

FAQs for

ProLube™

Instrument Lubricant Concentrate and Ready-to-Use



What is ProLube Concentrate and how is it used?

ProLube Concentrate is a silicone – free and mineral oil – free instrument

lubricant designed for use in the lubrication cycle of automated washer systems.

In the past, we have used an opaque white lubricant for “milking” or lubricating our instruments. Why is ProLube a better alternative?

Traditional opaque white “milking” lubricants are actually a suspension of mineral oil and other agents. Such products are typically labeled to “shake before use” because over time the ingredients will separate out into layers. In a larger container of 15 gallons this will produce uneven lubrication effects as the various layers are accessed by the uptake tube. Of course it is impossible to shake a 15 gallon drum to re-distribute the ingredients. ProLube is a true solution and is totally clear. It will not separate and provides even and consistent lubrication action throughout the use life of the container.

How is ProLube uniquely qualified to meet the new AAMI ST79 standard for instrument lubricants? (See the AAMI ST79 excerpt appended later in this FAQ.)

- A) It is water soluble and completely steam-permeable.
- B) It does not contain mineral oil, a common ingredient of many traditional opaque white “milking” instrument lubricants.
- C) It is a non-toxic food grade product.
- D) No rinsing is necessary after application which is important as lubrication is usually the last cycle of the automated process.
- E) ProLube is tolerant to the high heat often used in final rinse cycles and will not yellow or produce sticky build up in box locks.

Will ProLube provide any other benefits besides lubrication?

Yes, ProLube also contains anti-corrosive and rust inhibiting agents to protect valuable instruments.

Can ProLube Concentrate be diluted if needed to lubricate manually cleaned instruments?

Yes, ProLube may be diluted at a ratio of 6 to 9 oz. per gallon of water. Best results are obtained using distilled or deionized water. Clean items may then be dipped in the pan of diluted ProLube. ProLube RTU ready to use spray is another convenient solution with the advantage of eliminating any potential cross-contamination that may be associated with lubricant “dips”.

Does ProLube RTU have the same formula and advantages as ProLube Concentrate?

Yes, both products are based on the same agents and ingredients. Both feature a true solution with water soluble food grade lubricant actives, will not separate and do not require shaking before use and both products are safe for use on all types of metals.

How is the use of ProLube RTU different from ProLube Concentrate?

ProLube RTU is designed specifically for manual and spot treatment. It is already diluted and ready for spray application. Instruments should be thoroughly cleaned, rinsed and rough dried prior to application with lubricant spray. Lightly wipe off excess lubricant or allow to drain onto clean towels. Do not rinse ProLube RTU off prior to packaging and sterilization.

Reference: AAMI ST79, section 7.5.6, 2010:

“Water-soluble instrument lubricants, specifically designed for compatibility with sterilization, may be used; the manufacturer’s instructions for use should be followed. Instrument lubricants containing mineral oil or other oil bases should not be used, except to lubricate the internal mechanism of powered instruments as specified by the manufacturer.”