

Printing industry Cleaning products for printing inks

For perfect printing results

About us

KS Chemie, founded in 1999 and based in Oldenburg, is a member of the BÜFA group. With its more than 130 years of experience, BÜFA, a medium-sized family-owned enterprise, is an innovative, global operator.

One of our core competences is manufacturing special high-end cleaning products for manual and automatic removal of solvent-based and water-based printing inks. Our cleaning products are widely used in the areas of printing industries, paint and lacquer production, and the automotive supply industry.



Environmentally kind products

Alongside high efficiency coupled with economical use, we place particular emphasis on water-based solutions – with a focus on environmental protection, safety at work and sustainability.

Our partner

In the field of automated cleaning systems we have a long-standing partnership with D.W. Renzmann, a manufacturer of industrial cleaning machines with worldwide operations. Their machines for cleaning printing plates, anilox rollers etc.

comply with the current European regulations and ensure maximum safety and health protection for users. With our know-how we provide tailored cleaning products for such machines.





Complete service

We analyze and develop cleaning products and processes especially according to customer demands. In all cases we offer individual and detailed consultancy plus intensive on-site instruction – leading to optimal cleaning results.

Application areas

Our product range comprises water-based and water-free, low-emission products. They feature quick dissolving properties in conjunction with high material compatibility and are widely used for cleaning:

- Printing plates
- Ink troughs
- Impression cylinders Ink containers
- Anilox rollers
- Ink feeding systems
- Printing blocks
- Print unit parts
- Sleeves
- Tools



Cleaning methods used in the printing industry

Our cleansers are applied in spraying and dipping processes. Their scope of use includes solvent-based and water-based printing inks and UV inks in fresh, dry or cured state for a whole range of applications.

Compared with cleaning using organic solvents, water-based processes have proved to be more efficient as regards economic and environmental aspects. Their effectiveness results not only in shorter cleaning cycles, but also in significantly better performance.

Advantages of aqueous cleaning systems

Most of the aqueous cleaners contain no VOC-emitting compounds. Their non-flammability does away with the need for any complex safety arrangements. Such cleaners are universally applicable and thanks to their broad chemicalphysical efficiency profile are suitable for all common paint systems. Their cleaning power is often higher than that of organic systems, so that cycles can be shortened and less mechanical action is needed. Aqueous systems can also carry much more soil than classic organic solvents, substantially reducing consumption.



Products for automatic cleaning methods

AniClean products (water-based)

Properties	Application
 Excellent cleaning properties Highly alkaline concentrated cleaner Amine-free products available 	For efficient removal of all printing inks with low and high degree of cross-linking Material: effective on all common steel, stainless steel, chromium and ceramic surfaces. Plastics – only use after checking compatibility
• Low-emission	Concentration: in aqueous dilution 30–50 %
• Above 40 °C foam-free in application dosage	Application temperature: 40–80 °C depending on type of cleaner
Non-flammable	
Economical because long shelf-life of the cleaning bath	
Economical because diluted with water for use	

Aqua InkClean products

Properties	Application
Convincing cleaning properties	Developed for water-based printing inks which are not reactive, cross-linked or dried with a very hard surface
Free of VOC	
Mild alkaline products	Material: effective on all common steel, stainless steel, chromium and ceramic surfaces. For aluminium, galvanized parts, nonferrous metals and plastics – only use after checking compatibility
 Above 40 °C foam-free in application dosage 	
Non-flammable	Concentration: diluted with water 5–25 % Application temperature: 40–80 °C depending on type of cleaner
Homogenous (1 phase) in application dosage	Application temperature. 40–50 C depending on type of dealler
Economical because diluted with water for use	

InkClean products

Properties	Application
Extraordinary cleaning performance	For the removal of all common paint systems as long as they are not too much cross-linked. Especially suited for water based paints and UV paints
 Suitable for water and solvent-based cleaning processes 	
pH neutral to alkaline products	Material: effective on all surfaces made out of steel, stainless steel, chromium and ceramic. Aluminium, galvanized parts, nonferrous metal and plastic – only after checking compatibility
Low emission	
	Concentration: 10–50 %
 Low flammability to non-flammable 	
Economical because diluted with water for use	Application temperature: 20–75 °C dependent on the type of cleaner

SolventClean products

Properties	Application
High-boiling solvent-based cleaners	For removing of solvent-based printing inks even in dried state. Also suitable for cross-linked, water-based paints and UV paints
Low emission	
• Flashpoints between 60–90 °C	Material: effective on all common steel, stainless steel, chromium and ceramic surfaces. For aluminium, galvanized parts, nonferrous metals and plastics – only use after checking compatibility
Low foaming	
	Concentration: ready-to-use
	Application temperature: 20–55 °C depending on type of cleaner



Additives for the cleaning process

Every cleaning job is a challenge. Our supplementary products support the special cleaners to optimize the cleaning process and to fulfil more demanding tasks. The Complement additive series boosts cleaning performance as a cleaning accelerator.

In cases of heavy foaming, our special FoamEx concentrate helps with its strong foam-reducing properties.

We are pleased to advise our clients on selecting the optimal cleaner combination for all individual cleaning problems.

Complement cleaning boosters

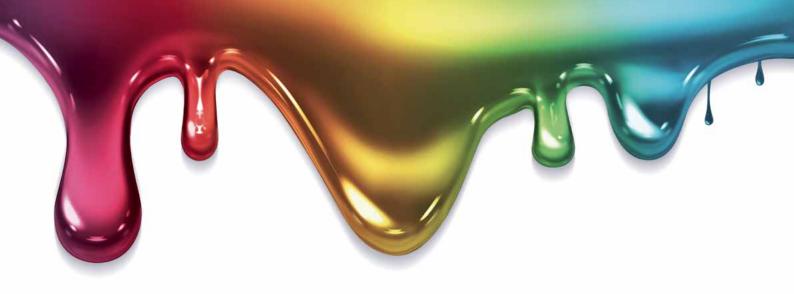
Properties	Application
 Cleaning boosters for all kinds of cleaning processes Contain quick-wetting and to some extent defoaming surfactants Suitable in pH neutral to high alkaline blends 	Additives for basic cleaners; suitable for all paint systems; applicable in spray and dip processes, can be dosed continuously Concentration: Individual variable
 Accelerate the cleaning process Increase soil dispersing/carrying properties of the cleaning fluid 	Application temperature: 60–80 °C

FoamEx defoaming agent

Properties	Application
Highly concentrated additive for defoaming	For adding to cleaning processes with soil-related high-foaming tendencies; supports the cleaning process; suitable for all cleaning
For turbulent, aqueous alkaline cleaning baths	methods
	Concentration: for immediate aid 1,5–3,5 %
	Application temperature: effective above 40 °C

InCorr corrosion inhibitor

Properties	Application
 Temporary corrosion inhibitor for steel (low alloy or unalloyed) 	Concentrate for producing passivation baths; using immersion or spray method
No passivation of aluminium and aluminium alloys	Concentration: 2 % – 10 %
	Application temperature 55 °C – 70 °C



Products especially for manual cleaning

The following products are highly recommended for such applications:

Properties	Application
Solvent SafetyClean High-boiling, solvent-based cleaning agent	Suitable for all ink systems and effective in the case of non-cross-linked paints; low-emission
	Material: effective on all common steel, stainless steel surfaces, chromium, ceramic, aluminium, galvanized parts and nonferrous metals. Plastics – only use after checking compatibility
	Concentration: ready-to-use
SolventClean 7177 High-boiling, solvent-based cleaning agent	Cleaner based on low-emission solvents; quick cleaning effects; for daily application; also for cross-linked paints
	Material: effective on all common steel, stainless steel, nonferrous metal, aluminium surfaces, chromium, ceramic and galvanized parts. Plastics – only use after checking compatibility
	Concentration: ready-to-use
AniClean R4 Highly alkaline, water-miscible cleaner concentrate	For water-based cleaning methods; particularly suitable for removing of cross-linked printing inks; can be diluted with water
	Material: effective on all common steel, stainless steel surfaces, ceramic, HDPE and Teflon. Aluminium, galvanized parts, nonferrous metals, plastics – only use after checking compatibility
	Concentration: ready-to-use



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