

**PRESTO BLACK<sup>®</sup> BST4 Brush-On Blackener**  
Operating Instructions

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

PRESTO BLACK<sup>®</sup> BST4 is a liquid brush-on blackener for all iron and non-stainless steels. Applied at room temperature by swab-on or spray techniques, the BST4 reacts quickly and produces a non-dimensional black finish in 30-90 seconds. The finish can be sealed with a protective oil and is suitable for use on precision tooling and machine components. Or, the black finish can be highlighted to produce a pleasing distressed or antique pewter type finish on decorative metalwork, architectural trim or hand-forged items.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

In short, the surface must first be thoroughly cleaned of all oil and excess scale. The black finish is then applied, rinsed, dried and sealed with a topcoat appropriate to the end use of the article:

1. **CLEAN** the metal surface, using a solvent that does not leave a residue. Use alcohol, acetone, lacquer thinner or equivalent (Do not use mineral spirits or kerosene).
2. **REMOVE OXIDES**, if necessary, by bead blasting, or use other abrasive cleaning methods, such as buffing with Scotchbrite<sup>®</sup> abrasive pads or flapwheels.
3. **APPLY PRESTO BLACK<sup>®</sup> BST4** solution to the metal surface by brush, swab or spray techniques (using a plastic pump sprayer). For best results, apply a thin film of solution on the surface, and then re-apply a few more times during the course of the reaction in order to “replenish” the supply of chemicals working on the metal. A light-duty flooding technique usually works best. For large surfaces, apply the BST4 solution with a wide applicator or with a pump sprayer to facilitate wetting a larger area in a few seconds. Continue application until a uniform gray/black finish is achieved. **DO NOT LET THE BST4 SOLUTION DRY ON THE SURFACE**, or flash rusting can occur.
4. **STOP the REACTION** by sponging the surface with water to remove blackening residues. Note: Flash rusting can occur easily, at times. To avoid the flash rusting, have a baking soda solution pre-mixed and ready to apply as a second rinse (mix 2 tablespoons per gallon of warm water) to neutralize the surface. This will inhibit the rusting tendency.
5. **FORCE DRY** the surface with compressed air or warm air to speed drying.

6. SEAL the surface with a topcoat appropriate to the use of the article: Tooling/machine parts can be sealed with a water-displacer, such as DRI TOUCH® AMBER IRP2. Decorative surfaces can be highlighted, if desired, with Scotchbrite® pads, to produce a distressed or antique finish, then sealed with a clear, satin lacquer. Or, for light-duty, indoor pieces, use paste wax.

***Before Using This Product – Please Read, Understand and Follow all the Precautions shown on the Product Label and on the Safety Data Sheet.***

**The Safety Data Sheet can be found on our website:**

**<https://www.birchwoodtechnologies.com/Downloads/Safety.html>**

**Use Appropriate Warning Labels on any Container used to Store or Apply this Product.**

## **PACKAGING**

1 and 5 gallon plastic containers non-returnable drums. Store in closed containers.

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