



Penetrant Professor Approved

Product Data Sheet R-503 Cleaner/Remover



Met-L-Chek Company manufactures a complete line of solvent cleaners/removers used in the fluorescent (**Type 1**) and visible (**Type 2**) dye penetrant inspection process. All Met-L-Chek Company cleaner/removers are qualified to **AMS-2644** and are sold under the **Met-L-Chek®** and **Pen-Chek®** trademarks. Met-L-Chek Company products are manufactured under license in The Netherlands by NDT Europa.

R-503 is a class 2 (non-halogenated), Method C inspection penetrant remover. It is designed for use in the solvent wipe technique for penetrant inspection in general metalworking, welding, nuclear and aerospace applications. It is a moderate dry rate material and is ideal for penetrant wipe removal and pre-inspection surface cleaning. As a pre-cleaner it is sprayed directly on the test surface. As a penetrant remover it is sprayed onto wiping media and then the penetrant wiped from the surface. The remover should not be sprayed directly on to the test surface to remove the excess penetrant as the sensitivity will be impaired.

R-503 is listed on the Qualified Products List for **AMS-2644**. It meets the requirements of **AMS-2647**, **ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section V**, **ASTM E-165**, **ASTM E-1417**, **ISO- 3452**, and **Pratt & Whitney PMC #9094** for penetrant inspection materials. It is low in Sulfur, Chlorine, Fluorine and other Halogens, making it safe for use on Titanium and high Nickel alloys found in aerospace, medical and nuclear components.

R-503 is ideal for storing penetrant test panels in. The spray tube supplied with the aerosols is an effective way to clean out the star bust cracks on TAM panels.

R-503 is free of petroleum solvents. **R-503** is flammable and should not be used in confined spaces or near open flames or sparks.

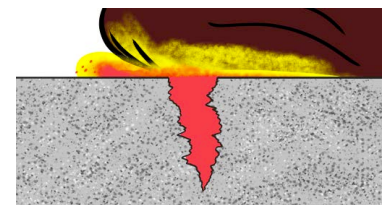
Guide to METHOD "C" wipe off Processing per **ASTM E-1417**

1. Part must be clean, dry and at a temperature of 4.4°-52°C (40°- 125°F) before penetrant is applied.
2. Apply penetrant using spray, immersion, or wipe on.
3. Wait a minimum of 10 minutes; 20 minutes if temperature is 4.4°-10°C (40-50°F).
4. Moisten cloth with remover and wipe penetrant from surface. **Do not** spray remover on surface to remove penetrant, as sensitivity will be impaired.
5. Apply non aqueous developer **D-70**, by spraying.
6. Wait a minimum of 10 minutes before inspection.
7. For fluorescent **Type 1** penetrants use UV-A illumination of >1000 μw/cm² @ 15inches (38.1 cm) in a darkened area of <21 lux visible light (<2 footcandles). For visible **Type 2** penetrants use lighting of 1100 lux/m² (100 footcandles) minimum.



R-503 used as a pre-cleaner spray directly on test surface and wipe clean.

R-503 used as a penetrant remover. Spray on wiping media, and wipe remove penetrant.



Common Indication Types

