COOLANT SUGGESTIONS-

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We recommend using a coolant.

- 1- To have the blade last longer
- 2- To have a smooth surface after cutting (some aluminum profiles do not respond well to saw blades, they are soft and do have a gummy looking surfaces after cutting, but cooling liquid seems to fix that).

You need to use water soluble oil based liquids, which are usually concentrates, so you need to mix them with water before using. The mixing amount changes from liquid to liquid, but it is usually 1 to 5, i.e. 1 gallon of concentrate + 5 gallons of water. In some coolants this ratio seems to be high and in some, less.

There are many brands/providers of the cooling liquids in the market. Attached please see a list of coolants that we saw at different customer locations.

What coolant you need to choose depends on the features of your aluminum profile.

- If your aluminum profile is coated with a paint or has an anodized coating, then
 you need to look for fluids with special formulation to prevent staining. I do not
 have a specific recommendation for this, but I noticed that one customer was
 using the following fluid for their painted aluminum, and they said it was more
 expensive than the others but it did not stain:
 Accu-Lube LB-6800
- If you are cutting unpainted/bare profiles, then you can use pretty much any cooling liquid.
- Some liquids seem to help if you are planning to weld the aluminum profiles afterwards.

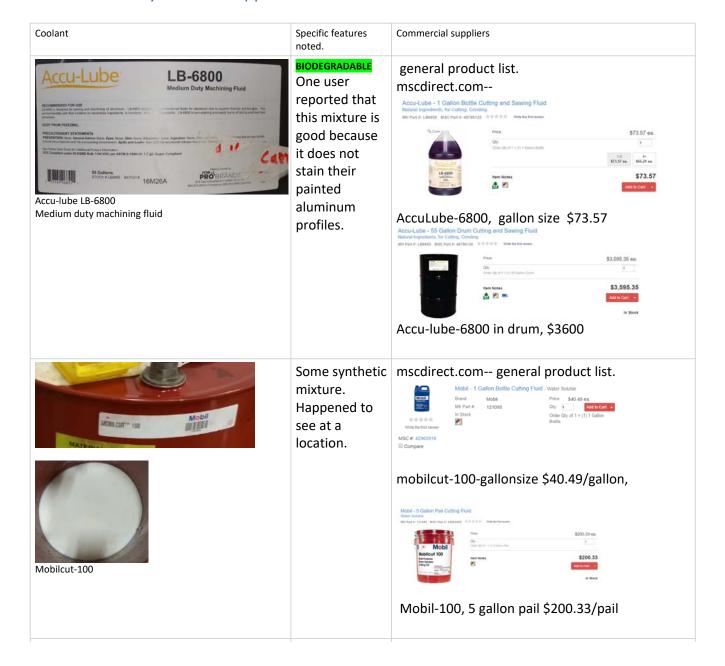
One customer was using UNIST coolant, a vegetable oil based liquid. I am not sure about its staining situation, though. Since it is vegetable oil based, maybe it is okay on anodized aluminum. I would say, give them a call to see if they are okay to use with the aluminum profile that you have.

However, there is one more liquid that is used for coolant: **WD-40**. This liquid gives a real shiny look when cutting.

Some customers said to me they are using just vegetable oil.

You can also contact grainger.com and describe what you need, they can recommend the right cooing fluid from the list as well.

Please contact your local supplier for further recommendations.





Baileigh coolant

One user has this cooling for their aluminum. They cut bare aluminum.

BIODEGRADABLE MIXING RATIO: 20 to 1

Baileigh Coolant







FMT sharpcool Premium Water Soluble

Some synthetic FMT SharpCool mixture. Happened to see at a location.

\$233/ pail





Vegetable oil based coolant. One user had this coolant for his machine.

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- Eliminates coolant treatment & disposal