

FAQs for

ProSpray™

Ready-to-Use Surface Disinfectant/Cleaner



What is ProSpray?

ProSpray is a ready-to-use intermediate-level tuberculocidal surface

disinfectant and cleaner approved for use in medical and dental settings. The light lemon scent makes frequent disinfection tasks more pleasant for healthcare workers.

What is the benefit of “non-alcohol actives” in the ProSpray formula?

- Disinfectants with alcohol tend to evaporate more quickly, sometimes before the full contact time required.
- Alcohol denatures blood and other protein soil, making it adhere to surfaces.
- Long term use of disinfectants with alcohol may cause tubing, vinyls and plastic housing to crack and discolor.
- The Centers for Disease Control advise that alcohol based disinfectants are not effective for environmental control of *Clostridium difficile*.

The ProSpray water based formula is kinder to expensive equipment, stays wet longer for best contact time and provides the cleaning properties needed for ideal disinfection.

How should ProSpray be used?

Following CDC recommendations, clean first then disinfect. ProSpray has powerful detergents and is effective for both steps.

- Apply ProSpray with paper towels or other textile. Clean surfaces thoroughly. Discard used paper towels.
- Reapply ProSpray with fresh paper towels or other textile. Allow surface to remain wet for remaining contact time stated on the label.

Does ProSpray have EPA and Canadian DIN registration?

Yes, it is regulated as a General Purpose, hard surface cleaner/disinfectant by the EPA and as such has undergone the required AOAC testing with subsequent registration # 46851-5 and Canadian DIN # 02231483.

Can ProSpray inactivate MRSA and H1N1 (Swine Flu) viruses?

Yes, ProSpray is lab tested and approved by the EPA to kill MRSA-related staphylococcus aureus and Influenza A organism, in which H1N1 is classified.

The ProSpray label lists a claim to kill tuberculosis bacteria. What about Hepatitis B and C?

The tuberculosis kill claim is used as a benchmark by the CDC (federal Centers for Disease Control) to designate ProSpray as an intermediate-level disinfectant suitable for use where blood and other human soils are likely. The CDC also states that any germicide with a tuberculocidal claim on the label is considered capable of inactivating a broad spectrum of less resistant blood borne pathogens such as HIV, and Hepatitis B and C.

How long can I use ProSpray?

This product has a 2 year shelf-life with the expiration date marked on the container. Use up all the product in that container prior to expiration. If ProSpray is used as an ultrasonic solution for instrument cleaning, or holding solution to keep soiled items wet, discard solution at least daily or when solution appears soiled. Store away from excessive heat and cold. Do not allow to freeze.

Is ProSpray an effective surface cleaner?

Yes! ProSpray has excellent detergents and surfactants in the formula.



Why is cleaning the most important step of the environmental disinfectant process?

- Organic body soils such as blood and inorganic dust soils act as a barrier between chemical disinfectants and germs on surfaces. Organic soils “absorb” chemical action and reduce antimicrobial efficacy especially in the case of bleach and alcohols.
- Some soils such as fecal matter and blood may sustain dangerous organisms over several days on otherwise dry surfaces.
- Patients perceive effective disinfection through sight and smell. The cleaning power and pleasant light lemon scent of ProSpray provides reassurance to patients.

What is the chemical basis of the ProSpray formula?

This product is a water based dual synthetic phenolic compound - two man made phenolics: o-phenylphenol and o-benzyl-p-chlorophenol. ProSpray provides a higher concentration of active agents than competitive phenolics. Synthetic phenolics combine reliable disinfectant qualities with demonstrated low toxicity. Recent independent lab testing allows EPA approval to use ProSpray with bare hands in the absence of biohazards.

Is it OK to use ProSpray if it has turned brown?

ProSpray solution should be nearly clear (colorless) to light peach/tan. ProSpray solution that has turned medium to dark brown may be ineffective and should be discarded. Possible reasons for dark color include: outdated product (check expiration date); exposure to direct sunlight; or exposure to excessive heat during storage or shipping.

How can we cut down on aerosols created during disinfection?

- Use the “stream” mode on the spray nozzle to saturate paper towels or gauze. Then apply disinfectant to surfaces.
- Use optional “squirt caps” as alternative to spray heads.
- Purchase ProSpray™ wipes ready to use disinfectant towelettes. This product features the same reliable formula as liquid ProSpray.

Does ProSpray have residual antimicrobial properties on surfaces?

Yes, phenolics have demonstrated persistence of antimicrobial action on surfaces after the initial application. This action retards the regrowth of microbes on surfaces. Disinfectants with alcohol, bleach or quaternary ammonium actives do not demonstrate this property.

Will ProSpray stain surfaces?

No, it is non-staining and non-bleaching but after repeated use may leave a white residue film from the surfactants in the formula. It is easily removed by simply wiping surfaces with plain water and paper towels on a regular basis (at least weekly). ProSpray actives may interact with bleach, creating a brownish stain on surfaces or textiles. This stain may be permanent. Avoid use of ProSpray in conjunction with bleach. Rinse uniforms and towels in plain water prior to laundry cycles with bleach products.

Can I use ProSpray as a “cold sterile” disinfectant soak for plastic items that cannot tolerate heat sterilization?

Items that are used inside the mouth or other mucosal surfaces are considered “semi-critical”. Examples include bite blocks, plastic film positioning devices, and laryngeal airway devices. If items are reused for another patient, they must be heat sterilized or immersed in high level liquid disinfectant (gluteraldehyde, peracetic acid, etc.). ProSpray is classified as an intermediate level disinfectant and is not intended for this type of application. It is appropriate for use as a holding solution to keep soils wet on contaminated instruments; or may be used as ultrasonic solution to clean instruments. Use a lid on the soak pan or ultrasonic tank to reduce aerosols and vapors.

Is it OK to saturate a stack of gauze pads with ProSpray solution for use throughout the day?

This is not recommended. Gauze fibers may interact with disinfectant agents and reduce efficacy. Reaching into a container introduces potential contamination. A more reliable solution is the use of ProSpray wipes disinfectant towelettes in soft packs or canisters.

References:

CDC Guidelines for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008.