

## Organic Solvents

These are carbon based substances capable of dissolving or dispersing one or more other substances.

Grease is soluble in organic solvents such as Carbon tetrachloride, acetone, turpentine and methylated spirit. Thus, these organic solvents are used extensively in the removal of grease, dry cleaning of fabrics, and stain removal.

Solvents are also useful in cleaning surfaces that may be harmed by water. Organic solvents evaporate rapidly from a surface and are therefore ideal for cleaning glass surfaces such as mirrors and windows. Organic solvents should be handled with care as they are harmful to the skin, flammable and poisonous.