

# Asphalt & Tar Remover

multi-purpose cleaner for masonry & concrete

## DESCRIPTION AND USE

Sure Klean® Asphalt & Tar Remover is a highly efficient multipurpose solvent cleaner for masonry and concrete. It is easy to apply and water rinsable. Ideal for cleaning and surface preparation, Asphalt & Tar Remover will not damage most masonry or concrete. It removes:

- Asphalt
- Tar (roofer's stain)
- Grease
- Hydraulic Oil
- Motor Oil

## ADVANTAGES

- Removes many sealers and protective treatments such as old curing compounds, acrylic, stearate, and chlorinated rubber sealers

## Limitations

- May damage some synthetic or reflective glass.
- Asphalt & Tar Remover requires thorough rinsing for effective use and results. It is most effective for exterior application where rinse water can be used freely and where adequate ventilation is ensured. For interior applications, use Sure Klean® Fast Acting Stripper.

## TECHNICAL DATA

FORM: Clear liquid, aromatic odor  
 SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 0.963  
 TOTAL SOLIDS: N/A  
 pH: N/A  
 WT./GAL.: 8.01 lbs.  
 FLASH POINT: 79°F (26°C) ASTM D 3278  
 FREEZE POINT.: < -22°F (< -30°C)  
 VOC: N/A

## PREPARATION

**Protect** people, vehicles, property and all solvent-sensitive surfaces from contact with cleaner, rinse water, wind drift and fumes. Divert or protect auto and foot traffic. Fill all cracks and voids to prevent penetration of fumes into building. Don't discharge rinse water into sewers and waterways.

Some glass and metal finishes installed in recent years may be damaged by Asphalt & Tar Remover. Test or protect if necessary. Sure Klean® Strippable Masking is not appropriate for use with this product. Asphalt & Tar Remover may damage synthetic finishes (such as window gaskets, caulking, sealants, acrylic or polycarbonate sheeting, reflective films, and plastic), wood, roofing materials, paint and all solvent-sensitive surfaces. If such items are to remain in place, protect before overall application.

## Surface and air temperature

Cleaning when temperatures are below freezing or will be overnight may harm masonry. Best air and masonry surface temperatures for cleaning are 40°F (4°C ) or above. If temperatures have been below freezing, let masonry thaw.

## Equipment

Asphalt & Tar Remover can be applied with a brush or low-pressure (40 psi) spray equipment equipped with solvent-resistant hoses and gaskets to avoid discoloration. Water rinsing equipment with pressure of 400 to 800 psi at a flow rate of 4 to 6 gallons a minute is generally most effective.

**Don't apply Asphalt & Tar Remover with pressure spray above 50 psi. This drives the cleaner deep into the surface, making thorough rinse difficult**

Sure Klean® Asphalt & Tar Remover is recommended for these substrates. Always test. Coverage is in square feet/meters per gallon.			
Substrate	Type	Use?	Coverage
<b>Architectural Concrete Block</b>	Smooth	yes	100 sq. ft. 9 sq. m.
	Split-faced	yes	
	Burnished	yes	
	Ribbed	yes	
<b>Concrete</b>	Brick	yes	100 sq. ft. 9 sq. m.
	Tile	yes	
	Precast Panels	yes	
	Pavers	yes	
	Cast-in-place	yes	
<b>Fired Clay</b>	Brick	yes	100 sq. ft. 9 sq. m.
	Tile	yes	
	Terra Cotta	yes	
	Pavers	yes	
<b>Marble, Travertine, Limestone</b>	Polished	yes	100 sq. ft. 9 sq. m.
	Unpolished	yes	100 sq. ft. 9 sq. m.
<b>Granite</b>	Polished	yes	100 sq. ft. 9 sq. m.
	Unpolished	yes	100 sq. ft. 9 sq. m.
<b>Sandstone</b>	Unpolished	yes	100 sq. ft. 9 sq. m.
<b>Slate</b>	Unpolished	yes	100 sq. ft. 9 sq. m.

Always test to ensure desired results.  
 Coverage estimates depend on surface texture and porosity.

## APPLICATION

Before use, read "Preparation" and "Safety Information."

**ALWAYS TEST** each type of surface and stain for suitability and results before overall application. Test using the following application instructions. Let panels dry thoroughly before inspection.

**Use in concentrate. DO NOT DILUTE OR ALTER.**

### Application Instructions

1. Apply Asphalt & Tar Remover liberally to the dry surface using low-pressure (40 psi) spray, or a brush.
2. Let the cleaner dwell for 3-4 minutes. Keep people away from treated surfaces.
3. Reapply cleaner. Brush the stained area vigorously.
4. Rinse thoroughly with water to remove residue. Pressure-washing is the preferred method to minimize waste materials. Rinse from bottom to top. Keep the wall below wet and rinsed free of cleaner and residues. This helps avoid streaking.

### Spot cleaning

Asphalt & Tar Remover is excellent for removing

- Chewing gum
- Crayon
- Lipstick

**Clean up:** Clean tools and equipment using fresh water.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

Danger. Flammable liquid and vapor. Harmful or fatal if swallowed. Vapor harmful. For use by professional applicators only. Keep out of the reach of children.

### Precautionary Measures

**Contains:** Methylene chloride and xylene. Causes eye, skin and respiratory irritation. May affect the brain or nervous system causing dizziness, headache, or nausea. Methylene chloride has been shown to cause cancer in certain laboratory animals. Risk to your health depends on level and duration of exposure. Reduces the blood's oxygen carrying capacity. **Vapors may ignite explosively.** Keep away from heat, sparks and flame. Do not smoke. Vapors may ignite explosively and may travel along the ground or by ventilation to ignition sources far from the application site. Extinguish all flames and pilot lights, and turn off stoves, heaters, electric motors and other sources of ignition during use and until all vapors are gone. Powered ventilation and application equipment must be explosion-proof. Do not cut, grind, weld, or drill on or near this container, even if empty. Empty container retains residues and vapors and may be hazardous.

**Use only with adequate ventilation.** Do not breathe vapors or mist. Ensure fresh air entry and cross ventilation during use. When applying to exteriors of occupied buildings, make sure all windows, exterior intakes and air conditioning vents are covered and air handling equipment are shut down during application.

Avoid exposing passersby and building occupants to product, fumes and mists. If you experience eye watering, headache or dizziness or if air monitoring demonstrates vapor/mist levels are above applicable limits, increase ventilation and/or wear an appropriate, properly fitted, NIOSH-approved respirator. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wear splash-goggles or a face shield to avoid splash to eyes. Wear protective clothing, gloves and boots as needed to avoid prolonged skin contact. Wash thoroughly after handling.

**NOTICE:** Reports have associated repeated and prolonged occupational exposure to solvents with permanent brain and nervous system damage. Intentional misuse by deliberately concentrating and inhaling the contents may be harmful or fatal.

### First Aid

**Ingestion:** Aspiration hazard. Do not induce vomiting. If swallowed, get immediate medical attention. If vomiting occurs, keep head below waist to prevent entry of liquid into lungs.

**Eye Contact:** Rinse eyes thoroughly for 15 minutes. Get medical assistance.

**Skin Contact:** Rinse thoroughly. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. Get immediate medical attention.

### 24 Hour Emergency Information: INFOTRAC at 1-800-535-5053

**Spills:** Eliminate sources of ignition. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment and respirator. Use spark-proof equipment. Keep from soil, sewer systems and surface and ground water. Contain spilled material and remove with inert absorbent. Dispose of contaminated absorbent, container and unused contents in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

**Container Disposal:** This container is hazardous when empty. Since empty containers retain product residue, all labeled hazard precautions must be observed. Do not cut, puncture or weld on or near this container. Do not reuse container or remove the label. Thoroughly empty and dispose of in a sanitary landfill (check local restrictions) or send to a properly licensed reconditioner.

**Storage and Handling:** Store container in a cool, dry place with adequate ventilation. Keep away from heat and open flames. Keep container tightly sealed when not dispensing. May be under pressure- open carefully. Do not alter or dilute the product or use for purposes other than those specified. Refer to the MSDS and label for additional precautionary information.

**WARNING:** This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

**Shelf Life:** 2 years from the date of manufacture in tightly sealed, unopened container.

## WARRANTY

The information and recommendations made are based on our own research and the research of others, and are believed to be

accurate. However, no guarantee of their accuracy is made because we cannot cover every possible application of our products, nor anticipate every variation encountered in masonry surfaces, job conditions and methods used. The purchasers shall make their own tests to determine the suitability of such products for a particular purpose.

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