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Unsolicited testimonial from Shurie on www.epinions.com

PHENOMENAL CLEANING POWER in an ITTY-BITTY SPRAY BOTTLE!

Product Rating: ★★★★★ **Pros:** A miracle cleaner! Smells good, biodegradable, non-toxic.

Cons: Pricey – but it's absolutely worth it!

The Bottom Line: Will clean anything and everything like no other cleaner! Safe, non-toxic, animal friendly, and biodegradable. You can even drink it, like me, but a Coke is cheaper and better tasting!

Full Review: Household

Melted fried gummi bears. Imagine it. My kids left a whole handful of gummi bears on the console of an extra car we used to have. It sat for three months, windows up, in the hot Southern California sun. Baking in the blistering heat. Seats so hot - if you sat on them you'd burn your leg in an instant.

Imagine putting those same gummi bears in a small baking dish in your oven and turning it up to 200 degrees or so for three months. Oh – okay, you can turn it off at night and then back on in the morning! What happens? First they melt like some gooey plastic and run all over everything. Then they bake slowly but surely into a permanent plastic-like coating.

When I decided to sell the car, I discovered the mess. No chance in h--- of ever getting that off, I thought. What about 409? Nope. Didn't even touch it. Fantastic? Nope. Simple Green? Not a chance. Paint Thinner? Nothing. Acetone? Barely a dent. Gasoline? Nada. Bleach? Nothing. Comet Cleanser and elbow grease? Nothing. Paint scraper? Just made more of a mess.

Hey, I thought, what about that crazy stuff that door-to-door salesman sold me? The stuff that took the 2-year-old tar build-up off the car in about 30 seconds?

What do you know! The crazy stuff worked!

Crazy Stuff

Well, the real name isn't "Crazy Stuff", and you don't have to get it from a door-to-door salesman. It's called Advanage (without the "t"), and you can order it via a toll-free number (800-323-6444) or on the Internet at www.advanage.com. (remember, no "t"!).

But I still call it "Crazy Stuff" because it works like crazy!

Uses

What do I use it for? Everything. And I mean ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING! Grease, oil, carpet stains, tar, windows, automobile engines, dishes – everything. The only two cleaners I haven't yet replaced are laundry soap (although I do use it on laundry stains) and shampoo. Well, I haven't tried it as a toothpaste replacement yet either! But I did drink some of it once - with no ill effects. Hey! It was a bet! But then that's another story...

Have you ever scrubbed road tar off a white car? How about road tar that's been stuck on for two years? When the salesman first demonstrated this stuff for me, he asked if I had an impossible cleaning job. I showed him the tar I was meaning to clean off of an old spare car I had at the time. "No problem!" he said with a smile. I thought: "Yeah – right!" Sure enough, he sprayed some on with the spray bottle that normally hung from his back pocket. "Give that about 10 seconds to work." He said. I knew, of course, that it would take an hour or more of scrubbing to clean that dried tar off. When he wiped it clean with a cloth a few seconds later I was dumbfounded!

Since then I have used it on everything. It gets out laundry stains that nothing else will touch. Carpet stains are a thing of the past. I used to have a maid, who scrubbed and scrubbed spots on the carpet till she finally bleached them or otherwise ruined the carpet. Now I spray on a little Advanage cleaner, scrub lightly with a brush, and viola! This stuff may be a little expensive, but what's the price of a ruined carpet?

Speaking of Price...

When the salesman said \$ 36.95 for a 32 fl oz. bottle, I said "You've got to be nuts!" He just smiled. "First of all" he said, "Dis here's concentrated. So you only gonna use a tiny bit. See dis here squirt bottle? It comes with. You dilute this stuff about 20 to 1, so dis here bottle's gonna last ya 'couple-a-years. An what's the cost of yer hour that it was gonna take ya

to scrub dat white car up?"

You know, he didn't say it very properly, but he was right.

I've had the same bottle for nearly two years now, and it's about time to order a new one. When they say dilute it, they really mean it! Advanage is powerful stuff!

Is it Safe?

The bottle says it's Non-Toxic, Non-Phosphate, and Biodegradable. It also says it's "Safe & Easy on Hands". I can vouch for the Non-Toxic claim, because I drank it without any ill effects. Now I'm not a doctor, so I wouldn't recommend that you do the same. After all, you may just have some allergy that I don't have and ... ZAP! But if you have kids or pets, at least you know it didn't kill me – it probably won't kill them either.

It doesn't have a skull and crossbones on the label, and no instructions about contacting your nearest poison center. I did find a small notice on the bottom of the label, however, that says "Tamper Proof Seal. Keep out of the reach of children."

No Animal Testing

I know some of you out there are pet lovers. (Maybe you need a good cleaning product more than the rest of us!) Advanage has a big red label: NOT TESTED ON ANIMALS.

Only One Thing...

There is only one thing I found that it doesn't work so well on. It worked, just not as well as something else.

My 7-year-old daughter drew a colorful picture for me with permanent magic markers. Everywhere she went off the edge of the paper, the markers stained the top of a polished cherry-wood table. I didn't discover it till a day later, when the ink had long dried and the stains had set. I tried several cleaners until it hit me: "Try the Advanage you dummy!" It worked to remove the stains, but it took a bit of elbow grease, and it was slow going. Amazingly my daughter sprayed on some Lemon Pledge, and it worked a little better! That's the ONLY time I found something that worked better than Advanage.

By the way, Lemon Pledge didn't get the stains out of my daughter's shirt, but Advanage did!

Just Dilute It!

Whatever you do, don't use it full strength. Here are the recommended dilution rates:

Application	Water to ADVANAGE
Carpet, Walls, Laundry Stainless Steel, Chrome, Tile	20 to 1
Heel Marks, Food Stains, Shower Stalls	10 to 1
Tar, Tires, Tough Carpet Stains	7 to 1
Grills, Oil, Ovens	3-5 to 1
Floor Wax, Ring around the Collar	2 to 1
Grease, Sinks, Pipes, Sewer, Septic Tanks	1 to 1
Windows, Glass	1 quart water to 2 cap fulls

My Reputation

I'm not a public figure, but I do value my word. (I guess I wouldn't make a very good politician, would I?)

If you go out and buy Advanage cleaner, my reputation IS on the line. In this review I have told you it's phenomenal. If you buy it on my recommendation and it doesn't work, how will I feel? Well, I'll tell you, your trust is a lot more important to me than a few \$.01's.

Where to Get it

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Summary

Advanage will clean anything and everything far better than other cleaners! It's safe, non-toxic, animal friendly, and biodegradable. You can even drink it, like me, but a Coke is cheaper and better tasting!