



# Metal Guard<sup>®</sup> 820

Metal Guard 820 is a water-soluble alkaline 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. Metal Guard 820 solutions can be used as a final dip in tumbling or soak operations to prevent possible oxidation of steel parts. Being a water solution, it does not present a fire hazard, nor does it present a toxicity problem.

## Features & Benefits

Excellent short-term in-process rust protection	Prevents rust on high value
Easily soluble in water	Easily removed with a mild alkaline cleaner
Used at low concentrations	Cost effective over large applications

## Physical Data

Specific gravity	1.11
Vapor pressure	< 17.5 @ 20°C
Solubility in water	Infinite
Appearance and odor	Clear, red liquid

## Operating Conditions

Metal Guard 820 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.

### Equipment

Tanks may be made of mild steel, Polypropylene, or stainless steel with provision for heating the bath, if required. It is not necessary to exhaust the solution.



## Titration Method

1. Measure a 100 mL sample into a 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask from a graduated cylinder.
2. Add 6 to 8 drops Bromocresol Purple indicator and mix.
3. Titrate with 0.5 N Hydrochloric Acid until the color changes from purple to yellow.  
Note: Yellow color must persist for at least 30 seconds.
4. Record mL of used.

Calculation

$$\text{Concentration} = \text{mL } 0.5 \text{ N HCl} \times 0.62$$

## Test Kit Method

1. Measure a 25 mL sample using graduated cylinder. Pour sample into mixing bottle.
2. Add 5 drops Bromocresol Purple indicator and mix.
3. Add 0.72 N Hydrochloric Acid dropwise while mixing solution until the color changes from purple to yellow.  
Note: Yellow color must persist for at least 30 seconds.
4. Record number of drops used.

Calculation

$$\text{Concentration} = \# \text{ Drops } 0.72 \text{ N HCl} \times 0.17$$

## Caution

Metal Guard 820 is a water solution of chemicals; thus, it does not present a fire hazard, however, it is an alkaline product and must be handled accordingly. Wear rubber gloves and chemical goggles when handling Metal Guard 820.

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