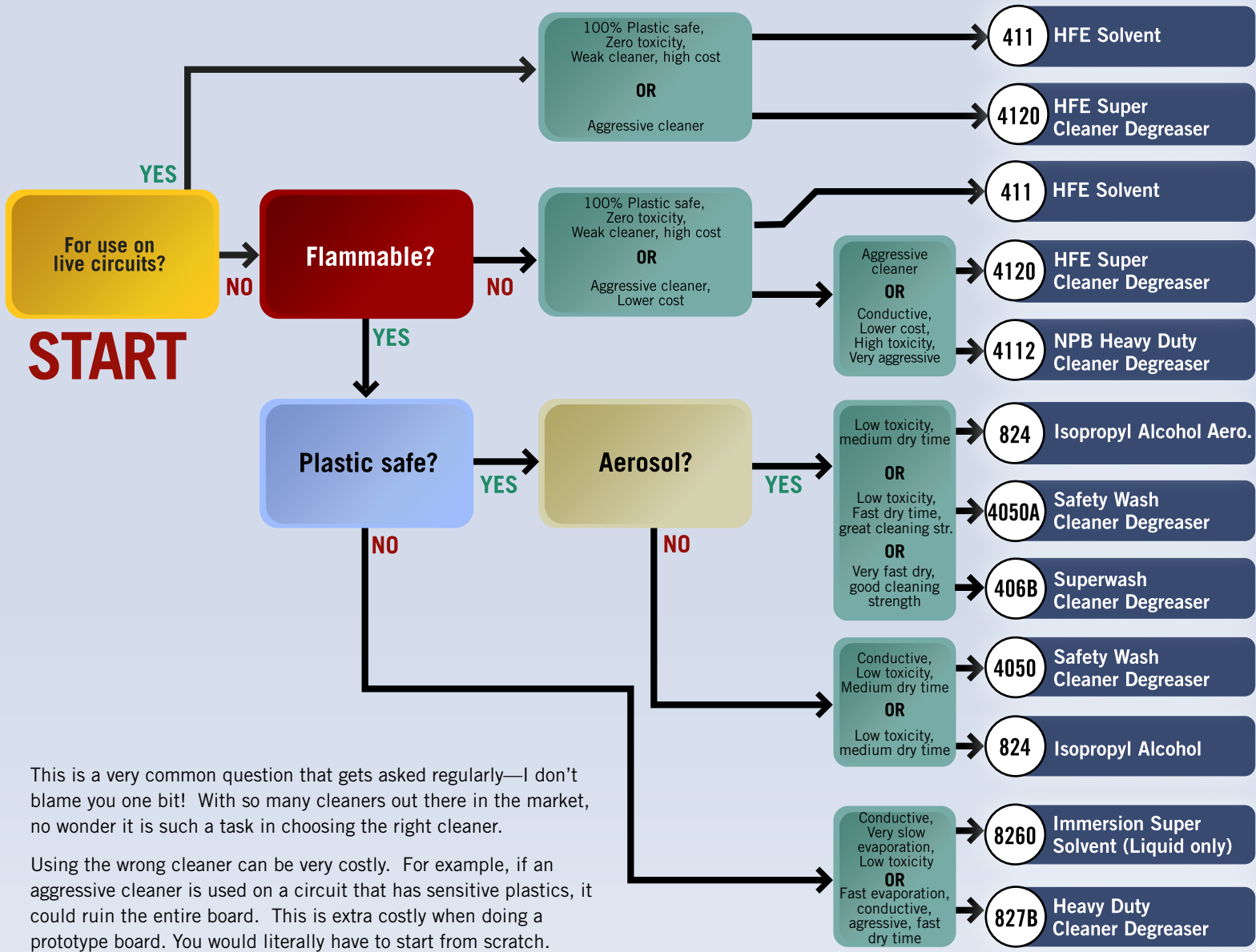


CLEANER DEGREASERS

What cleaner is right for my application?



This is a very common question that gets asked regularly—I don't blame you one bit! With so many cleaners out there in the market, no wonder it is such a task in choosing the right cleaner.

Using the wrong cleaner can be very costly. For example, if an aggressive cleaner is used on a circuit that has sensitive plastics, it could ruin the entire board. This is extra costly when doing a prototype board. You would literally have to start from scratch.

Here are a few simple questions you can ask yourself to help you find the right cleaner for your application:

1. Will the cleaner be used on LIVE circuits?
2. Do I need a NON FLAMMABLE cleaner?
3. Do I need a PLASTIC SAFE cleaner?
4. Do I want liquid or aerosol?

Of course there are many other features that differentiate amongst similar cleaners such as evaporation rate, toxicity, cost, etc.; but if you keep the above questions in mind when selecting a cleaner for your application, your chances of ruining a board just reduced by 90%.

A good rule of to follow is, "if you are cleaning the component side of a board, go with a plastic safe cleaner".

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