

# QS TIMES

News from your Specialty Chemical Experts



## HOUSEKEEPING

Keep 3730 THRIFT-O-FRESH One-Step Quat Cleaner-Disinfectant-Deodorizer on hand for cold and flu season. It is an EPA-registered, concentrated, multi-purpose, one-step cleaner, disinfectant and deodorizer.



## FOODSERVICE

5260 MAIN EVENT Food Surface Cleaner/Degreaser is a water-based foaming degreaser that's safe for use on food contact surfaces. Great for removing grease and oil. It's plexiglas safe and NSF rated A1.



## INDUSTRIAL

Looking for a replacement to chlorinated solvent degreasers? Check out 5030 QUIK SOLV Solvent Degreaser. It is non-flammable, fast-drying, non-conductive and leaves no residue.



## AUTOMOTIVE

Counteract stains and odors in vehicle carpet and upholstery with 2045 DETAIL Carpet & Upholstery Cleaner. The foaming formula with active bacteria penetrates fibers to digest and eliminate organic matter.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

#### IMPORTANT REMINDER

QuestSpecialty production will not be operating from 12.19.2024 through 1.1.2025.

ORDERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE TAKEN DURING THIS TIME.

*We Wish You a Very Happy Holiday Season*

## GOING, GOING, GONE



The clock is running out on the availability of products containing Methylene Chloride (MC), an ingredient popular in industrial chemical products for metal cleaning and degreasing, polyurethane foam manufacturing, paint stripping, pharmaceutical manufacturing and more.

This phase out of Methylene Chloride, also known as dichloromethane and DCM, will ultimately ban its use by April 28, 2026. This action is directed by the EPA's final risk management rule under the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, revised with additional powers in 2016.

Under those additional powers, the EPA identified 90 high-risk substances for evaluation. MC was among the first 10 chosen for a mandatory risk review and subsequently put on the chopping block.

Starting next year, there are two separate time frames to keep in mind:

**If you sell to customers for industrial use ONLY :**

December 4, 2024	QS and distributors are required to update SDS.
August 1, 2025	QS will no longer be able to make products containing MC.
December 31, 2025	Last date for QS to ship MC product to its customers so that those customers can distribute to their industrial customers.
January 28, 2026	Last date that QS customers can ship product to their industrial customers who use these products.
April 28, 2026	Using products containing MC is strictly prohibited.

# GOING, GOING, GONE *(continued)*

If you sell to retailers\* for consumer use or are a retailer:

Feb. 3, 2025	Last day QuestSpecialty (QS) can ship any product containing MC to its customers.
May 5, 2025	All QS customers with retail sales are prohibited from distributing products containing MC in commerce.

\*A retailer is any person or business entity that distributes or makes available products to consumers (even just one consumer), including through e-commerce internet sales or distribution.

**For a distributor NOT to be considered a retailer, the distributor must distribute or make available products solely to commercial or industrial end-users or businesses.**

We have already developed replacements for some of our products which contain MC and are in the process of finalizing others.

Product Containing MC	Reformulated Without MC
5440 MOLI-GUARD Dry Moly Lubricant	5210 MC FREE DRY MOLY Methylene Chloride-Free
	5550 MOLY DRI Dry Moly Lubricant
5880 SURROUND Cold Pipe Insulation Spray	5920 MC FREE SURROUND Cold Pipe Insulation Spray
6002 MOLY-GUARD Dry Lubricant Spray	6005 MC FREE Dry Film Lubricant

## EXTREME PENETRANTS FOR EXTREME WEATHER

No two ways about it ... winter can be brutal. And it can be particularly harsh for metal items that are exposed to the elements such as trailers, electrical power junction boxes, ski lifts, traffic signal cabinets and similar items.

Rust build-up can become so severe that everyday penetrants are ineffective on loosening frozen nuts, bolts and other fasteners.

It's time to bring in the big guns, formulated for the toughest corrosion jobs by delivering either foaming action or longer dwell times.



**5530 SUPER PEN Foaming Penetrant** is a highly effective blend of lubricants, solvents and moisture displacing oils. The foaming action minimizes run-off for maximum penetration as it infiltrates corroded parts. The additional ingredient of moly guarantees great performance in higher pressure applications.



**5612 LIBERATE Penetrant** is a clinging formulation developed for dissolving extreme rust and then assuring the delivery of PTFE and moly particles into the threads and crevices of corroded parts to prevent seizing and galling while parts are removed. It is ideal



for dismantling jobs throughout the plant, shop or wherever parts are frozen or hard to operate.

**Both products inhibit future rust as they leave a residual coating that displaces moisture.**

CHECK OUT OUR FULL LINE OF LUBRICANTS AND PENETRANTS WITH MULTIPLE PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS



<https://questspecialty.com/literature/product-line-Lubricants.pdf>

# THE BEST OF 2024

As 2024 comes to a close, we thought we would share which newly introduced products captured the enthusiasm of our customers this year. In order, the top six best-selling new products are:



**5010 HEAVY METAL**  
Heavy Metal Degreaser



**3040 PRODIGIOUS**  
Total Release Malodor Neutralizer



**5710 BLING IT ZINC**  
Shiny Galvanized Coating



**5451 BREACH**  
Super Penetrant



**5612 LIBERATE**  
PTFE & Moly Penetrant



**5015 HIGH VOLT**  
High Voltage Cleaner/Degreaser

# THE MAGIC OF MELAMINE

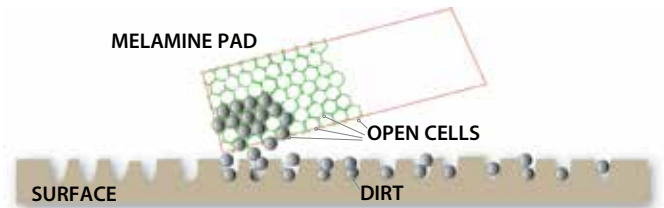
Some call it magic, others call it miraculous. It's melamine ... an amazing material that looks like a layered sponge and, when activated with water, mysteriously erases stains, smudges, and scuff marks without breaking a sweat or using any cleaning solution.

How does it do it? **The magic is in the physical composition of the melamine material.** It has an **open-cell foam construction with a hard, polymeric component that acts like extremely fine sandpaper, getting into tiny grooves and pits of the surface being cleaned.**

The fine strands of the open cell melamine foam are harder than most stain materials and softer than most surfaces, so they remove the stains.

As the pad is rubbed against the surface and removes the stain, the melamine material wears off, much like a pencil eraser. Therefore, the polymeric strands are never dulled by the stain material they are picking up. The residue is easily rinsed off for a clean, fresh surface

**Melamine pads are ideal for quick cleaning of scuff marks on walls and baseboards, removing scum on shower doors, brightening white boards, cleaning stovetops, removing stains from countertops, and removing pen and crayon marks from walls and furniture.**



Some tips for using melamine:

- Use plenty of water to moisten the melamine material.
- Avoid hard twisting and squeezing of the material. Press evenly between your hands to extrude water.
- Cutting into smaller pieces won't sacrifice performance.

QuestSpecialty offers two sizes of melamine pads:

**925015 THE SORCERER** Melamine Pad (Large)

**925011 THE MAGICIAN** Melamine Pad (Small)



## NEW VIDEO: CORPORATE PROFILE

We take you inside the walls of QuestSpecialty headquarters with our new corporate video.

See the inner workings of our 158,000 square foot facility in Brenham, TX which houses our seven filling lines as well as our R&D, regulatory, customer service, administration and graphic arts departments.

View footage of thousands of aerosol and liquid products as they are getting filled at a rapid rate with batch ranges up to 5000 gallons.

Get a quick tour of our massive warehouse, as well as where our chemists, regulatory, quality control and administration work to meet the needs of our customers.



VIDEO: Watch QuestSpecialty  
Corporate Profile ▶



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## FOR MORE THAN CLEANING HANDS

Check out our reformulated 6520 EXPRESS WIPES INDUSTRIAL HAND CLEANING wipes, ideal for removing tar, grease, wax, ink, paint, lubricants and adhesives from hands, as well as from tools, work surfaces and more.

We've boosted the percentage of d-limonene, a natural ingredient derived from the extract of citrus rinds (especially oranges). D-limonene delivers exceptional degreasing capabilities while contributing a fresh citrus scent.

The formula also contains emollients and natural oils to prevent skin from cracking or drying but won't leave behind a residue on hands or surfaces. You'll also appreciate the feel of the generously-sized, 12" x 10" wipes which quickly clean without being overly abrasive.



Learn more: ▶