

# SPOTCHECK®

# DYE PENETRANT OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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## HOW TO USE YOUR SPOTCHECK® KIT

The dye penetrant method of inspection with Spotcheck® is a non-destructive test for defects open to the surface. It may be used on such materials as aluminum, magnesium, brass, copper, cast iron, steel, stainless steel, carbides, stellite, certain plastics and ceramics. The essentials of the method are: penetration of the defect by the Dye Penetrant—removal of the excess Penetrant from the surface—development of the indication—inspection. A deep red indication will mark the defect.

Surfaces should be free of foreign materials and paint. Grease, oils, etc., prevent penetration and should be removed by precleaning with Cleaner/Remover or by solvent degreasing. Scale, sand, dirt, etc., trap penetrant and hinder removal, therefore wire brushing or similar precleaning is necessary. For most reliable results, paint should be removed from areas to be tested.

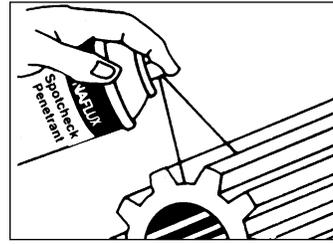
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**1. CLEANING**—For precleaning, coat the part or section to be inspected with Spotcheck® Cleaner/Remover. Allow cleaner to remain on part long enough to dissolve dirt or film. Wipe dry with a clean cloth. Repeat if necessary. After final clean wiping, allow time to dry before using Spotcheck® Penetrant. Clean the same day inspection is conducted.



1. CLEANING

**2. APPLY PENETRANT**—Spray or brush the part or section to be inspected so that surface is covered with Spotcheck® Penetrant. If Penetrant pulls back in droplets, re-clean or wipe with Cleaner. Allow Penetrant to remain on the part from 1–30 minutes. Longer penetration times may be needed for locating extremely fine, tight discontinuities. Prolonged penetration will not affect the results, though the Penetrant may dry on the part. If so, it will require rewetting with Penetrant and a minute wait before removal.



2. Apply Penetrant

**3. REMOVE PENETRANT**—When sufficient penetration time has been allowed, wipe the surface clean with clean towel or cloth. Repeat if necessary. Some surfaces will require only wiping. In general, however, remove excess surface penetrant with clean cloths premoistened with Cleaner/Remover. **DO NOT flush surface with Cleaner/Remover because this will impair sensitivity.** Repeat this procedure with additional wiping until residual surface Penetrant has been removed.



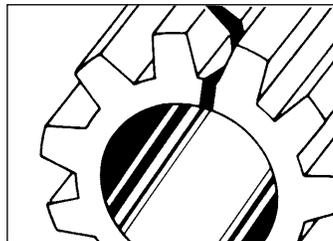
3. Remove Penetrant

**4. DEVELOP—IMPORTANT:** Shake the pressure can vigorously until the agitators rattle inside, or thoroughly stir bulk Developer. Spray the part or section to be inspected with Spotcheck® Developer, just enough to wet the part thinly and evenly, no more. Proper thickness will dry to an even white layer. Too much Developer will mask indications; too little will not develop the indication sufficiently. For ease of application, hold spray can 8 to 12 inches above part and spray short 6 to 8 inch sections at a time. Allow Developer to dry. Watch for large cracks to show up immediately. Minute cracks may take a few minutes to develop the best indication.



4. Develop

**5. INSPECT**—Defects will be marked by a deep red Spotcheck® indication. A line or dotted line marks a crack, lap, forging burst or cold shut. If wide and deep, the indication will grow and spread. Porosity, shrinkage, lack of bond, and leaks will appear as dots or local areas of color. These, too, will grow and spread if the defect is large or extensive.



5. Inspect