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Zinsser DIF Concentrate Wallpaper Stripper

Technical Data Sheet

DIF Liquid Wallpaper Stripper Fast Acting

- Powerful formula works in minutes
- Unique liquid clings to vertical surfaces
- Only one application needed
- Easy to apply with sprayer or roller
- Highly effective on all types of wallpaper
- Non-toxic, mildly scented, safe to use

Selection Data
Generic Type – Pre-mixed liquid wallcovering stripper solution.

Recommended Uses
DIF Fast-Acting Liquid can be used to strip most types of wallpapers that cannot be effectively peeled or dry-stripped from the walls. These include: traditional paper wallpapers, vinyl-coated papers, paper-backed vinyl wallpapers, solid vinyl wallpapers, foils, mylars, grasscloth, textiles and even painted wallpapers. (Borders – see section – Removal of wallpaper borders.)

Application Data
Determining Where to Begin Removal-
The type of wallpaper will determine where to begin the removal process. Grasp a seam or an edge of the all paper and try to peel it off. Remove any layer that will peel off first and then apply DIF Fast-Acting Liquid to the remaining backing paper or residual adhesive. Stop if attempts to dry strip the existing wallpaper fail or result in damage to the drywall, and refer to the instructions below for removal of specific types of wallpaper.
• Traditional Paper Wallpaper
Traditional paper wallpaper is uncoated, porous and will absorb removers readily. No further preparation is necessary before applying DIF Fast-Acting Liquid.
• Coated Wallpaper
If wallpaper is a washable type (generally a standard paper that is coated with a vinyl or acrylic coating) score* the surface using the Zinsser Paper Tiger scoring tool to enhance DIF Fast-Acting Liquid penetration. Score the wallpaper from the ceiling to the floor, using just enough force to break through the surface of the wallpaper.
• Painted Wallpaper
If the wallpaper has been painted over, score the surface thoroughly using the Paper Tiger scoring tool.
• Vinyl Wallpaper
Most vinyl wallpapers are either peelable (the top layer can be removed, leaving the paper backing behind) or strippable (the entire sheet of wallpaper can be removed, leaving only adhesive residue behind). Always try to peel or strip the wallpaper first and apply DIF Fast-Acting Liquid to the paper backing or adhesive residue. If the vinyl wallpaper cannot be peeled or stripped off, score the surface thoroughly with the Paper Tiger before applying DIF Fast-Acting Liquid.
• Foil, Mylars, and Other Sealed Wallpapers
Thoroughly score the surface with the Paper Tiger before applying DIF Fast-Acting Liquid.
• Textiles
If textile has been installed directly over adhesive, simply apply DIF Fast-Acting LIQUID. Some textiles need their surface scored with the Paper Tiger.
• Multiple Layers of Wallpaper
It may be necessary to remove the wallpaper one layer at a time since multiple layers can resist full penetration of the scoring tool.
*When using the PaperTiger, apply only enough pressure to penetrate the wallpaper to avoid damaging the drywall. The more holes the better. If unsure, test a small area before proceeding.

Application
Before using DIF Fast-Acting Liquid, protect carpeting, floors, furniture and adjacent areas. For convenience, apply DIF Fast- Acting Liquid using the refillable 32 oz. spray bottle or the larger gallon with spray nozzle attached. For big projects, apply using a roller or a medium nap (3/8” – 1⁄2”) roller. Pour enough DIF Fast-Acting Liquid to fill a plastic paint tray or pour multiple containers into a plastic 5-gallon pail, insert a roller grid and load the roller from the pail. Apply enough DIF Fast-Acting Liquid to leave a thick layer of stripper on surface of the wallpaper. When rolling use slow, steady rolling motions to avoid splattering the stripper. Be sure to apply in corners and tight spots.

Coverage
One gallon of DIF Fast-Acting Liquid will cover a little over half of a 10’ x 12’ room with 8’ ceiling (approximately 300 square feet or 6 bolts of wallpaper). Note that coverage will vary with porosity of wallpaper and thickness of product application.

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Wetting Period
DIF Fast-Acting Liquid functions much like paint remover, i.e. it must penetrate the wallpaper and loosen the adhesive. Reaction time will vary depending on the type of wallpaper being removed as well as the type of adhesive used. Most wallpaper will be ready for removal 2 – 10 minutes after DIF Fast-Acting Liquid has been applied. Some types of wallpaper may take longer.

Scraping Off the Wallpaper
Use the Zinsser Paper Scraper to remove loosened wallpaper. Place blade of Paper Scraper at top edge of side of wallpaper section and gently slide underneath wallpaper to separate it from the wall. For stubborn areas, reapply DIF Fast- Acting Liquid and wait an additional 15 minutes before removing.

Adhesive Removal
Apply DIF Fast-Acting Liquid and allow to soak until the adhesive is loose and can be sponged or scraped off with the ZINSSER Paper Scraper or a wide putty knife. DIF Fast-Acting Liquid will remove starch-based adhesives, but not non-water soluble vinyl-over-vinyl or border adhesives. **The ZINSSER Paper Scraper is a tool specially designed to remove loosened wallpaper and old adhesive without gouging or cutting the drywall.

Removal of Wallpaper Borders
Wallpaper borders are frequently installed with a special glue called “border adhesive” or “vinyl-to-vinyl adhesive”. This glue is very similar to common white glue and cannot be removed with wallpaper removers including DIF Fast-Acting Loquid. There is no easy way to remove borders installed with these glues. Try to peel off the decorative layer as mentioned earlier, and then start soaking using one of the DIF Wallpaper Strippers. The white glue may soften with long soaking. Scrape off as much of the border and adhesive as possible using a Paper Scraper. After scraping, sand off the remaining portion with 10-grit sandpaper. Expect some wall damage. Spot prime areas with B-I-N Spray Primer or Gardz High Performance Sealer and sand smooth. Protect porous adjacent surfaces such as popcorn ceilings.

Wall Clean up
After wallpaper has been removed apply a thin layer of DIF Fast-Acting Liquid to walls to remove any remaining adhesive. After 10 minutes rinse the surfaces and adjoining areas very well with water. Look to see that all of the stripper solution is removed. Be sure to change rinse water frequently to avoid recontamination of the walls. If there is mildew, use a household mildew cleaner to destroy any mildew that may be present. Rinse walls and allow to dry before painting or installing new wallpaper.

Tool Clean up
Wash roller, brush, and any trays, pans, or buckets with warm tap water.

Storage / Shelf Life / Disposal
Although DIF Fast-Acting Liquid has an indefinite shelf life, always keep the container tightly closed and store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight or extreme heat. Protect from freezing. The disposal of excess or left over product should conform to local laws regarding waterbased products.

Precautions
Consult product Safety Data Sheet
Do not take internally. Keep away from children. Close container after each use and keep cap tightly closed during storage. Keep from freezing.

Warranty
DIF Fast-Acting Liquid is warranted to perform as indicated on the product label if applied according to directions. Label directions are as complete as possible but cannot encompass all conditions, applications and/or surfaces beyond our control. The contents of this container are warranted to be free of defects for 2 years from the date of manufacture. All warranties and guarantees are limited to replacement or refund value of the product used with proof of purchase. No other warranty or guarantee is expressed or implied. If you have a question, check with your dealer or contact Zinsser UK.

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