

AI-4B

Water-washable Fluorescent Penetrant

AUTOGLO® AL-4B is a fluorescent water-washable penetrant specially designed for use in the automotive industry. It has superior washability and is easy to remove from rough non-ferrous cast parts and complex shapes.



AL-4B can also be used to detect leaks in welded tanks and containers, and in applications where traditional petroleum solvent-based penetrants may attack the test surface, such as plastics.

FEATURES

- Bright indications
- · Quick to prepare and easy to use
- · Excellent water washability.
- Can be diluted with water to make it more cost-effective.

APPLICATIONS

Ideal for:

- Use in the automotive industry
- · Rough non-ferrous cast parts
- Complex shapes
- To detect leaks in welded tanks and containers
- In applications where traditional petroleum solvent-based penetrants may attack the test surface, such as plastics.

COMPOSITION

A blend of water, fluorescent dyes, liquid emulsifying agents and solvents. AL-4B does not contain any corrosion inhibitors.

PRODUCT PROPERTIES

Form and colour	Yellow/green liquid
Flash point	>100°
Density at 20°C	0.99 g/ml
Viscosity at 38°C	5 mm²/s
pH (1% in water)	6 - 8

Like all Magnaflux materials, AL-4B is closely controlled to ensure batch-to-batch consistency, optimum process control and inspection reliability.

USER RECOMMENDATIONS

Storage temperature	10°C to 30°C
Usage temperature	5°C to 55°C
Coverage	20 - 30m² per litre (undiluted)
Cleaner/remover	SPOTCHECK® SKC-S
Dry developer	ZYGLO® ZP-4B
Solvent-based developers	SPOTCHECK® SKD-S2 ZYGLO® ZP-9F
Aqueous developer	ZYGLO® ZP-5B
Water-based developer	ZYGLO® ZP-14A
UV lamp	EV6000



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

AL-4Bis water-soluble and can be diluted 1:1 to 1:2 in water (depending on the application). This will lower its viscosity, making spraying easier, and it will penetrate through leaks faster than when undiluted. For maximum sensitivity, however, use AL-4B as supplied.

Pre-clean the test part and allow to dry. The surface must be free from oil, grease and any other contaminant.

Apply AL-4B by immersion dip, brush, flow on, conventional or electrostatic spray. The test area must be completely covered with penetrant.

- For conventional penetrant applications, allow
 2 -15 minutes penetration time.
- For leak testing, apply penetrant to one side of test area, apply developer to the opposite side and allow 15 - 30 minutes penetration time.

Remove excess penetrant by thoroughly spraying the test part with clean water at 10°C to 40°C. This should be carried out under a UV(A) source so you can monitor the penetrant removal.

Dry the test part by placing in a controlled recirculating warm air dryer at a temperature of 50°C - 70°C.

Where you think it necessary, apply a developer to maximise the sensitivity of the penetrant and to provide a white contrasting background. There are three types of suitable developer:

- Dry powder: free-flowing, lightweight powders applied to the dry component by powder storm, dusting, electrostatic spray or puffer.
- **Solvent-based:** quick-drying materials applied to the dry component by spraying.
- Aqueous or water-based: applied before drying by dipping or spraying.

Note: aqueous developers should be used with great care, as, with prolonged contact, they tend to wash the penetrant out of the defects.

Inspect your test part using a suitable UV source. Any defect indications will fluoresce a bright green-yellow when exposed UV(A) light at a peak wavelength of 365 nm.

If required, you can clean your test part after inspection. Developer residues can be removed either by wiping with a cloth or by a water and detergent wash. Penetrant residues can be removed by vapour degreasing or solvent soak.

PACKAGING AND PART NUMBERS



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Review all relevant health and safety information before using this product. For complete health and safety information, refer to the Safety Data Sheets, which are available at **eu.magnaflux.com**.

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