

# Cleaning in Preparation for Welding

INSTALLATION TIP

## **Caution: Cleaning Products for Weld Preparation are not “One Kind Suits All”**

It is common for roofing contractor personnel to use commercially labeled products, such as “Splice Wash,” “Splice Cleaner” or “Membrane Cleaner” to clean membrane roof systems in areas that are to be heat-welded together, including field seams and flashing locations. In some cases, instruction to use these products is included in professionally written project specifications. In other cases, crews simply use products available in their shop.

Using commercially labeled cleaning products is in line with best practices for cleaning many single ply roof membrane systems and flashing areas. Typically, however, these products are made and sold for use on a specific membrane. Using a commercially labeled product on the wrong membrane can be a source of welding problems and possibly cause the manufacturer to void its warranty.

To ensure the quality of what you install, monitor your roof installation crews to make sure they have the right products for the roof system they are installing.

## **Specified Cleaners for FiberTite Membranes**

The FiberTite Roof System Specifications and the FiberTite Foreman’s Reference Manual specify to use **acetone** and a clean white cotton cloth to clean dirt, oil and debris from areas of the membrane that are to be welded together. Acetone is a readily available commercial product for retail.

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