



# Metal Guard<sup>®</sup> 821

Metal Guard 821 is a water-soluble liquid concentrate specifically formulated to provide temporary rust protection of steel indoors. It leaves a dry, invisible, non-oily film that will not hinder subsequent operations. It can be used as a final dip in tumbling or soak operations to prevent possible oxidation of steel parts. Since it is a water solution, it does not present a fire hazard, nor does it present a toxicity problem.

Metal Guard 821 is commonly used at 1 to 3% (volume) with water and at temperatures ranging from ambient to 180°F. Higher temperatures facilitate faster drying and speed up production, while higher concentrations provide greater protection against oxidation. Solution replenishment is non-hazardous, whether added to a hot or cold bath.

Metal Guard 821 can be used in tanks made of mild steel or Stainless Steel with provision for heating the bath, if required. It is not necessary to exhaust the solution.

## Features & Benefits

Excellent short-term-in-process rust protection	Prevents rust on high value parts between process steps
Easily soluble in water	Easily removed with a mild alkaline cleaner
Used at low concentrations	Cost effective over large applications
Low foam	Excellent for use in spray washers or a burnish in vibratory mass finishing

## Physical Data

Specific gravity	1.10
Vapor pressure (20°C)	< 17.5
Solubility in water	Infinite
Appearance and odor	Clear, water white liquid



## Typical Applications

- In-process rust inhibitor
- Low foam spray cleaner
- Vibratory burnishing compound

## Operating Conditions

Metal Guard 821 can be controlled chemically, but this is usually not necessary since the solution has such wide operating parameters that additions may be made without chemical control and/or the bath may be made up new more frequently because of its low cost.

## Titration Method

1. Take a 5 mL sample of the Metal Guard 821 bath and transfer it into the 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask.
2. Add about 75 mL of warm water (~120°F).
3. Add 5 mL 50% Sulfuric Acid.
4. Titrate immediately with 0.1 N Potassium Permanganate to a pink endpoint that lasts for 30 seconds.

Calculation

$$\text{Concentration} = \text{mL KMnO}_4 \times 0.435$$

## Caution

Metal Guard 821 is a water solution of chemicals; thus, it does not present a fire hazard, nor does it contain caustic or other chemicals that require special clothing for handling.

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