

# GUIDE TO CHOOSING PAINT STRIPPING PRODUCTS: SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

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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.

PRODUCT NAME	MANUFACTURER	Benzyl Alcohol	Dimethyl Gluterate	Dimethyl Adipate	Formic Acid	Acetone
Crown Paint Strip Next	Packaging Service Co.		45-55%	5-15%		
Goof Off Cleaner VOC Compliant	W.M. Barr					60-100%
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%
Oops! Painters Choice Liquid	Homax Products	1-10%				1-10%
Peel Away Smart Strip	Dumond Chemicals	30-50%				
Safest Stripper™ Paint and Varnish Remover	3M		1-5%	20-30%		
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.

PRODUCT NAME	MANUFACTURER	Sodium Hydroxide	Magnesium Hydroxide	Calcium Hydroxide
Piranha 8	Fiberlock Technologies	Unknown %	Unknown %	Unknown %
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.

PRODUCT NAME	MANUFACTURER	NMP
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 7	Dumond Chemicals	10-20%

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Piranha 4	<i>Fiberlock Technologies</i>	45-50%
Multi-Strip Professional Paint Remover	<i>Sunnyside Corp</i>	15-35%
Ready Strip Pro	<i>Sunnyside Corp</i>	5-15%
Ready-Strip Spray	<i>Sunnyside Corp</i>	30-35%
Strip-Tox	<i>Sunnyside Corp</i>	20-40%
Strypeeze Biodegradable	<i>Savogran Company</i>	40-45%

## 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
Formby's Paint & Poly Remover	<i>Formby's</i>	81%	3%	
Dad's Easy Spray Paint & Varnish Remover	<i>Sansher Corp</i>	73-78%	<13%	
Green's Liquid - 96 Paint Remover	<i>Green Products, Co</i>	69-79%		
Green's Liquid Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Remover	<i>Green Products, Co</i>	10-30%		
Green's Semi-Paste Paint Remover	<i>Green Products, Co</i>	69-79%		
Jasco/Bix Varnish & Stain Remover	<i>W.M. Barr</i>	25-40%	30-50%	10-20%
Jasco Brushable Semi-Paste Paint & Epoxy Remover	<i>W.M. Barr</i>	60-100%	7-13%	
Jasco Premium Remover	<i>W.M. Barr</i>	70-95%	1-5%	
Jasco Semi-Paste Varnish & Stain Remover	<i>W.M. Barr</i>	25-40%	30-50%	10-20%
Jasco Spray On Stripper	<i>W.M. Barr</i>	30-60%	15-40%	10-30%
Klean Strip Adhesive Remover	<i>W.M. Barr</i>	60-100%	10-30%	
Klean-Strip Premium Sprayable Stripper	<i>W.M. Barr</i>	60-100%	10-30%	
Klean-Strip Strip X Stripper	<i>W.M. Barr</i>	30-50%	10-30%	1-10%
Premium Stripper	<i>W.M. Barr</i>	70-95%	1-5%	
Sprayable Strypeeze	<i>Savogran Company</i>	85-90%	5-10%	0-5%
Strypeeze Original	<i>Savogran Company</i>	25-30%	25-30%	15-20%
Zar Paint & Varnish Remover	<i>United Gilsonite Labs</i>	90%	7%	2%
ZipStrip Contractors Plus Paint & Varnish Remover	<i>Absolute Coatings</i>	16%	31%	18%
ZipStrip Premium Paint & Finish Remover	<i>Absolute Coatings</i>	75-85%	7-15%	
ZipStrip Trigger Spray Paint & Varnish Remover	<i>Absolute Coatings</i>	<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.