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## Technical Data Sheet

TDS # QbE

### QbE<sup>®</sup> Cleaning System

#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

QbE<sup>®</sup> is the patented Precision Wipe System for cleaning fiber optic end-faces. It is a self-contained cleaning tool that can be used “dry” or “wet.” The QbE<sup>®</sup> is convenient and economical for use in field or OEM applications.

- The Complete Fiber Optic Cleaning System
- Platen side of box provides surface for cleaning
- Effective “Wet” or “Dry” cleaning
- Provides an ideal Cleaning System for field or OEM applications
- Convenient Size - Portable system easily fits in tool cases and is handy to use on work benches
- Heavy Duty Lint-Free wiping material tough-enough to remove buffer-gel; soft enough for all end face cleaning
- Wipe material won't shred or tear

#### TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

QbE<sup>®</sup> wipes are used in Fiber Optic and Telecommunications applications for:

- End-Face Connector Cleaning
- Splice Preparation
- Buffer Gel Removal

#### TYPICAL PRODUCT DATA AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

QbE<sup>®</sup> wipes are 100% noncontaminating material. These wipes have high absorbency and contamination entrapment capacity, as well as high wet strength.

- Excellent solvent resistance
- Excellent particle entrapment
- High absorbency capacity and rate
- Very low solvent extractables
- High wet strength

#### COMPATIBILITY

QbE<sup>®</sup> wipes are compatible with most common solvents such as alcohols, hydrocarbons and chlorinated solvents. The wipes are also generally compatible with dilute or weak acids.

#### TECHNICAL AND APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

ITW Chemtronics provides a technical hotline to answer your technical and application related questions. The toll free number is: **1-800-TECH-401**.

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#### AVAILABILITY

QbE<sup>®</sup> Wipes      3" x 3"    200/Box

## USAGE INSTRUCTIONS

### “Dry” Cleaning with the QbE®

1. Pull one QbE® Wipe over the fiber-safe foam platen.
2. Hold the end face at a 90 degree perpendicular to the platen.
3. Draw the end face lightly over the platen in a smooth linear motion - do not press too hard.
4. Do not retrace your cleaning procedure in the same area.
5. Do not use a figure-eight motion; do not use a “twist & turn” motion.
6. Check your work with a fiber scope or measuring device.

### “Wet” Cleaning with the QbE®

1. Lightly “spot” the QbE® wipe on the platen with Electro-Wash® PX Fiber Optic Cleaner.
2. Draw the end-face from the solvent wetted area to the dry area.
3. Check your work with a fiber scope or measuring device.

### For Splice Preparation

1. Lightly moisten QbE® wipe and gently wipe away fiber contaminants.
2. Lightly dampen a 38540ESD swab, remove soil from V-grooves on fusion splicer.

### Buffer Gel Removal

1. Pull three single QbE® Wipers out of the container.
2. Spray a small amount of Electro-Wash® PX Fiber Optic Cleaner into the folded wipers.
3. Pull the cable through the first wiper and discard.
4. Repeat until the cable “squeaks” clean.



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