

Stain Removal & Surface Cleaning — Selleys Products

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AI Summary

****Product:**** Selleys Stain Removal & Surface Cleaning Range ****Brand:**** Selleys ****Category:**** Surface Preparation & Cleaning Products ****Primary Use:**** Professional-grade cleaning and surface preparation products designed to remove grease, mould, adhesive residue, paint, and exterior grime before painting, sealing, or recoating.

Quick Facts - ****Best For:**** Tradespeople and homeowners preparing surfaces for painting, sealing, or recoating - ****Key Benefit:**** Proper surface preparation that improves adhesion, extends finish longevity, and delivers professional results - ****Form Factor:**** Range includes liquids, powders, pre-moistened wipes, sprays, and solvent-based formulas - ****Application Method:**** Apply, allow to dwell, scrub or scrape as required, rinse thoroughly, and allow to dry before recoating

Common Questions This Guide Answers 1. What Selleys product should I use to prepare walls before painting? → Selleys Sugar Soap (available as Liquid, Powder, or Wipes) 2. Does Selleys Mould Killer just bleach mould or actually kill it? → It kills the mould organism at the root and inhibits regrowth — it does not simply bleach the appearance 3. How long does Selleys Kwik Strip take to work? → Typically 15–30 minutes depending on coating thickness and type; surface must be neutralised and cleaned thoroughly before recoating 4. Is Selleys Rapid Remover safe to use on painted surfaces? → Yes, but test in an inconspicuous area first before full application 5. What PPE is required when using Selleys chemical cleaners and strippers? → Gloves and eye protection are recommended across the range; work in a well-ventilated area, particularly indoors

Stain Removal & Surface Cleaning — Selleys Products

Selleys has been making cleaning and surface preparation products for over 80 years. That experience shows up in products that actually work, whether you're a tradie prepping a commercial site or a homeowner dealing with a stubborn patch of mould before the weekend repaint.

Why Surface Preparation Matters

A clean, well-prepared surface is the foundation of any quality finish. Before you paint, seal, or repair, the surface needs to be right. Grease, grime, mould, and staining don't just look bad — they undermine adhesion and shorten the life of your work. Getting the surface clean first is what separates a finish that lasts from one that peels, bubbles, or stains through within a year.

Selleys Sugar Soap

****The professional's choice for surface preparation.****

Selleys Sugar Soap is a heavy-duty cleaner formulated to remove grease, grime, smoke residue, and general surface contamination before painting. It's what professionals reach for when they need surfaces clean, degreased, and ready for paint.

What It Does

- Removes grease, oils, and wax from surfaces before painting - Cuts through smoke and nicotine residue - Strips away general grime and surface contamination - Prepares walls, ceilings, and woodwork for paint adhesion

Available Formats

****Selleys Sugar Soap Liquid**** — Ready to use or dilutable for large surface areas. Mix it stronger for heavy contamination, lighter for general cleaning.

****Selleys Sugar Soap Powder**** — A concentrated powder formula. Mix with water to the strength you need. Economical and practical for large-scale preparation work.

****Selleys Sugar Soap Wipes**** — Pre-moistened wipes for fast, targeted cleaning. Ideal for spot cleaning, touch-up prep, or working in tight spaces where liquid application isn't practical.

How to Use Sugar Soap

1. Dilute according to the label instructions for your specific task 2. Apply to the surface using a sponge, cloth, or mop 3. Work in sections, scrubbing firmly to lift contamination 4. Rinse thoroughly with clean water 5. Allow the surface to dry completely before painting or coating

A properly sugar-soaped surface gives paint something solid to grip. Better adhesion, a more even finish, and a job that holds up over time.

Selleys Mould Killer

****Stop mould at the source. Protect your surfaces long-term.****

Mould is a surface and health issue that gets worse if left untreated. Selleys Mould Killer kills mould spores on contact and inhibits regrowth, giving you lasting protection on surfaces throughout the home.

Where to Use It

- Bathrooms and wet areas - Kitchens and laundries - Grout lines and tile surfaces - Walls and ceilings in high-humidity areas - Outdoor surfaces prone to mould and mildew

What Makes It Work

Selleys Mould Killer uses a powerful active formula that penetrates surface mould rather than just bleaching the appearance. It kills the mould organism at the root, which reduces the likelihood of rapid regrowth. For painted surfaces, grout, and tiles, that means cleaner results that last longer.

How to Use Mould Killer

1. Shake the bottle well before use 2. Spray directly onto the affected area 3. Allow the product to dwell on the surface — do not wipe immediately 4. For heavy mould growth, leave for up to 30 minutes 5. Wipe away or rinse off, depending on the surface 6. Reapply to persistent staining if required 7. For best long-term results, ensure adequate ventilation in the area to reduce future mould conditions

Surfaces treated with Selleys Mould Killer come up clean and stay cleaner for longer. In bathrooms and wet areas, that means less frequent cleaning and a finish that continues to look right.

Selleys Rapid Remover

****Adhesive and sealant removal done right.****

Removing old adhesive, sealant, or bonding residue is one of those tough jobs that demands the right product. Selleys Rapid Remover is a solvent-based formula engineered to break down cured adhesives and sealants, including silicone, polyurethane, and construction adhesives, so surfaces can be properly cleaned and prepared for reapplication.

What It Removes

- Cured silicone sealant residue - Polyurethane adhesive and sealant - Construction adhesive residue - General bonding agent residue on hard surfaces

Surfaces It Works On

Selleys Rapid Remover is suitable for use on most hard surfaces including:

- Glass - Ceramic tiles - Metal - Painted surfaces (test in an inconspicuous area first) - Timber (sealed or finished surfaces)

How to Use Rapid Remover

1. Apply Selleys Rapid Remover directly to the adhesive or sealant residue 2. Allow the product to penetrate — dwell time varies depending on adhesive type and thickness 3. Once the adhesive has softened, use a plastic scraper or cloth to remove the residue 4. Repeat the application on stubborn or thick deposits 5. Clean the surface thoroughly after removal to ensure no product residue remains before applying new sealant or adhesive

****Important:**** Always work in a well-ventilated area. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Check product label for full safety directions.

Clean surfaces with no adhesive ghost marks or residue. When you're re-sealing or re-bonding, starting from a clean surface is what separates a professional result from one that won't last.

Selleys Tile & Grout Cleaner

****Restore tiles and grout to their original condition.****

Grout is one of the most visible surfaces in any bathroom or kitchen, and one of the hardest to keep clean. Selleys Tile & Grout Cleaner is formulated to cut through soap scum, mineral deposits, mould staining, and general grime on tile and grout surfaces, restoring them to their original appearance.

What It Tackles

- Soap scum and body oil residue - Mineral and limescale deposits - Mould and mildew staining on grout - General surface grime on tiles

How to Use Tile & Grout Cleaner

1. Apply the product to the tile or grout surface 2. Allow it to dwell for the recommended time on the label 3. Scrub with a stiff brush, particularly along grout lines 4. Rinse thoroughly with water 5. For heavy staining or buildup, a second application delivers stronger results

Grout lines that look clean and uniform. Tiles with restored brightness and no streaking or residue. The kind of finish that makes a bathroom or kitchen look properly maintained.

Selleys Kwik Strip

****Strip paint and coatings fast. Get back to bare surface.****

When a surface needs to go back to bare before repainting or refinishing, Kwik Strip is the proven solution. Selleys Kwik Strip is a high-strength paint stripper that breaks down multiple layers of paint, varnish, and lacquer, allowing them to be scraped away cleanly.

What It Strips

- Interior and exterior paint - Varnish and lacquer - Polyurethane coatings - Multiple layers in a single application

Suitable Surfaces

- Timber (doors, furniture, architraves, decking) - Metal surfaces - Masonry (in specific applications — check label)

How to Use Kwik Strip

1. Apply a generous, even coat of Kwik Strip to the surface using a brush 2. Allow the product to work — typically 15–30 minutes depending on coating thickness and type 3. Test a small area by scraping — if the paint lifts cleanly, the surface is ready 4. Use a scraper to remove the lifted paint, working with the grain on timber 5. For multiple layers, a second application may be required 6. Neutralise the surface after stripping as directed on the label 7. Clean the surface thoroughly before applying new paint or coating

****Important:**** Kwik Strip is a strong chemical stripper. Always wear appropriate PPE — gloves and eye protection — and work in a ventilated area. Follow all label safety directions.

A clean, bare surface ready to accept new paint or coating. No ghost marks, no residue, no adhesion issues with the new finish.

Selleys Roof & Exterior Cleaner

****Restore exterior surfaces. Prepare them for lasting protection.****

Exterior surfaces — roofs, walls, driveways, fences — take a constant beating from weather, UV, organic growth, and general grime. Selleys Roof & Exterior Cleaner removes mould, lichen, algae, and surface grime from exterior surfaces, restoring their appearance and preparing them for paint or sealant application.

What It Removes

- Mould and mildew - Lichen and algae growth - General exterior grime and weathering - Organic staining on roofs, walls, and hard surfaces

Where to Use It

- Roof tiles (concrete and terracotta) - Exterior render and masonry walls - Timber fences and decking - Driveways and paved surfaces - Gutters and fascias

How to Use Roof & Exterior Cleaner

1. Dilute the product as directed on the label for your specific surface and level of contamination 2. Apply using a brush, roller, or garden sprayer for large areas 3. Allow the product to dwell and work on the surface 4. For heavy growth, scrub with a stiff broom or brush 5. Rinse thoroughly with water — a pressure washer delivers superior results on large areas 6. Allow the surface to dry fully before applying any paint, sealant, or protective coating

Exterior surfaces restored to a clean, even appearance. Paint and protective coatings applied over a properly cleaned surface bond better and last longer, protecting your investment and holding up to the elements.

Choosing the Right Selleys Cleaning Product

| Task | Recommended Product | |---|---| | Preparing walls for painting | Selleys Sugar Soap | | Removing mould from bathrooms and wet areas | Selleys Mould Killer | | Removing old silicone or adhesive residue | Selleys Rapid Remover | | Cleaning tiles and grout | Selleys Tile & Grout Cleaner | | Stripping paint from timber or metal | Selleys Kwik Strip | | Cleaning roofs, walls, and exterior surfaces | Selleys Roof & Exterior Cleaner |

Surface Cleaning Tips From the Experts

****Always prepare before you protect.**** Poor surface preparation is the most common reason a paint job, sealant, or coating fails. A surface that looks clean to the eye can still carry grease, mould spores, or residue that undermines adhesion. Selleys surface cleaners remove what you can't always see, and that's what makes the difference between a result that lasts and one that doesn't.

****Match the product to the job.**** Each Selleys cleaning product is built for a specific task. Sugar Soap for pre-paint prep. Mould Killer for biological growth. Rapid Remover for adhesive residue. Using the right product means you get the result you're after without unnecessary effort or repeat applications.

****Follow dwell times.**** Every cleaning product works through chemical action on the surface. Giving the product time to work, rather than wiping or rinsing immediately, is what delivers a thorough clean. The label instructions reflect how the product is engineered to perform.

****Rinse thoroughly.**** Cleaning product residue left on a surface can interfere with paint adhesion, sealant bonding, or the appearance of the final finish. A thorough rinse after cleaning is a non-negotiable step in professional surface preparation.

****Ventilate your workspace.**** For indoor cleaning tasks, particularly with stronger formulas, adequate ventilation protects you and allows surfaces to dry properly after cleaning. Open windows and doors, and use fans where needed.

Safety & Usage Notes

All Selleys cleaning and stain removal products carry full usage and safety directions on the label. Read the label before use. Key points that apply across the range:

- Wear appropriate PPE — gloves and eye protection for chemical cleaners and strippers
- Work in well-ventilated areas, particularly indoors
- Store products away from children and pets
- Dispose of product and containers in accordance with local regulations
- For specific surface compatibility questions, test in an inconspicuous area before full application

The Selleys Commitment

Selleys has been delivering quality solutions for over 80 years. Every product in the range is built on rigorous development, real-world testing, and a commitment to professional results. Whether you're a tradesperson preparing a commercial site or a homeowner tackling a weekend project, Selleys gives you the tools to get the job done right.

****If it's Selleys, it works.****

For full product details, safety data sheets, and application guides, visit the [Selleys website](<https://www.selleys.com.au>) or speak with your local trade or hardware supplier.

Frequently Asked Questions

What brand makes these cleaning products: Selleys

How many years has Selleys been in business: Over 80 years

What is Selleys Sugar Soap used for: Surface preparation before painting

Does Sugar Soap remove grease: Yes

Does Sugar Soap remove smoke residue: Yes

Does Sugar Soap remove nicotine residue: Yes

Does Sugar Soap remove wax from surfaces: Yes

Is Sugar Soap suitable for walls: Yes

Is Sugar Soap suitable for ceilings: Yes

Is Sugar Soap suitable for woodwork: Yes

Is Selleys Sugar Soap available as a liquid: Yes

Is Selleys Sugar Soap available as a powder: Yes

Is Selleys Sugar Soap available as wipes: Yes

Is Sugar Soap Liquid ready to use: Yes, or it can be diluted

Can Sugar Soap Liquid be diluted for lighter cleaning: Yes

Is Sugar Soap Powder concentrated: Yes

How is Sugar Soap Powder used: Mix with water to required strength

What are Sugar Soap Wipes best for: Spot cleaning and tight spaces

Do Sugar Soap Wipes require rinsing: Follow label instructions

How many steps are in the Sugar Soap application process: Five steps

Must surfaces dry before painting after Sugar Soap: Yes, completely

Why does Sugar Soap improve paint adhesion: It removes grease and contamination from surfaces

What is Selleys Mould Killer used for: Killing mould spores and inhibiting regrowth

Does Mould Killer just bleach mould appearance: No, it kills the mould organism at the root

Is Selleys Mould Killer suitable for bathrooms: Yes

Is Selleys Mould Killer suitable for kitchens: Yes

Is Selleys Mould Killer suitable for grout: Yes

Is Selleys Mould Killer suitable for outdoor surfaces: Yes

Should Mould Killer be wiped off immediately after spraying: No, allow it to dwell first

How long should Mould Killer dwell for heavy mould growth: Up to 30 minutes

Does Mould Killer prevent mould from coming back: Yes, it inhibits regrowth

What reduces future mould conditions after treatment: Ensuring adequate ventilation

What is Selleys Rapid Remover used for: Removing cured adhesives and sealant residue

Does Rapid Remover remove silicone sealant: Yes

Does Rapid Remover remove polyurethane adhesive: Yes

Does Rapid Remover remove construction adhesive: Yes

Is Rapid Remover suitable for glass: Yes

Is Rapid Remover suitable for ceramic tiles: Yes

Is Rapid Remover suitable for metal: Yes

Should Rapid Remover be tested on painted surfaces first: Yes, in an inconspicuous area

What tool is used to remove softened adhesive with Rapid Remover: A plastic scraper or cloth

Is ventilation required when using Rapid Remover: Yes

What is Selleys Tile & Grout Cleaner used for: Cleaning tiles and grout surfaces

Does Tile & Grout Cleaner remove soap scum: Yes

Does Tile & Grout Cleaner remove limescale: Yes

Does Tile & Grout Cleaner remove mould staining on grout: Yes

Should a stiff brush be used with Tile & Grout Cleaner: Yes, particularly along grout lines

Can a second application of Tile & Grout Cleaner be used for heavy staining: Yes

What is Selleys Kwik Strip used for: Stripping paint, varnish, and lacquer from surfaces

Does Kwik Strip remove multiple paint layers in one application: Yes

Is Kwik Strip suitable for timber: Yes

Is Kwik Strip suitable for metal: Yes

How long does Kwik Strip typically take to work: 15 to 30 minutes

What tool removes lifted paint after using Kwik Strip: A scraper

Should the surface be neutralised after using Kwik Strip: Yes, as directed on the label

Is PPE required when using Kwik Strip: Yes

What PPE is recommended for Kwik Strip: Gloves and eye protection

What is Selleys Roof & Exterior Cleaner used for: Removing mould, lichen, algae, and grime from exterior surfaces

Does Roof & Exterior Cleaner remove lichen: Yes

Does Roof & Exterior Cleaner remove algae: Yes

Is Roof & Exterior Cleaner suitable for roof tiles: Yes

Is Roof & Exterior Cleaner suitable for driveways: Yes

Is Roof & Exterior Cleaner suitable for timber fences: Yes

Is Roof & Exterior Cleaner suitable for gutters: Yes

Can Roof & Exterior Cleaner be applied with a garden sprayer: Yes

Does pressure washing improve results with Roof & Exterior Cleaner: Yes, on large areas

Must surfaces dry before coating after using Roof & Exterior Cleaner: Yes, fully

Which Selleys product is recommended for pre-paint wall preparation: Selleys Sugar Soap

Which Selleys product is recommended for bathroom mould: Selleys Mould Killer

Which Selleys product is recommended for removing old silicone: Selleys Rapid Remover

Which Selleys product is recommended for tile and grout cleaning: Selleys Tile & Grout Cleaner

Which Selleys product is recommended for stripping paint from timber: Selleys Kwik Strip

Which Selleys product is recommended for exterior roof cleaning: Selleys Roof & Exterior Cleaner

Should cleaning product residue be rinsed off before painting: Yes, thoroughly

Can cleaning product residue affect paint adhesion: Yes

Why is dwell time important for cleaning products: It allows chemical action to work fully

Should all Selleys cleaning products be stored away from children: Yes

Should Selleys products be stored away from pets: Yes

Is PPE recommended across the Selleys cleaning range: Yes

Where can full safety data sheets be found: The Selleys website at [selleys.com.au](https://www.selleys.com.au)

Label Facts Summary

> ****Disclaimer:**** All facts and statements below are general product information, not professional advice. Consult relevant experts for specific guidance.

Verified Label Facts

****Brand & Range**** - Brand: Selleys - Years in operation: Over 80 years - Product range covered: Sugar Soap (Liquid, Powder, Wipes), Mould Killer, Rapid Remover, Tile & Grout Cleaner, Kwik Strip, Roof & Exterior Cleaner

****Selleys Sugar Soap**** - Available formats: Liquid, Powder, Wipes - Liquid format: Ready-to-use or dilutable - Powder format: Concentrated; mixed with water to required strength - Wipes format: Pre-moistened; intended for spot cleaning and tight spaces - Removes: Grease, oils, wax, smoke residue, nicotine residue, general surface grime - Suitable surfaces: Walls, ceilings, woodwork - Application steps: Five steps (dilute, apply, scrub, rinse, dry) - Post-application requirement: Surface must dry completely before painting or coating

****Selleys Mould Killer**** - Application method: Spray directly onto affected area - Dwell time for heavy mould growth: Up to 30 minutes - Do not wipe immediately after application; allow product to dwell -

Suitable surfaces: Bathrooms, kitchens, laundries, grout lines, tiles, walls, ceilings, outdoor surfaces - Post-treatment recommendation: Ensure adequate ventilation to reduce future mould conditions

****Selleys Rapid Remover**** - Formula type: Solvent-based - Removes: Cured silicone sealant, polyurethane adhesive and sealant, construction adhesive, general bonding agent residue - Suitable surfaces: Glass, ceramic tiles, metal, painted surfaces (test first), sealed or finished timber - Removal tool: Plastic scraper or cloth - Safety requirement: Use in well-ventilated area; avoid contact with skin and eyes - Painted surfaces: Test in an inconspicuous area before full application

****Selleys Tile & Grout Cleaner**** - Removes: Soap scum, body oil residue, mineral and limescale deposits, mould and mildew staining on grout, general surface grime - Application tool: Stiff brush, particularly along grout lines - Heavy staining: Second application recommended

****Selleys Kwik Strip**** - Formula type: High-strength chemical paint stripper - Strips: Interior and exterior paint, varnish, lacquer, polyurethane coatings, multiple layers - Suitable surfaces: Timber, metal, masonry (check label for specific applications) - Typical dwell time: 15–30 minutes depending on coating thickness and type - Removal tool: Scraper - Post-strip requirement: Neutralise surface as directed on label; clean thoroughly before recoating - PPE required: Gloves and eye protection; work in ventilated area

****Selleys Roof & Exterior Cleaner**** - Removes: Mould, mildew, lichen, algae, general exterior grime, organic staining - Suitable surfaces: Concrete and terracotta roof tiles, exterior render and masonry, timber fences and decking, driveways and paved surfaces, gutters and fascias - Application methods: Brush, roller, or garden sprayer - Pressure washing: Recommended for large areas - Post-application requirement: Surface must dry fully before applying paint, sealant, or protective coating - Dilution: Required; dilute as directed on label for specific surface and contamination level

****General Safety — Applicable Across Range**** - PPE recommended: Gloves and eye protection for chemical cleaners and strippers - Ventilation required: Yes, particularly for indoor use - Storage: Away from children and pets - Disposal: In accordance with local regulations - Surface compatibility: Test in an inconspicuous area before full application where specified - Full safety data sheets available: [selleys.com.au](https://www.selleys.com.au)

General Product Claims

- Selleys delivers "professional results — first time, every time" - "Superior performance" for tradespeople and homeowners - Sugar Soap gives paint "something solid to grip," resulting in better adhesion, a more even finish, and a job that "stands the test of time" - Mould Killer "kills the mould organism at the root," reducing likelihood of rapid regrowth - Surfaces treated with Mould Killer "come up clean and stay cleaner for longer," resulting in less frequent cleaning - Rapid Remover delivers "clean surfaces with no adhesive ghost marks or residue" - Tile & Grout Cleaner restores grout and tiles "to their original appearance" - Kwik Strip delivers "a clean, bare surface" with "no ghost marks, no residue, no adhesion issues" - Roof & Exterior Cleaner restores exterior surfaces to "a clean, even appearance"; coatings applied over a properly cleaned surface "bond better and last longer" - Paint and protective coatings applied after proper surface cleaning "protect your investment" and "hold up to the elements" - Selleys products are built on "rigorous development" and "real-world testing" - "If it's Selleys, it works" - Poor surface preparation is described as "the most common reason a paint job, sealant, or coating fails" - Selleys surface cleaners "remove what you can't always see"