

Recover Fingermarks from Items Purposely Washed Clean

Following a criminal act, it would not be uncommon for the perpetrator to attempt to avoid detection by washing clean items of evidential value. In the case of metal items such as knives or hand tools, for example, this may no longer be enough...

One of the reasons that the RECOVER technique has been described as being capable of revealing 'impossible fingerprints' is that it has the ability to develop marks on items that have been purposely washed clean.

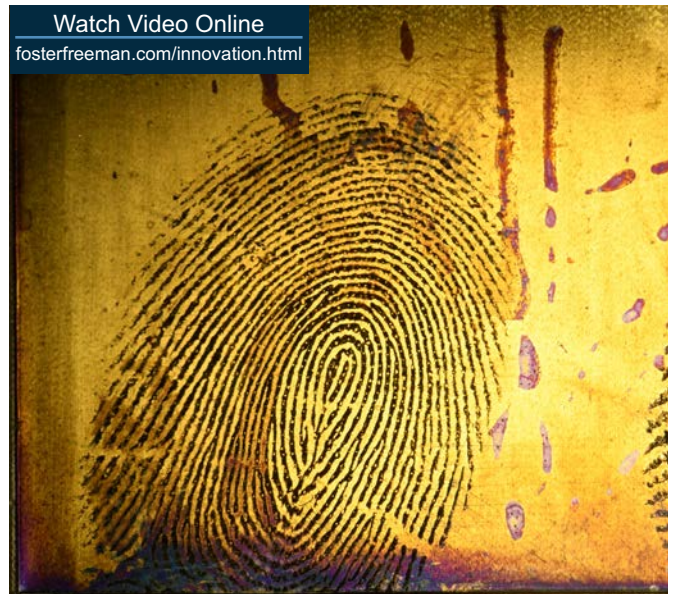


High-quality prints on a variety of surfaces

An ideal demonstration of the RECOVER technique, fingerprints can be placed onto a metal object and then, having been left in place for a short period of time, wiped clean.

In-house tests have proven the RECOVER technique to be effective at developing high-quality prints on a variety of surfaces that have been cleaned using a wide range of detergents and cleaning chemicals.

So powerful is the technique that even after an item has been washed clean with undiluted bleach and then left submerged in a container of that same bleach for 7-days, fingermarks of identifiable quality can be revealed.



A brass plate seeded with fingermarks and washed with dilute bleach before being treated using the RECOVER technique.



In a recent in-house test fingerprints were placed onto brass and stainless steel plates before being washed clean and then left submerged in undiluted bleach. After development using the RECOVER process, the prints were clearly visible - even on plates that were left submerged in the cleaning chemical for a full 7-days.