



## IOSSO's "Fast" Cartridge Case Cleaner Kit

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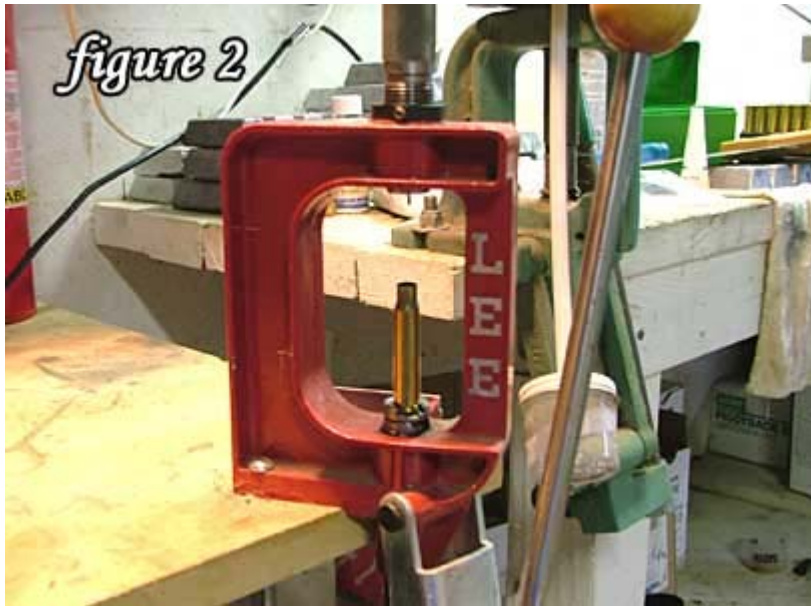
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*figure 1*

I like to reload with bright shiny brass cases. I own a media tumbler and sifter that I normally use to clean and polish my cases prior to reloading. It is loud and takes a long time to work and I hate dealing with the walnut or corn cob media. I prefer the corn cob media because unlike the walnut media I don't have to spend an hour punching out little pieces of media out of the primer hole of every single cotton picking case. I was reading American Rifleman several

months back and saw a short little article about a product that chemically cleaned cases. Intrigued, I contacted the company and asked them to send me a sample for an article. I needed to reload some 8mm Mauser ammo for a very nice Turkish Mauser I had picked up and had not shot just yet. I selected some **once shot commercial brass** that a kind gentleman at the



*figure 2*

range had given to me after he had shot them. They were dirty, but not to the extreme.



*figure 3*

The instructions that come with the IOSSO cleaning kit, state that the brass should be deprimed prior to cleaning and since this goes without saying I went ahead and deprimed and resized my brass like I normally would.

The kit is pretty straight forward, complete, and simple. You get a very nice little plastic bucket with a lid, mesh bag with a drawstring, and a container of the cleaner.

### Product and Supplier Information

**Manufacturer Product Description:** Restores brass casings to a bright finish in seconds. This liquid cleaner effectively removes powder fouling residue, oxidation, tarnish, discoloration, dirt, and grime. It cleans the inside of the casings and the primer pocket where tumbling media is not effective. Just immerse the casings in the solution for from 20 seconds up to five minutes, rinse, and dry. The Case Cleaner solution is reusable and economical. A quart of Iosso Case Cleaner cleans approximately two thousand cases depending upon the degree of tarnish and residue. Environmentally friendly.

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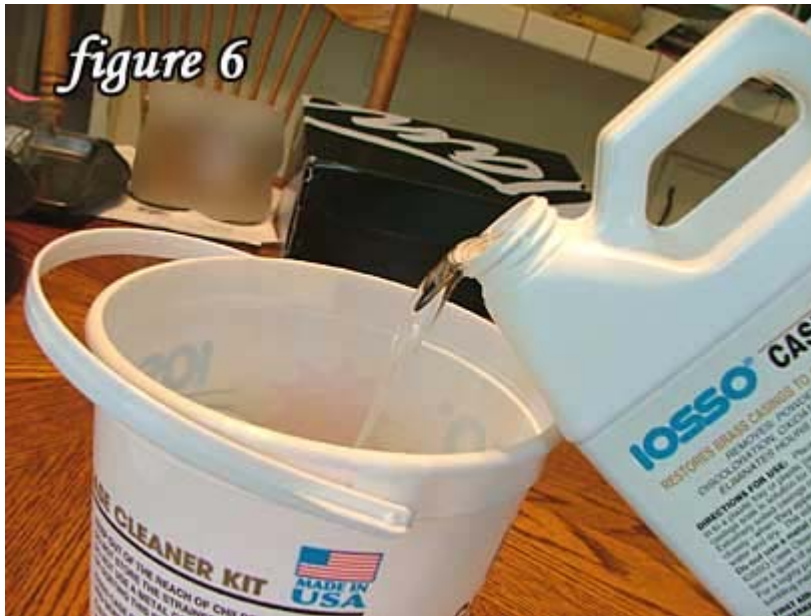
I took the twenty cases and placed them in the mesh bag. It appears that you could easily fit 60 to 100 cases at a time in the bag. The instructions state that you should sort out your brass and make groups to be cleaned by the amount of dirt found on each case. The reason for this is **time**. Actually the length of time required to clean the cases. Less dirty cases take less time and the more dirty the case, the more time required to clean.



Since the instructions also state that the solution should not be stored in a metal container I would assume you probably also do not want to leave cases in the solution for more than the time necessary to effectively clean them.

I placed the mesh bag into the plastic bucket.

**Note:** The blurry square in figure 6 is actually a Christmas present that I inadvertently included in the photo. Not that my wife reads my articles, but I guess there is always the



*figure 6*

possibility and I did not want to ruin the surprise or take the photo over.



*figure 7*

I poured enough of the case cleaner fluid to cover the mesh bag of cases. The information provided with the kit state:

*The cleaning solution is mild and will not harm the brass, sinks, or sewer system. It doesn't damage or irritate skin.*

I found this statement to be true and also noted that there was not any annoying or strong odors present.

The instructions also state:  
*The gun owner just pours the solution into the bucket, fills the bag with casings and immerses the bag in the solution. Agitation helps to loosen the powder. After one to five minutes, or when the casings turn bright, the user removes the bag and rinses its contents with hot water. Once dry the cases are ready for reloading.*

I placed the lid on the bucket



*figure 8*

for a moment and shook the contents for my agitation.



*figure 9*

This is how I achieved the frothy head as shown in figure 8. As instructed I washed the cases off in the sink after I had left them in the solution for about four minutes. I ended up taking each case and wiping off, under the running water, any loose residue that had not come completely off in the solution.

The cases **did** come out very clean and bright.

The end product was not quite as bright as a tumbler, but **very** acceptable for my needs and the cases were clean. The **case cleaner kit** is **less than \$18** and the **replacement cleaning solution** is available for **under \$9 for a quart** or **under \$28 for a gallon**. This is a very cost effective way of cleaning cases. Once you own the kit, per quart of cleaner you can clean 1500 cases for around \$.006 per case. This process



does take considerably less time, produces almost no noise, and is not laborious to clean cases.

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