

PRODUCT NEWS

SHOWERSTAR

- ✓ Powerful, concentrated shower cleaner
- ✓ Kills mould & mildew without using chlorine
- ✓ Saves labour; Works without scrubbing
- ✓ Rinsing not usually needed; Apply & walk away
- ✓ Plant-derived renewable ingredients
- ✓ Fresh citrus fragrance

Power to Clean, Kill Mould and Save Time & Money

The wetting and detergent agents in Shower Star work with the organic acids to attack and dissolve the soap scum, body fat and water scale that accumulate on surfaces in shower recesses. Shower Star also contains naturally occurring ingredients that kill mould, mildew spores, and the fungi responsible for spreading Tinea. It does this without chlorine, so there is no strong bleach odour but instead a fresh citrus fragrance.

Shower Star can either be used at half strength for a truly powerful clean and mould removal, or diluted to 1 in 10 parts water and applied everyday to keep the shower sparkling clean and free of mould. Shower Star has been formulated with a high foam level, so at 1:10 it can be applied with a foaming trigger to the glass or tiled shower walls, where it clings and works silently away on any soap, fat or scale and kills any mould spores which may have deposited over the last 24 hours

Shower Star is a high-foaming transparent blue liquid with a citrus fragrance, and has a pH between 2 – 3 undiluted and is manufactured in compliance with the quality requirements of AS/NZS ISO 9001:2000

Shower Star cleans the whole bathroom:

Shower Star is excellent on showers and baths but also finds use in cleaning basins, taps, vanity units (not marble), urinals, toilets and porcelain tiles.

Showers & Baths:

For heavy build-ups, use Shower Star 50 parts plus 50 parts water for the initial clean. Allow a few minutes to attack fat and soap scum, then scrub and rinse off – OR – just spray the foam on and leave it. If it is used every day, Shower Star can be diluted to 1:10. Do not use Shower Star on terrazzo shower bases. Shower Star is best applied using a foaming trigger.

Toilets & Urinals:

Use neat or dilute up to 1 part in 5 parts with water. Apply 40 mls per toilet bowl. Leave for a few minutes to attack any build up. Scrub well if bowl is rusty or heavily soiled. Rinse toilet seat with clean water after cleaning.

Basins, Benches & Taps:

Dilute Shower Star to 1 in 10 parts with water. Apply the solution to the surface, sponge or mop to remove soil, then rinse and wipe dry. (Do not use on marble bench tops).

Shower Star may change the colour of metallic brass; so make sure brass taps have a clear coating on them before use.

Washroom Floors & Walls:

Dilute Shower Star from 1 in 50 parts water for heavy build up, to 1 in 100 parts water for normal cleaning. Mop ceramic and porcelain tiles with this solution. Do not use on marble or terrazzo floors, use pH7 instead. You may need to scrub the grouting to remove heavy black soilage. Both painted and tiled walls may be cleaned with Shower Star to prevent the growth of mildew. Please test on paintwork before use.



Environmental Benefits

Shower Star provides excellent cleaning power with an absolute minimum impact on the environment. Shower Star is HIGHLY BIODEGRADABLE, so it rapidly breaks down into friendly by-products.

Shower Star is made from all-natural, renewable resources and those that can be re-grown. Detergents are derived from coconut oil, organic acids from citrus fruit and malt products and the perfume from citrus fruit. It's less corrosive than conventional shower cleaners and NON-TOXIC.

Shower Star contains NO PHOSPHATES, CHLORINE OR INORGANIC ACIDS. Shower Star will quickly attack the soil it's intended to, yet it is very sympathetic to both our environment and the product user.

(Please note that Agar Cleaning Systems will collect and recycle containers wherever possible, significantly reducing plastic usage and waste.)

Shower Star is available in 5L and 20L containers.

Bring old Timber floors back to life

Do you have a timber floor which is in need of rejuvenation? Where the sealer has worn bare and the timber colour has gone grey in patches due to weathering? Restoring the timber to its natural colour with a tough, glossy finish is not as hard as you think.

If you're confident enough to carefully sand the floor with a screen disk on a rotary machine, you're well on the way. Once you have removed all of the dust, simply apply a few coats of Agar **Timbertech** which will provide an extremely tough and deeply glossy coating.

Timbertech is our new water-based polyurethane timber sealer and is steadily gaining interest. It's low in odour and easy-to-apply, and dries to a tough, clear coating that enriches the colour of the timber and seals the wood against spillages, water contact and abrasive foot traffic.

Timbertech is excellent for timber floors in gymnasias, classrooms, halls, hotels, offices, restaurants & private homes and can be applied to tongue-and-groove timber, floating timber and cork floors.

To protect the **Timbertech** finish and extend its serviceable lifespan, it can be top-coated with Agar's acrylic finishes like Duro, Masterpiece and 3D-Gloss.

Timbertech is available in 5L containers.

EXIT Carpet detergent boosted

We have enhanced the performance of Exit without compromising the product's versatility and safety-in-use.

Exit is added to the water in the extraction machine for simple and effective one-pass carpet cleaning. The product now has a more rapid attack on soil thanks to a slightly higher pH, and stronger fragrance to help mask 'wet carpet odours' until the carpet is dry.

Please contact your Agar Representative or call us for more information...

New Labels rolling out

Better shelf appearance, more resilient to water damage and more information.

You may have noticed our new label on recently delivered products. We have adopted a self-adhesive label that brings a number of advantages.

The new design, combined with a gloss finish gives a fresher look and higher quality impression to better represent the quality of the product in the container. The label and print are much more impervious to water and product 'drip-runs' so there is a much-reduced chance of the label becoming illegible. This is a major advantage for products regularly used outdoors. There is also more room for important usage and safety information.

Whilst we have retained the colour coding cleaning system labelling, the previous diagrams have been replaced with photographs designed to better illustrate the intended purpose of the product.

We still print the product-specific information that means every label we release has absolutely up-to-date information including the batch number, and means we don't need to hold separate stock for every single product in our range. The roll out will take several months as we exhaust old label stocks.



AGAR™
The Chemistry of Cleaning

Fast Glass Spray/Wipe Window Cleaner Net: 20L

A fast-acting cleaner for glass, stainless steel and chrome surfaces. **FAST GLASS** removes oil, greasy films, lipstick, finger marks and all other soilage from windows and display cabinets without leaving any filmy streaks. **FAST GLASS** leaves mirrors, windows and glass counters clean and sparkling.

Application:

Use neat. Spray a light mist onto the surface then polish dry with paper towel or lint-free cloth. Because **FAST GLASS** evaporates, always replace the lid. If windows are out of reach or very dirty, **AMMODET** used with a squeegee is an effective method of cleaning.

Please replace the lid to prevent evaporation

This product is not for use in dispensing equipment.

Safety Directions:

Keep container tightly closed. NON-HAZARDOUS. Refer to MSDS for more information.

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Septic Tanks

Disposal of spent cleaning solution.

We are occasionally asked about which chemicals are suitable for use in buildings, especially households where the wastewater flows into a septic tank. Once sewage has entered the septic tank, as it sits there for the next day or two, the solids fall to the bottom of the tank where they form a sludge. The liquid that's left flows out of the tank through pipes which allow it to be dispersed into the soil and decomposed by the soil bacteria.

The important thing about septic tanks is that they rely on bacteria to digest the waste materials, and nothing should enter the tank that could interfere with the bacterial action. Therefore, don't put caustic

cleaners, non-biodegradable products, solvents, strong acids or excessive amounts of disinfectants into septic tanks.

The preferred products would be from the Agar green range, although most biodegradable water-based cleaning products will be acceptable. Products safe for septic tanks include Spruce, Fresco, Shower Star, Sequel, Magic, Lift and HC-90 although small amounts of Speed would probably be okay if an alkaline product is needed for fatty soilage. Having chosen a product, use the least amount you can get away with. The bacteria will digest detergents at a certain rate, but not if they become over-powered by a large quantity.

Dishwasher Warning

Are your dishwasher rinse jets blocked?

Commercial dishwashing machines do a great job cleaning dishes efficiently and hygienically, when in full working order. However, if the machines have a problem such as inadequate rinsing or low temperatures, then the dishes may be a health risk. Inadequate rinsing may allow traces of food residue to remain on the dishes in which harmful microorganisms can grow, whilst low temperatures increase the chances of bacteria surviving the wash process. Food poisoning or the spread of Gastroenteritis may be the result.

Agar technicians regularly monitor and service Agar detergent dispensing equipment that has been installed on commercial dishwashing machines for the metered dosing of Autodish and Rinse Aid. During this dispensing equipment servicing we have discovered that many dishwashers are actually in need of attention from the dishwasher service person.

Our experience has shown that the most common and serious problem is rinse jets that are blocked or missing. The jets can become blocked by the build up of small particles of grit or rust from the water supply, or dirty wash water entering the rinse arm through damaged or worn bushes or seals. This results in some or all of the dishes not having the dirty wash water properly rinsed off. While some kitchen staff may notice this problem, many careless or untrained staff may not, and will just keep putting trays of dishes through the dishwasher. Another potential risk arises if the temperature of the rinse water is too low. The cause may be due to the thermostat not being set properly, corrosion or even a build up on the heating element impeding the exchange of heat into the water. Hot rinse water is needed to kill any bacteria remaining after the washing process, so that the dishes are left dry and hygienic, and ready for the next service.

At many sites we visit they do a great job looking after their dishwashers; however we have observed many others where they don't. Some owners of commercial dishwashers and kitchen staff have a perception that dishwashers need virtually no monitoring or routine servicing. Commercial dishwashers do a lot more work and are treated more roughly than domestic dishwashers. Hence commercial dishwashers need more frequent monitoring, cleaning and servicing than domestic dishwashers do.

We recommend that you consider implementing the following: (if you are not already doing so)

Train staff to check the following every day:

1. The dishes look clean.
2. The dishes feel squeaky clean and are not slippery or slimy.
3. The rinse water is always above 82°C. (Most dishwashers have a reliable temperature gauge)
4. The rinse jets are clear and operating 100%. (Please ask your dishwasher technician or Agar technician as to how this can be done.)

We also recommend that kitchen staff be trained to routinely clean out the top and bottom rinse jets (at least monthly) in addition to the normal duties of cleaning filters, draining tanks and so on.

We further recommend that you contact your normal dishwasher technician and discuss a recommended scheduled preventative maintenance service call. This service call may be a six-monthly or annual visit to check the machine and change a few items such as the wash/rinse bearings and to replace the worn jets. We believe that the practice of waiting for the dishwasher to wash poorly or not wash at all before calling the technician may be exposing you and people eating off the crockery to unnecessary risks.