## **CHEMTRONICS<sup>®</sup> Technical Data Sheet**

### TDS # QbE

# **QbE™** Cleaning System

### **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

QbE<sup>™</sup> is the Precision Wipe System for cleaning fiber optic end-faces. It is a selfcontained 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
- Patent Pending

### **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**.

### AVAILABILITY

QbE<sup>™</sup> Wipes 3" x 3" 200/Box

### **USAGE INSTRUCTIONS**

### "Dry" Cleaning with the QbE™

- 1. Pull one QbE<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> wipe on the platen with Electro-Wash<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> wipe and gently wipe away fiber contaminants.
- Lightly dampen a 38540ESD swab, remove soil from V-grooves on fusion splicer.

### **Buffer Gel Removal**

- 1. Pull three single QbE<sup>™</sup> Wipers out of the container.
- 2. Spray a small amount of Electro-Wash<sup>®</sup> 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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