

What's New Newsletter?

Antibacterial Hand Towels



Developed after many years of extensive research, the recent innovation by Cascades contributes to optimizing hand hygiene by combining effective drying with persistent antibacterial protection. It has been shown that [hand towels](#) are the most efficient method for drying hands.

Combined with the exclusive properties of the *Intelligent*® Cascades® Antibacterial Hand Towel, this [hand drying](#) method is now totally optimized! The paper is referred to as *Intelligent* because it compensates for people's imperfect hygienic habits without changing the way they do things! This innovative product is a first in the paper industry.

Washing and drying your hands, although proven to help, does not completely eliminate bacteria on your skin. That is why Cascades has added an active antibacterial ingredient to its new *Intelligent* hand towel. This product does more than just dry your hands. As it absorbs the water from your hands, its highly soluble antibacterial ingredient is transferred from the hand towel to your skin. This simple action is what quickly reduces the number of pathogen bacteria that remain on the skin. But that's not all.



In addition to considerably reducing the number of bacteria left on your hands, the antibacterial ingredient is active for 30 minutes and helps to significantly reduce risks of contamination when your hands will come into contact with other people or hard surfaces, such as taps or doorknobs. Not only are users better protected, the risk of contaminating other individuals by touching them is also greatly lessened. In addition, third party tests have shown that this hand towel will not result in irritation or allergic reactions. This product is fragrance free and leaves the hands feeling soft and supple.

Moka JRT Tissue

Cascades Moka bathroom tissue made from 100% unbleached recycled fiber, is the most environmentally responsible choice on the market. By adding 20% corrugated box fiber into its pulp mixture and eliminating bleaching chemicals, Cascades has achieved an amazing feat without compromising softness. This innovation reduces the environmental impact of its raw material by 25% and greenhouse gas emissions by 30% compared to our greenest white bathroom tissue also made from 100% recycled fiber.



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Combines high strength ultra concentrated grease digesting microbes and odor control agents with our EPA 25 (b) exempt natural insecticide in a solid, long-lasting cartridge that kills fruit flies. 1 click removal of used recyclable cartridge with our disposable Smart Key.



SMART DRAIN™ For Restrooms is the ideal solution for eliminating drain odors.

6 different drain covers are available: 4", 5" and 6" round or square Smart Drain Stainless Steel covers.

Use with the companion **SMART FLOOR CLEANER™** for Foodservice for complete drain and floor maintenance.

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Innovation Award Program

ISSA has opened voting for its distinguished Innovation Award Program. During this annual competition, distributors and industry end customers including building service contractors and in-house service professionals vote for the products and services they find most cutting-edge and relevant.

This year's program includes more than 43 product and service entries, which are featured online at www.issa.com/vote and in-person during ISSA/INTERCLEAN North America 2012, which takes place 16 to 19 October in Chicago.



CATEGORIES

Chemicals Category



Refills from Above the Counter!

EZ Foam Chrome Counter Mount features an innovative patented system that refills from ABOVE the counter using self contained sealed refill bags. Simply remove the pump head, insert and turn the bag and let the soap flow into the sealed reservoir.

- No messy refilling, no crawling on the floor - saves time and money
- Self-contained system eliminates the risk of product contamination
- Easy to install or retrofit - no tools necessary

B-828 Automatic, Top-Fill Bulk Foam Soap Dispenser

Locking cover swivels open and out of the way with a standard Bobrick key revealing an over-size 2" wide fill port designed for easy filling with bulk jug soap. Fill with liquid or foam soap depending on the SureFlo model. No more costly, awkward under-counter servicing of screw-on cartridges or empty soap vessels, often a laborious task in the dark.



Disposables Category



TADe Elite Roll Towels

The unique TADe Cascades Elite hand towels offer a soft feel, superior strength and absorbency. They are a perfect complement to the Cascades Tandem hand towel dispenser offering, designed to deliver maximum value, durability, ease of use and respect for the environment. These 100% recycled towels are manufactured using less water and chemicals, and their manufacturing process reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 78% compared to regular TAD.

Equipment Category



Advance SC350 Scrubber

Just another small scrubber? Think again. The Advance SC350 micro scrubber proves it's in a class of its own, delivering faster, better and easier scrubbing. Combine these features with the unique, fully-adjustable rotating deck and you are on your way to superior scrubbing performance. Featuring full battery-powered operation with a standard onboard battery charger, the 14 inch disc delivers more scrubbing with minimal downtime and less hassle. Plus, at only 64 dB A, the SC350 is the quietest machine in its class, making daytime cleaning and cleaning of noise-sensitive areas an easy option. With its compact, maneuverable design, the SC350 is ideal for scrubbing in tight corners or under tables and chairs.

Kärcher B 60 W Scrubber

The Kärcher B 60 walk-behind scrubber is ideal for areas from 10,764 to 26,910 ft². Cleaning heads are available in working widths from 22" to 26" with adjustable contact pressure. The Kärcher B 60 W can be configured entirely according to your particular cleaning needs.

Why settle for "easy-to-use" when operation can also be made safer and more convenient? With the Kärcher Intelligent Key (KIK) system and the EASY Operation advanced operating concept, the B 60 W offers an unprecedented level of safety and protection for the operator, the machine and the work area.



Technology Category



World SMARTdri

High-Efficiency Intelligent Hand Dryer

SMARTdri™ is the most energy efficient, fastest and hygienic hand dryer. SMARTdri is "best of the best" and designed to optimize dry time, energy consumption and sound quality. The intelligent, flexible controls allow customizing air flow, sound quality and heating options to fit any application environment.

Supplies Category

Twister™ Super Clean Pads

Twister does not require any chemicals in daily cleaning to keep the floors clean and shiny. For floors that require floor finish, Twister will reduce the frequency of the periodic maintenance. In addition, using Twister reduces the amount and management of waste and residues. Twister pads are made from recycled PET for minimum environmental impact.

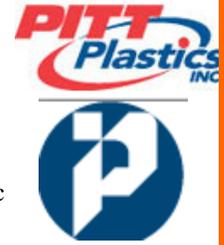


The Mopster by Impact

Tired of carrying around a mop bucket or wringing out soggy mop pads? The LBH18 eliminates the need for all this. It works in any application from house cleaning and maintaining gymnasiums to cleaning hospitals. The LBH18 is ideal for cleaning areas where conventional buckets and wringers are impractical. Interchangeable components such as the easily assembled frames, mop heads and removable bottles allows the user to stock multiple options on the maid's cart. From damp mopping to dusting, neutral cleaner to disinfectant, and hook-and-loop attaching heads to pockets, every option for every job is at your finger tips!

Inteplast Group, Ltd. has acquired Pitt Plastics, Inc.

New Jersey-based Inteplast currently operates manufacturing facilities throughout North America, including 33 factories and 10 warehouse facilities. The acquisition includes Pitt Plastics' headquarters in Pittsburg, KS, along with facilities in Morrow, GA, and Columbus, OH, reports *The Pittsburg Morning Sun*. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.



"We are excited to make Pitt Plastics part of our growing company," John Young, president of Inteplast Group, said in the release. "Pitt's products complement our current can liner offering, and the geographic location of Pitt's plants, along with the Inteplast can liner plants in both Lolita and Garland, Texas, and Prattville, Alabama, give us an ideal footprint from which to serve our customers. We are also excited to have found a partner that shares our commitment to ensuring quality manufacturing jobs for American workers."

Top Ten Soils in Carpets Identified

The key job of carpet cleaning is to remove soils from carpets. However, there are actually several different types of soils and contaminants found in carpets, and knowing what type of soil is in the carpet is frequently the first step in effectively removing it.

Because of this, this month's U.S. Products Carpet Cleaning Advisory focuses on the top ten soils that most often end up in carpets and how they got there in the first place.

The following are the top ten soils most often encountered in carpets:

1. Sand, clay, and other "gritty" materials
2. Natural fibers such as lint from clothing
3. Gum
4. Petroleum, oil, and grease
5. Human hair and skin
6. Dust mites, fleas, and other insects
7. Organic soils and materials (minerals and soils from landscaping areas, for example)
8. Airborne carbon and automotive exhaust
9. Spilled food or beverages
10. So-called "miscellaneous unknowns"



IEHA to Offer CEU Credits at ISSA



IEHA members can receive continuing education unit (CEU) credits for attending educational seminars offered at ISSA/INTERCLEAN® North America 2012, hosted October 16-19 at McCormick Place in Chicago, IL.

As part of its continuing alliance with ISSA, IEHA is offering its members the opportunity to achieve IEHA CEH and REH certification or update their IEHA certification up by participating in ISSA educational seminars. For more information about which ISSA educational seminars are eligible for IEHA CEUs, visit www.ieha.org.

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Study Finds Many U.S. Schools are Unprepared for Another Pandemic

Less than half of U.S. schools address pandemic preparedness in their school plan, and only 40 percent have updated their school plan since the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, according to study published in the September 2012 issue of the American Journal of Infection Control.



A team of researchers from Saint Louis University collected and analyzed survey responses from approximately 2,000 school nurses serving primarily elementary, middle, and high schools in 26 states to ascertain whether schools were prepared for another pandemic, particularly focusing on infectious disease disasters. Pandemic preparedness is critical not only because of ramifications of the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, but also because of the threat of a future pandemic or an outbreak of an emerging infectious disease, such

as severe acute respiratory syndrome. School preparedness for all types of disasters, including biological events, is mandated by the U.S. Department of Education.

The team found that less than one-third of schools (29.7 percent) stockpile any personal protective equipment, and nearly a quarter (22.9 percent) have no staff members trained on the school's disaster plan. One-third (33.8 percent) of schools report training students on infection prevention less than once per year. Only 1.5 percent of schools report stockpiling medication in anticipation of another pandemic. On a positive note, although only 2.2 percent of schools require school nurses to receive the annual influenza vaccine, the majority (73.7 percent) reported having been vaccinated for the 2010/2011 season.

"Findings from this study suggest that most schools are even less prepared for an infectious disease disaster, such as a pandemic, compared to a natural disaster or other type of event," says Terri Rebmann, PhD, RN, CIC, lead study author and associate professor of Environmental and Occupational Health at the Saint Louis University School of Public Health. "Despite the recent H1N1 pandemic that disproportionately affected school-age children, many schools do not have plans to adequately address a future biological event."

The researchers conclude that U.S. schools must continue to address gaps in infectious disease emergency planning, including developing better plans, coordinating these plans with local and regional disaster response agency plans, and testing the plan through disaster drills and exercises. Whenever possible, school nurses should be involved in these planning efforts, as healthcare professionals can best inform school administrators about unique aspects of pandemic planning that need to be included in school disaster plans.

SaniGuard® Pandemic Preparedness Kits

Be Prepared for the Pandemic Threat! The SaniGuard® Pandemic Preparedness Kits include everything you need to kill the H1N1 virus as well as 39 other various germs, bacteria, fungus, and viruses and create a PERSONAL SAFE ZONE.



This kit includes: Kit Instructions, One N95 Face Mask, One Pair of Safety Glasses, One Pair of Coveralls, One Piece of Head Protection, One Bio-Hazard Bag, One Pair Vinyl Gloves, One .75oz. SaniGuard® Sanitizing Spray, One .75oz. SaniGuard® Hand Sanitizer, One 2oz. Bottle SaniGuard PRO® Liquid Disinfectant, One 3oz. SaniGuard® Sanitizing Room Fogger, One Packet of Cera Flu (dehydration prevention), Five Packets Alcohol Wipes, and Three Water Purification Tablets.

Do your part to be prepared in accordance with the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza. Give yourself the peace of mind and the protection you will need in case disaster strikes.



Pandemic Preparedness Kit



CDC Records Rising Whooping Cough Cases

The U.S. appears headed for its worst year for whooping cough in more than five decades, say Associated Press reports. The number of cases are rising at an epidemic rate that experts say may reflect a problem with the effectiveness of the vaccine.

Nearly 18,000 cases have been reported so far — more than twice the number seen at this point last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. At this pace, the number for the entire year will be the highest since 1959, when 40,000 illnesses were reported.

Nine children have died, and health officials called on adults — especially pregnant women and those who spend time around children — to get a booster shot as soon as possible. Washington and Wisconsin have already reported more than 3,000 cases each, and high numbers have been seen in a number of other states, including New York, Minnesota and Arizona.

Whooping cough has generally been increasing for years, but this year's spike is startling. Health investigators are trying to figure out what's going on, and theories include better detection and reporting of cases, some sort of evolution in the bacteria that cause the illness, or shortcomings in the vaccine.

The vaccine that had been given to young children for decades was replaced in the late 1990s following concerns about rashes, fevers and other side effects. While the new version is considered safer, it is possible it isn't as effective long term, said Dr. Anne Schuchat, who oversees the CDC's immunization and respiratory disease programs.

Some parents in California and other states have rebelled against vaccinations and gotten their children exempted from rules that require them to get their shots to enroll in school. Washington state has one of the highest exemption rates in the nation. But the CDC said that does not appear to be a major factor in the outbreak, since most of the youngsters who got sick had been vaccinated.

What is Whooping Cough?

Whooping cough, or pertussis, is a highly contagious disease that can strike people of any age but is most dangerous to children. Its name comes from the sound children make as they gasp for breath.

It used to be a common threat, with hundreds of thousands of cases annually. Cases gradually dropped after a vaccine was introduced in the 1940s, and the disease came to be thought of as a relic of another age. For about 25 years, fewer than 5,000 cases were reported annually in the U.S. The numbers started to climb again in the 1990s.

In both 2004 and 2005, cases surpassed 25,000. The numbers dipped for a few years but jumped to more than 27,000 in 2010, the year California saw an especially bad epidemic.

Experts believe whooping cough occurs in cycles and peaks every three to five years. But they have been startled to see peaks this high.

SmartSan 24 Hard Surface Disinfectant



SmartSan 24/PURE Hard Surface delivers broad spectrum power to eliminate dangerous pathogens on hard, non-porous surfaces in hospitals, nursing homes, medical clinics, dental clinics, infirmaries, blood banks, pharmacies, laboratories, ambulances, patient transfer vehicles, food service, day care centers, and other critical areas. SmartSan 24/PURE Hard Surface disinfects high-touch hard, non-porous surfaces including examination tables, over bed tables, waiting areas, wheelchairs, bed frames, medical equipment (e.g., stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs), walls, floors, door handles, food preparation surfaces, counters, sinks, faucet handles, tubs, showers, commodes, toilet and urinal exterior surfaces, handrails, light switch covers, remote controls, tables, equipment tables, lab benches, etc. SmartSan 24/PURE Hard Surface also deodorizes unpleasant odors caused by bacteria in hospitals, nursing homes, public restrooms, kitchens, and sink rooms.



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