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Posted by [duncan](#) on Thu, 04 Jan 2007 20:24:43 GMT
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Posted by [Doug Wellington](#) on Thu, 04 Jan 2007 21:49:28 GMT
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Posted by [gene lennon](#) on Thu, 04 Jan 2007 22:35:22 GMT
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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Fri, 05 Jan 2007 09:02:29 GMT
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Hey Gene,
What about a burnishing brush or injectors for TTL patchbays?
What's the proven method. Mine are 5 years old and starting to talk =
back.

I found this. Is it good?
http://www.globalvideoconf.com/Page_219.pdf

Should I use Deoxit and the brush and be done with it?
Thanks,
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"Gene Lennon" <glennon@nospMyrealbox.com> wrote in message =
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Gene

I choose Polesoft Lockspam to fight spam, and you?

http://www.polesoft.com/refer.html

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a burnisher and only use it a few times over the entire life of the patchbay, but they do a good job. A quick twist with a burnisher once every year or so followed by some DEOXIT, is the best method I know. The problem is usually the normals, which are not addressed by burnishing and are closed tight when you spray. An injector can help somewhat, but if you have noisy normals, you need to clean the bay by hand :-(
I also insert and twist. (No comments please.)
Gene

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Posted by [duncan](#) on Fri, 05 Jan 2007 17:41:42 GMT

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OK then, off to the gun shop... (Needed ammo anyway -- can never have too much on hand, right?)

Seriously, sounds like a good approach -- thanks -- chas.

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<doug@parisfaqs.com> wrote:

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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Fri, 05 Jan 2007 19:22:42 GMT

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Liquid Freon works the best... oh well... ;-)

David.

DC wrote:

> Zero residue contact cleaner ONLY.
>
> No Deoxit ever. And nothing else that leaves anything on the contacts.
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> <http://www.techspray.com/images/167712f.gif>
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Subject: Re: OT, sort of: cleaning up analog connections

Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Fri, 05 Jan 2007 19:57:42 GMT

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Thanks Don, that might be just the ticket for the Buchla (see the "you guys are still using PARIS" thread).

Cheers,

-Jamie

www.JamieKrutz.com

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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Fri, 05 Jan 2007 20:02:53 GMT

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DC

Subject: Re: OT, sort of: cleaning up analog connections
Posted by [gene lennon](#) on Fri, 05 Jan 2007 21:59:57 GMT
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I was historically in the school that said use only Zero residue cleaners.
I changed my mind after doing the following test:

Take an old computer card with a dirty edge connector.

Clean one half with a Dichlorofluoroethane based cleaner. (Techspray and Radio Shack both use this as the primary ingredient in their cleaners.)

Clean the other half with Deoxit.

If you look close you can see the difference in the effectiveness of the oxidation cleaning. This is measurable. Wait two weeks and check the connector. You will see (and can measure the fast reassurance of oxidation on the Dichlorofluoroethane side.) The Deoxit side resists oxidation for months in any normal environment. I have not found that the small amount of residue left attracts dust or other contaminants that could affect the electrical properties the way oxidation will.

It is true that different metals will have different oxidation characteristic, but copper and brass (still used in many patchbays), have similar issues

with quick oxidation rates at room temperature. For gold or nickel-plated, I would go with the Techspray.

Just my opinion.

Gene
