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## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### Strip-Clean™ Sheets Catalog No. FPT210

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#### Application

Strip-Clean™ Sheets are self-sticking, clear vinyl sheets that are placed on the surface of any metal, plastic or glass ink slab prior to inking the surface. The primary purpose is to provide quick, disposable, effortless and less messy ink clean-up after fingerprints are taken.

#### Hazards/Safety Info

*There are no known hazards associated with this product.*

- Be certain to review the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) specific to the products used in conjunction with Strip-Clean™ sheets, such as: fingerprint inks, hand and surface cleaners, etc. MSDSs may be found on our website at [www.sirchie.com/support](http://www.sirchie.com/support).



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## Information

Strip-Clean™ sheets are clear vinyl surface-protectors used during the fingerprinting process and measure 10.25" x 4". These sheets are not equipped with an adhesive—rather, they become charged with static electricity when they are separated from the paper backing material. As separation occurs, a slight static charge is created along the surface of the vinyl sheet that permits the sheet to “stick” to virtually any smooth surface. It is simple to put in place and it is equally simple to remove. They come in packs of 40 and measure 10.25" x 4". *Note: The sheets are slightly longer than the standard inking slab to permit easy removal.*

## Background/Theory of Operation

Using conventional rolled inks, inking slabs require intensive cleaning to remove the ink when the process is complete. Strip-Clean™ sheets eliminate the mess and clean-up. Strip-Clean™ sheets are non-hazardous and may be disposed of with common trash.

## Operation/Use

1. Remove the protective paper covering material from the vinyl sheet and discard.
2. Grasp an end of the vinyl sheet between the thumb and forefingers of each hand.
3. Place one short edge of the strip even with a short edge of the slab.
4. While still holding the opposite end, use your free hand to smoothly press the strip onto the surface of the slab until the slab is covered.





5. Once the sheet is in place, use your fingertips to smooth out any air bubbles that may have occurred.  
*Note: Rolling out the ink following established procedures will further remove any air bubbles.*
6. Roll out of the ink and proceed with the fingerprinting procedure.
7. Upon completion of all required fingerprints, simply lift the Strip-Clean™ from the surface, leaving a clean slab.

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