

SOLDERING FLUX

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Editor*

I've been using this product for 10 years or more and can highly recommend it. It's a watery blue liquid that supposedly has acidic qualities that go away when it's heated during soldering. It does a good job of cleaning the surfaces to be soldered, leaves no visible residue, and has never shown any tendency to corrode electronic or wire connections. For wires, I just dip the stripped ends into a small bottle, and they're ready to take the solder nicely. For other surfaces, I use a toothpick to coat the surface; swiping and wetting whatever will contact solder. A small half ounce or so bottle has lasted me several years, and I just ordered another 4 oz., which will probably be a lifetime supply at my age and modest soldering ambitions.

Here's the product: Superior No. 30 Liquid soldering flux.

(I bought the 4 oz. Bottle at \$5.50, but tax and "handling" charges) brought the total to \$8.95.

And here's the source:

H&N Electronics, 10937 Rome Beauty Dr., California City, CA 93505-Phone (760) 373-1870

(PFFT Editor's Note: I ordered some of this on-line by contacting, Harold Ackeret, the owner of H&N Electronics at his website <http://www.ccis.com/home/hn>. You can also email him at hn@ccis.com. I found him a delight to deal with and payment through PayPal or a check was OK. I also ordered some special aluminum solder flux and aluminum solder from him. The aluminum flux is called Superior #1260 solder flux (\$6.15 for 2 oz.), and the solder for aluminum is 91% tin, 9% zinc solid wire solder, 1 oz costs \$3.75. Might as well get both because shipping is \$4.95 for whatever you buy.)