The Removal of Polymerized Linseed Oil and Aged Olive Oil from Paper

## INTRODUCTION

Previous research has shown that there are few successful methods for reducing linseed oil stains on paper. Removing oil stains can be both a stabilization treatment as well as an aesthetic treatment.

The efficacy of of SC Johnson's Shout® Triple Acting Trigger Stain Remover, two prepared detergents and an alkaline poultice of boric acid and methylcellulose, to reduce aged linseed oil and olive oil stains from Whatman cotton filter paper was examined.

Fig. 1: Samples after aging, 1<sup>31</sup> column is unstained Whatman paper; 2<sup>nd</sup> column is stained with linseed oil; 3<sup>rd</sup> column is stained with olive oil. Fig. 2: Samples tied onto glass in preparation for artificial aging





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paper. Fig. 4: Shout Stain Remover and three prepared solutions. Fig. 5: Samples being washed in a basin of distilled



## **EXPERIMENTAL** MATERIALS

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•Whatman 41 Ashless Quantitative Filter Paper •Gamblin's Refined Linseed Oil •Colavita Extra Virgin Olive Oil

•SC Johnson's Shout Triple Acting Stain Remover •Boric Acid, Triethanolamine,

Deoxycholic Acid, Abietic Acid, Surfonic JL 80- X, distilled water •Despatch Artificial Aging Oven, 54613 set to 50°C 80% RH for one week

## METHODS OF ANALYSIS

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Incandescent Reflected Light, and Transmitted Light; Ultraviolet Reflected Light Nicolet, Avatar 320 ATR-FTIR using Nicolet Smart Golden Gate
Konica Minolta CM-700d Spectrophotometer
BYK Gardner 420, Glossmeter



Fig. 6: After treatment samples, 1<sup>st</sup> column untreated unstained; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> columns treated Jive oil stains; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> columns treated linseed oil stains

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Solution A successfully reduced half of the concentration of polymerized linseed oil from the Whatman filter paper.

2. Shout was the most successful solution to reduce aged olive oil; however, because olive oil is not a drying oil, the amount of reduction could not be quantified.

3. There was not a definitive difference between the change in colour amongst the treated samples. This could imply that Solution B and Solution D provide a bleaching effect on the paper.

