

## Cleaning- Recipe for Grit & Grime Removal

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Many people use various off the shelf products on their old tractor in order to get the grit and grime removed. Here is a method that is inexpensive and works as well as anything you can buy including oven cleaner. A word of WARNING: One of the ingredients is Lye and it is extremely caustic so BE CAREFUL! Read thru before you start.

You will need:

1 can of Red Devil Lye  
Cornstarch  
Plastic jug  
Dutch oven (optional)  
Water  
Eye protection  
Rubber Gloves

Dissolve 1 can of Red Devil Lye in into about 2 - 3 cups of water in a 1 gallon plastic jug. Be careful because as lye dissolves it gets hot. Add it to the jug a few tablespoons at a time. Blend in some cornstarch, one teaspoon at a time into about a 1/2 cup of cool water. Now add this to the jug. Keep doing this until the solution in the jug has the consistency of gravy (you want it to stick to whatever you are applying it to).

In order to get a smoother mixture: Put 12 cups of water in a Dutch oven and use 24 tablespoons of cornstarch. Mix the cornstarch in a smaller pitcher with some of the 12 cups of water first till it is stirred in completely. Then cook it till boiling like making gravy. Let it cool down and transfer it to a plastic bucket or jug. Pour in about 2/3 to 3/4 of a pint size or so of Red Devil Lye. Stir it in a little at a time.

Now it can be applied with a brush or even a sprayer. Be careful not to get any of this on your hands or eyes (or cloths for that matter).

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