

Removing Granulex® Residue In Linens

Granulex® is a topical aerosol designed to relieve pain and promote healing of a wide range of skin conditions including varicose ulcers, sunburn, etc. It contains balsam of peru and castor oil among other ingredients. While these ingredients are used for their therapeutic effects, once they get on linens they are particularly difficult to remove.

Balsam of peru is a resinous substance containing essential oils which give it its therapeutic properties. Castor oil is the primary vegetable oil expressed from castor beans. Both of these materials are insoluble in water, and upon exposure to air will oxidize and change into a thick, sticky substance. They make for tenacious residues on hard surfaces, and even more so on porous surfaces like linens.

Because of their oily nature, these two ingredients respond well to linen pretreatment. What is needed to effectively remove these residues from linen is a product with enough solvent to penetrate the surface of the residue, and enough alkalinity to chemically break down the residue into a form that is more water soluble.

We have found that heavy-duty butyl degreasers like **hurricane** are ideal for this application. The combination of butyl solvent, high alkalinity and emulsifying surfactants gives **hurricane** the power necessary to dissolve, saponify and remove those stains with ease.

Apply hurricane directly to spots and stains, working in thoroughly until stains loosen. Use of a small brush will improve overall results. Let product soak in for about 15 minutes, then wash in machine. More stubborn stains may require repeat application of product prior to washing or saturation of the stained areas with and overnight soak to loosen stains. Can be used directly in the wash cycle at the rate of 8 oz. per 50 lbs of linen to improve results on exceptionally greasy rags, etc.

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