

clean-up without solvents

TOOLS & METAL PLATES WITH TRADITIONAL HARD GROUNDS, SOFT GROUNDS OR RUBBER BASED BITUMEN

1. Immerse metal plates, spatulas & brushes in [vegetable cleaning agent](#) (VCA) & leave for a few minutes. The VCA will remove ink, rubber-based bitumen, traditional hard and soft ground, anything formerly removed by turps, but may take a little longer.
2. Scrub the surface gently with a soft brush.
3. Remove the plate, letting drips fall back into the VCA container.
4. Rinse the plate in a tray of soapy water.
5. Remove plate from the water & dry with a clean rag.
6. Always use gloves when using the VCA as it may irritate the skin.

Note: do not allow the soapy water to contaminate the VCA - it will emulsify and have to be thrown out.

ACRYLIC GROUNDS

Use ammonia and water. Note: VCA will not remove acrylic grounds.

BALDWIN'S INTAGLIO GROUND

Use non-toxic home stripper (supplier listed on Suppliers page).

PHOTOPOLYMER PLATES

Use vegetable oil or baby oil to clean up ink. A wipe of oil will help keep them from drying out when storing. Store flat.

ROLLERS

May be cleaned with either vegetable oil, baby oil or VCA. All cleaners use the same process.

1. Roll off excess ink onto paper.
2. Put a few drops (oil or VCA) on a cloth and gently wipe the roller clean.
3. Degrease with a mixture of either washing up liquid or liquid cleanser and water.
4. Dry thoroughly with a clean cloth.
5. Put away correctly. The rubber roller should not be resting against sharp or hard surfaces.

TABLES

1. Remove as much ink as possible with spatula.
2. Wipe over with a small amount of vegetable oil on a cloth.
3. Degrease with spray cleaner.
4. Wipe.