# Instructions for Use Decal Stat<sup>™</sup> Decalcifier



CATALOG NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF MEASUREMENT
1212-32	Decal Stat™, 32oz	1 each
1212-1	Decal Stat™, 1 gallon	1 each
1212-5	Decal Stat™, 5 gallon cube	1 each

## INTENDED USE

Decal Stat<sup>™</sup> Decalcifier is a hydrochloric acid solution which contains a chelating agent. Decal Stat<sup>™</sup> is formulated to work faster that Original Decal<sup>™</sup> product and can be used for the rapid decalcification of all types of bone. It works well with routine and all special stains, allowing for cellular and nuclear detail to remain crisp and clear when the procedure is monitored carefully. Minimal distortion of tissue and cellular structure after the decalcification process make this an ideal product for calcified tissues when immunohistochemistry (IHC) procedures are not being considered.

### APPLICATIONS

Decal Stat<sup>™</sup> may be used will all types of calcified histological specimens for rapid decalcification.

### STORAGE AND STABILITY

Storage: Room temperature Refer to SDS for details

#### SPECIMEN PREPARATION AND PROCEDURE

Tissue specimens must be fixed before exposure to Decal Stat<sup>™</sup>. This can be in 10% Neutral Buffered Formalin or other suitable fixative, such as Bouins, B5, or Zinc Formalin.

- 1 Fix specimens in appropriate fixative.
- 2 For best results, suspend specimen so it is not in contact with any surface of the container. This allows exposure to all specimen surfaces and precipitated calcium salts to sink to the bottom of the container.
- 3 Small specimens should not be left in solution overnight. If decalcification process is incomplete, wash in water and return to fixative. Wash again before returning to decalcification solution to complete the process.
- Continue Step #3 until specimen is decalcified.
  \*If decalcification time exceeds 24 hours, it is best to replace solution with fresh solution.
- 5 When decalcification is complete, removed specimen from Decal Stat  $^{\rm TM}$  and rinse well in water.

\*If you plan to stain the section with potassium ferrocyanide/HCL solution (Iron stain), a minimum of 10 minute water rinse is recommended.

## **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

If decalcification process was incomplete, surface decal may be used. Place the surface of the block in a small container of DecalStat for 5-10 minutes. Rinse the block well in running water before placing on the microtome. If you will be staining the tissue with Potassium Ferrocyanide/HCL (iron stain), rinse tissue for a minimum of 10 minutes after decalcification. Please contact <u>productsupport@statlab.com</u> with any additional questions.



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