

GUIDE TO CHOOSING PAINT STRIPPING PRODUCTS: SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

The following table is designed for use by contractors and tradespeople in choosing between alternate paint strippers. Prior to selecting a product it is important to know what hazards the chemical ingredients might involve. This handout is designed to assist you in that task.

Key to Recommendations: **Preferred** **Use with Caution** **Extreme Caution** **Not recommended**

PREFERRED	These products contain chemicals that can irritate the skin, eyes, nose, and throat. Gloves and chemical safety goggles and/or face shield should be worn. People with asthma should avoid using these products.
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PRODUCT NAME	MANUFACTURER	Benzyl Alcohol	Dimethyl Glutarate	Dimethyl Adipate	Formic Acid	Acetone
Crown Paint Strip Next	Packaging Service Co.		45 55%	5 15%		
Hi-Speed Ready-Strip	Sunnyside Corp	25 35%	6 10%	2 6%	1 3%	
Mötsenböcker's Lift Off Paint and Varnish Remover	Mötsenböcker's					<10%
Piranha NexStrip Pro	Fiberlock Technologies	30 40%			1 5%	
Safest Stripper™ Paint and Varnish Remover	3M		1 5%	20 30%		
Smart Strip	Dumond Chemicals	30 50%				
ZipStrip Premium Green Paint & Finish Remover	Absolute Coatings	<30%				

USE WITH CAUTION	These products can produce serious skin and eye injuries if not used safely. They should be used only while wearing chemical safety goggles and face shield to protect against splash, and gloves recommended for caustics.
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PRODUCT NAME	MANUFACTURER	Sodium Hydroxide	Magnesium Hydroxide	Calcium Hydroxide
Piranha 8	Fiberlock Technologies	5-10%		20-30%
Peel Away 1	Dumond Chemicals	9%	16%	21%

EXTREME CAUTION	These products contain NMP (N-Methylpyrrolidone), which is known to the State of California to cause reproductive harm. NMP can also irritate the skin, eyes, nose and throat. NMP-resistant gloves and chemical safety goggles and/or face shield should be worn.
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PRODUCT NAME	MANUFACTURER	NMP
Aqua-Strip Safer Marine Paint and Varnish Remover	Sunnyside Corp	15-30%
CitriStrip Safer Paint and Varnish Stripper Aerosol	W.M. Barr	30-60%
CitriStrip Stripping Gel	W.M. Barr	30-60%
Klean Strip Green Safer Paint & Varnish Remover	W.M. Barr	30-50%
Peel Away 5 Soy Based	Dumond Chemicals	25-35%
Peel Away 7	Dumond Chemicals	10-20%
Piranha 4	Fiberlock Technologies	45-50%
Multi-Strip Professional Paint Remover	Sunnyside Corp	15-35%
Ready Strip Pro	Sunnyside Corp	5-15%
Ready-Strip Spray	Sunnyside Corp	30-35%
Soy-Gel Paint and Urethane Remover	Franmar Chemicals	40-45%

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Strip-Tox	Sunnyside Corp	20-40%
Strypeeze Biodegradable	Savogran Company	40-45%
Ultra-Strip Ultimate Paint Removal	Sunnyside Corp	35-50%

NOT RECOMMENDED

These products contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive harm. Methylene chloride use has resulted in death when used in enclosed spaces. It can penetrate respirator cartridges and most glove materials.

PRODUCT NAME	MANUFACTURER	Methylene Chloride	Methanol	Toluene
Crown Tuff-Strip	Packaging Service Co.	65 67%	10 20%	0 5%
Dad's Easy Spray Paint & Varnish Remover	Sansher Corp	70 80%	5 10%	
Formby's Paint & Poly Remover	Formby's	81%	3%	
Green's Liquid - 96 Paint Remover	Green Products, Co	69 79%		
Green's Liquid Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Remover	Green Products, Co	10 30%		
Green's Semi-Paste Paint Remover	Green Products, Co	69 79%		
Jasco/Bix Varnish & Stain Remover	W.M. Barr	25 40%	30 50%	10 20%
Jasco Premium Remover	W.M. Barr	60 100%	10 30%	
Jasco Semi-Paste Varnish & Stain Remover	W.M. Barr	25 40%	30 50%	10 20%
Jasco Spray On Stripper	W.M. Barr	30 60%	15 40%	10 30%
Klean Strip Adhesive Remover	W.M. Barr	60 100%	10 30%	
Klean-Strip Premium Sprayable Stripper	W.M. Barr	60 100%	10 30%	
Klean-Strip Strip X Stripper	W.M. Barr	30 50%	10 30%	1 10%
Kutzit	Savogran Company	20 25%	20 25%	25 30%
Piranha 2	Fiberlock Technologies	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Premium Stripper	W.M. Barr	70 90%	1 5%	
Strypeeze Original	Savogran Company	25 30%	25 30%	15 20%
Superstrip	Savogran Company	85 90%	5 10%	0 5%
5F5	Savogran Company	65 70%	10 15%	10 15%
Zar Paint & Varnish Remover	United Gilsonite Labs	90%	7%	2%
ZipStrip Contractors Plus Paint & Varnish Remover	Absolute Coatings	16%	31%	18%
ZipStrip Premium Paint & Finish Remover	Absolute Coatings	75 85%	7 15%	
ZipStrip Trigger Spray Paint & Varnish Remover	Absolute Coatings	<80%	10%	8%
ZipStrip Water-Rinsable Industrial Strength Paint & Finish Remover "		80%	10 15%	

DISCLAIMER: THIS TABLE MAY NOT BE COMPLETE, AND FORMULATIONS MAY CHANGE OVER TIME. REVIEW A CURRENT SAFETY DATA SHEET BEFORE SELECTING A PRODUCT.