidex has no perfume added to interfere with the job of cleaning.

### What makes rapidex so efficient?

rapidex achieves its efficiency from its high pH and special surface active ingredients.





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### Will rapidex remove all oils?

rapidex removes organic fats and oils as well as blood and tissue residues. Some mineral oils are difficult to remove and may be cleaned by using an alcohol rinse after cleaning with rapidex.

### How long can rapidex powder and soluble sachets be stored?

rapidex has a long shelf life and can be kept for 5 years.

This paper should be read in conjunction with the rapidex material safety data sheet.

#### Soluble Sachets:

10 x 28g water-soluble sachets.

Part No. US-SO-RAP-10PK

25 x 28g water-soluble sachets.

Part No. US-SO-RAP-25PK

50 x 28g water-soluble sachets.

Part No. US-SO-RAP-50PK

#### Bulk Powder:

2.25kg carton with measuring scoop.

Part No. US-SO-RAP-2.25KG

