

## Stoddard Solvent

There is a frequent misconception that Stoddard Solvent is a single compound solvent that can readily be identified as a single VOC in indoor air. However, this isn't the case as Stoddard Solvent is a mixture of hydrocarbons in the C7-C12 hydrocarbon range. Known by the common names of white spirits, mineral spirits, mineral turpentine, plus a variety of other names, this solvent was developed in the early 1920s as a less volatile dry cleaning solvent and was used for this purpose until the late 1950s. Today Stoddard solvent is used as a paint thinner, as a solvent in some types of photocopier toners, printing inks, and adhesives, and as a general cleaner and degreaser. The National Institute of Health's Household Products database lists hundreds of products containing Stoddard Solvent including paints, spray paints, automotive products, and landscaping products (<http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/household/brands?tbl=chem&id=142>).

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