

# Cold Weather Disinfection Procedure

Cold winter days bring a challenge for the outdoor application of liquid disinfectants due to the fact that most disinfectant products are aqueous and freeze around 0°C. To use liquid disinfectants during winter months when temperatures are below 0°C, an antifreezing agent is needed to prevent them from freezing under such conditions. The freezing point of Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide® (AHP®) may be reduced by utilizing propylene glycol in conjunction with water as the diluent.

The addition of propylene glycol does not impact efficacy of the Prevail™ Concentrate. This addition to the formulation in fact improves the antimicrobial properties of the disinfectant formulations (1-5).

The table below shows the potential effect of adding propylene glycol to Prevail™ Concentrate, on both freezing point and contact time.

Disinfection Dilution Rate*	Prevail™ Concentration (Per 4L of Solution)	Water** (Per 4L of Solution)	Propylene Glycol (Per 4L of Solution)	Temperature (°C)	Contact Time
1:40	100mL	2800mL (70%)	1200mL (30%)	-14.3°C	60 minutes
1:40	100mL	3200mL (80%)	800mL (20%)	-8°C	40 minutes
1:40	100mL	3400mL (85%)	600mL (15%)	-6.6°C	30 minutes

\* Please note that at higher concentrations/lower dilutions surfaces may become slippery due to the increased surfactant (detergent) levels, therefore a thorough rinse with water is required.

\*\* Note: dilution using seawater (or any saline source) is not recommended.

## To Clean and Disinfect All Surfaces Using Prevail™ Concentrate

1. Dilute the Prevail™ Concentrate at the 1:40 dilution as described in the above table.
2. Apply the diluted solution to surfaces using preferred method of application (bucket and brush, foaming gun, pressure washer) and allow surfaces to remain wet for the appropriate contact time in accordance to the dilution rate and temperature.

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