

Magica Rust Remover was mentioned numerous times in the "Action Line" column of *The Miami Herald*. The following column appeared in November of 2004, in which a reader inquired about rust removal:

#### How to Remove Rust Once it has Set In

- Q: I left a full load of white laundry in my washing machine while I was away on a two-week business trip. Now I have rust stains on most of it. I tried washing it in Clorox, but the stains remain.  
What can I do? I don't want to waste more than \$150 in clothing and bed linens.  
-Eric Day, via email
- A: As you've discovered, bleach doesn't remove rust stains; you need a rust remover. It takes an acid to remove rust and some commercial rust removers are too strong for clothes. Look for one that can be used on fabrics.  
Action Line has found success with Magica Rust Remover. It can be ordered at 800-236-1143 or through [www.magicarustremover.com](http://www.magicarustremover.com). It doesn't contain the dangerous acids found in many rust removers, said the company's Myra Manser in Oshkosh, WI, and it only requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's least toxic "caution" label. Even so, Manser cautioned, it's still a chemical, and it should be washed off skin and fabric promptly.  
The manufacturer says Magica can be used on cotton, polyester, wool, linen and silk, but, before using, first test for colorfastness in an inconspicuous area. It can also be used on upholstery and anywhere that rust needs removing – sinks, tubs, most ceramics, masonry, fiberglass and the like. However, it shouldn't be used on glass because it can etch it, and it may dull highly polished surfaces such as brass, chrome and some glazes.  
It is available in an eight-ounce spray or gel bottle for \$9 each. It is also available in larger quantities. (Manser suggests you use the gel if you need to control where it goes.)  
You can also find the product at some marine supply stores. Call the toll-free number to locate the nearest one.