

T.A.S.C.O/Rittel's

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Instructions for using T.A.S.C.O/Rittel's Citric Acid

Citric acid is a natural acid found in citrus fruits. It is safe to handle, and has no environmental problems. It is an excellent choice for the taxidermist or tanner that may have small children or pets near his work area.

Formula- Mix enough is pickling solution to completely submerge the skins or capes. A good rule of thumb is to use 2 quarts of water of every 1 lb. of skin weight. An average WT Deerskin or WT Deer cape usually weighs 8 lb. each (use 4 gallons of water). For every 1 gallon of water, mix:

1 Gallon of hot water

3 oz. of Citric Acid

1 lb. of Non-Iodized Salt

NOTE: 6 level Tablespoons of Citric Acid = 3.0 oz. by weight

Mix your pickling solution 24 hours before using it. This will allow the PH level to stabilize and the temperature to cool. After mixing the pickling solution – check its PH level for a 2.5 PH level. The level may vary, depending on whether you use city water or well water, as long as the PH level is kept at or below a 2.5 PH, you should consider it safe to use. Add more acid if your water is particularly alkaline. Also measure the salt of the pickle using a Salinometer. It should read 40% or more. Allow the capes or skins to pickle for 3 days before removing them for shaving. After shaving, always return the skins or capes to the pickle for another 24 hours before neutralizing and tanning.

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