Aqueous-organic formulations that quickly and completely remove all types of post-etch residue under ambient conditions

The DuPont™ SAC™ semi-aqueous chemistry remover series of products comprise a highly effective and elegant solution to the cleaning of etch residue at or below critical dimensions of 0.25µm. Used at ambient temperature for short process times, DuPont™ SAC™ products eliminate W plug failures and facilitate advanced interconnect by complete cleaning of subtractive etch structures. Compatible with a wide variety of low-k dielectrics as well as Cu, Al, W and all commonly used barrier materials, these products are water rinseable and provide wide process latitude and long bath life. Their excellent surface activity reduces surface metal ion contamination by several orders of magnitude, offering a dramatic improvement over alternate cleaning strategies including other wet/dry or ashing technologies.

Each DuPont SAC™ formulation is tailored ideally to service a particular niche within advanced interconnect cleaning. However, the diversity of different process integration schemes that exist mandates that these classifications serve as a guide only.

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**EKC640™**
Specifically conceived for single wafer tool applications, EKC640™ is a fast-acting cleaning chemistry best suited for situations where a premium is placed on high throughput. However, the quick, effective performance of the product does not preclude its delivery to the wafer surface by other methods.

**EKC652™**
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