

# TECHNICAL BULLETIN

## ***Cosmoline Rust Preventative Removal***

To protect this product from rust during transportation and storage it has been coated in Cosmoline. Cosmoline protects the metal parts very well but can be difficult to remove. The best method for removal would be to utilize a heated dip tank, as the heat will help melt the wax in the Cosmoline. If you do not have access to a dip tank, use one of the three solvents listed below to help in removing this rust preventive.

1. ***Xylene*** {zahy-leen}.

The term xylene refers to a mixture of three aromatic hydrocarbon isomers, which are used as a solvent in the printing, rubber and leather industries. Xylene is a clear, colorless, sweet-smelling liquid that is very flammable. It is usually refined from crude oil in a process called alkylation.

2. MTO – ***Mineral Turpentine Oil***. Also known as Mineral Oil or White Spirit.

As a solvent, turpentine is used for thinning oil-based paints, for producing varnishes, and as a raw material for the chemical industry.

3. TEC – ***Trichloroethylene***. {trahy-klawr-oh-eth-uh-leen}.

The chemical compound trichloroethylene is a chlorinated hydrocarbon commonly used as an industrial solvent. It is a clear non-flammable liquid with a sweet smell.

Apply solvent and let stand for several minutes. Wipe with a clean cloth. Re-apply as necessary.