

What's New Newsletter?

Stone Hardener & Stone Rejuvenator



NCL has a new 2-step method for naturally polishing and maintaining Terrazzo, Marble and Granite. This simple, easy to use method produces that timeless natural beauty and elegance that is characteristic of terrazzo flooring.

In the past, maintaining a high level of gloss usually meant applying coat after coat of traditional floor finishes that offer protection and a typical "plastic" appearance, but would likely retain soils and require regular buffing, scrubbing, recoating and periodic stripping and renovation to keep floors with a showcase appearance.

This two step process produces a surface that is harder and withstands constant, extreme traffic. Overall product and labor cost savings based on a 5 year period is dramatic, as much as 40-60%.



Lobby Pro® Wet/Dry Spill Pan Combo



Spills are inevitable, and spills are a major liability for businesses. That's two reasons why Rubbermaid's Lobby Pro™ Wet/Dry Spill Pan is essential in food service, retail, and industrial environments. The frequency of spills is uncontrollable, but the amount of time a spill remains on the floor, the cleanup time, and lost productivity time can be impacted. That's important, because with delay comes the risk of costly slip-and-fall injuries and the probability that the spill will be tracked throughout the facility.

Rubbermaid's Lobby Pro™ Wet/Dry Spill Pan is compact and attractive so it can be stored and used in spill-prone, high-traffic areas, yet it's tough enough for most industrial spills. It offers workers the ability to quickly clean any type of spill—solid, liquid, or a mixture of both—from a standing position without touching the spilled material. The squeegee Cleaning Wand moves liquids into the Spill Pan and leaves floors dry to the touch. The uniquely shaped Spill Pan keeps liquids from spilling back out. Used with the Upright Broom, the Spill Pan is ideal for spot cleaning and dry material spills.

Types of spills vary, so there is no exact way to clean spills, but there is an easy way—Rubbermaid's Lobby Pro™ Wet/Dry Spill Pan.



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New Online Training & Cleaning Library

It is always important to stay up-to-date with your training. Whether it is remaining safe on the job or improving your skills, you need training that is effective and efficient. At MyersSupply.com, you will find quality, proven programs used by thousands of businesses around the world, designed to deliver the results you require.

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Windsor's iRenew Mini Interim Carpet Cleaner Wins the ISSA 2006 Innovation Award

Denver, Colorado USA – For the second straight year, Windsor Industries was awarded the most innovative product (Power Equipment category) for the Windsor iRenew Mini™.

This year's ISSA show in Chicago featured the return of the Innovation Revue—a full-scale production number (based on a Chicago Speakeasy) showcasing the newest products and technology in the industry.

The show included six categories: Chemicals, Power Equipment, Supplies/Accessories, Paper/Plastics, Business Services/Training, and iRenew Mini/Other Janitorial Products. Exhibitors were excluded from voting; only distributors, building service contractors and in-house service providers were eligible to vote by ballot for the most innovative product in each category.



Windsor's iRenew Mini won the Power Equipment category against 7 competitors: Advance Adhancer Scrubber1 (Advance), Focus Ride-on Scrubber with BOOST2 (Clarke, a Division of Alto), Cyclone LP 30053 (Cyclone Environmental Technologies), Razor Blade ride-on scrubber4 (Kent), Convert Stand-on scrubber5 (Mastercraft/Pristal), Quiet Pro BP back pack vacuum6 (ProTeam Inc.), and CleanMax Pro series vacuum7 (Tacony Corp.)

Time Mist Air Sanitizer



The TimeMist Metered Air Sanitizer kills airborne bacteria continuously, covering a 6,000-square-foot room 24 hours a day for 30 days when dispersed every 15 minutes. The sanitizer can be used in health care, food service and building management and is EPA-approved.

GateMate Organizers

The GateMate™ Plus System offers convenience and accessibility for cleaning tools that can mount to the wall or to 32- to 55-gallon Gator® containers. The GateMate Plus Holder, GateMate Plus Hook and GateMate Plus Bracket and Holder organize an array of tools and products.



NaceCare Solutions



The TwinTec 4552 walk-behind, battery autoscrubber has a simple flip-up head for easier changes to it adjustable handle, a quieter motor and gel batteries. The autoscrubber's control panel indicates vacuum, water flow and brush and battery status.

Trash Bag Cinch

The Trash Bag Cinch stops bag cave-ins, saving five seconds per liner change with no more knots or clumsy rubber bands. The product is available in four colors and a variety of pack sizes with custom imprinting available.



Stripping Pad



The Diamondback® pad is an extreme stripping pad that works well on floors that require an abrasive pad to do the job. The pad features larger grit size and more abrasive grit, and is designed with an open-weave construction that enables it to hold more load without clogging.

Regulation Alert 5-501.113

Strict interpretation of US Department of Health and Human Services Regulation 5-501.113 is causing foodservice end users to seek Step-On Containers as a solution as a solution to their compliance problems.



5-501-113 Covering Receptacles:

Receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be kept covered:

- Inside the FOOD ESTABLISHMENT if the receptacles and units contain FOOD residu and are not in continuous use.

Myers Supply offers a complete line of Step-On Containers providing excellent solutions for foodservice operators:

- Step-On lids are permanently nected to the container and won't get lost.
- Automatically closing lids will result in 100% compliance.
- Step-On containers are durable and will not rust or dent like metal containers.

Ladder Cart with Cabinet



Ladder Cart provides greater mobility, enhanced access, safe ladder handling, and minimal storage requirements.

- Commercial-grade hybrid construction of powder-coated steel and Rubbermaid structural foam, holds up to 500 pounds.
- Compact footprint increases maneuverability, requires minimal storage space.
- Safely carries a 6' ladder without hitting doorways, walls or elevators.
- Tall profile improves access and offers a more comfortable work height.
- Fully adaptable to work site requirements, with long-item storage, tool holders and locking cabinets.

IEHA Announced Joint Membership with ISSA

I.E.H.A. and ISSA have extended their alliance by providing a joint membership option for In-House Service Providers (ISP). Under the terms of the agreement, joint membership is open to ISPs at a discounted rate of \$250.

“We are ecstatic to join with ISSA in developing this significant additional benefit to the new and current members of I.E.H.A.,” says Beth B. Risinger, CEO/Executive Director of I.E.H.A. “This will offer In-House Service Providers the ability to pursue education and resources throughout both organizations. Ultimately, this venture will raise the bar of excellence in our industry.”



Under the agreement, ISPs can select the joint membership option, saving \$50 on the cost of a dual membership. This entitles all dues-paying members to receive discounted rates for all education resource materials and certification programs offered by the two organizations; a yearly subscription to Executive Housekeeping Today and Housekeeping Solutions magazines; CleanScene, a monthly e-newsletter; Job News, a weekly employment publication; access to I.E.H.A.'s Technical Question hotline; reduced costs on all convention registrations, and a host of other benefits.

Carpet Care Tip of the Month

If you read most carpet warranties, you'll see that bonnet cleaning is the kiss of death — both to your warranty and to your carpet. In fact, many carpet mills have conducted their own research and determined that bonnet cleaning can cause excessive carpet damage. As these articles are designed to provide you with information that will guide you in implementing a thoughtful carpet care program that offers positive results, this particular article will walk you through the most common dangers of bonnet cleaning and provide some clarification on how to proceed with bonnet cleaning if you must.



Beware the Bonnet

In general, bonnet cleaning is a process of moving dirt, not removing it. So while it may provide the appearance of a clean carpet, its use rarely actually results in a clean carpet. This isn't "bonnet-bashing." Rather it is a statement of the effectiveness, or lack thereof, of trying to wipe dirt from your carpet by using rotary bonnets that offer no mechanism for cleaning the dirt from those bonnets.

Rotary bonnet cleaning involves the use of chemical that is pre-sprayed onto the carpet and bonnets that are designed to wipe away the dirt and re-absorb the chemical. The inherent problem is that a bonnet can absorb only a finite amount of chemical and soil. And once saturated, the bonnet will no longer wipe dirt away but rather transfer that soil and chemical back into your carpet, which results in a cycle of resoiling that can become virtually impossible to correct.

In reality, there is no mechanism in bonnet cleaning for removing dirt deep within the carpet pile or completely removing the pre-sprayed chemical from your carpet, which makes it virtually impossible to remove the soil from your carpet. If your bonnet is as dirty as your carpet, the rotary wiping action of the bonnet cleaner is simply smearing the dirt into the carpet. If your bonnet is dirtier than your carpet (perhaps you cleaned a high traffic entry area and then moved to a less frequently used office space), the rotary wiping action of the bonnet cleaner is actually transferring dirt into your carpet.

In addition, bonnet cleaning involves grinding the bonnet into the carpet in an effort to lift the soil from the carpet fibers. If any actual dirt, debris or sand is in the carpet, such grinding can result in abrading — or scraping off — the top of those carpet fibers. Carpet fibers become untwisted and severely frayed. These "open" carpet fibers, filled with residual chemical, become magnets for additional soiling issues.

Appropriate Bonnet Cleaning

If you must use a bonnet to clean your carpet, follow these simple rules to reduce the likelihood of damaging your carpet and to appropriately set your expectations as to the results you should anticipate.

1. Only use a bonnet if your carpet warranty has expired to avoid any potential warranty issues with your carpet manufacturer.
2. Only use bonnet cleaning in conjunction with other carpet care technologies, including vacuuming, Crystal Encapsulation technology, or extraction, and never as the sole means of caring for your carpet.
3. Recognize that bonnet cleaning only removes the very top layer of dirt from your carpet surface and, therefore, should be used only for targeted periodic appearance improvement.
4. Realize that bonnet cleaning has no way of removing all the pre-sprayed chemical from your carpet, which means chemical will be left behind and could attract dirt.
5. Always use a clean bonnet that has been slightly moistened with your cleaning solution — but never use the dual-bucket method of over-saturating your bonnet in water or solution.
6. Flip and/or change your bonnet every 100-square feet or less depending on how dirty the carpet is.

In reality, the downside of bonnet cleaning really does far outweigh the upside. But if applied correctly, rotary bonnet cleaning can temporarily improve the appearance of your carpet.

ISSA Discourages EPA from Imposing Redundant Training Requirements

While ISSA places a high value on employee training for all members of the cleaning industry, the Association filed comments opposing EPA's contemplated training for employees who apply antimicrobial pesticides, such as sanitizers, in institutional settings as being redundant and duplicative of existing training regulations established by OSHA and other agencies, according to a recent ISSAlert.

EPA recently formed a work group for the purpose of ramping up the Agency's current training regulations. As part of this process, EPA has made it clear that it is considering the imposition of new training regulations for those employees (such as janitors, building service contractors, custodians, etc.) who, as part of their job, apply disinfectants, sanitizers, and other antimicrobial pesticides.



ISSA agrees that such employees require training, however, ISSA director of legislative affairs Bill Balek pointed out that comprehensive federal requirements for employee training in such situations already exist, and provide ample protection for the safety and health of workers who apply disinfectants, sanitizers, and other antimicrobials in institutional and industrial facilities.

Specifically ISSA alluded to protections provided by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard that establishes an extensive regulatory scheme designed to protect employees who use chemical products (including disinfectants and sanitizers) that relies on labeling, material safety data sheets (MSDS), written hazard communication programs, as well as employee education and training.

"Any additional training," stated Balek, "such as that contemplated by EPA, would be duplicative of existing law, and therefore provide no significant benefit to employees but would only serve to place another unreasonable burden on employers."

In its comments, ISSA also noted that industry outreach efforts are on the rise, such as the ISSA/OSHA Alliance, the principal purpose of which is to provide employers with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help protect employees' health and safety. For example, ISSA and OSHA are working to develop education and training programs for cleaning and maintenance industry employers and employees in the area of hazard communication including the safe use of chemical cleaning products.



ISSA further pointed out that EPA has failed to establish a rational basis that would justify the additional, redundant training contemplated by the Agency, especially in light of the extensive existing federal training regulations and industry outreach efforts. In fact, statistics compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate that the number of occupational injuries and illnesses due to disinfectant exposure have declined significantly in recent years.

ISSA will continue to participate in a series of EPA-hosted conferences that will focus on the issue of training for employees who apply antimicrobials, and which will be conducted through the end of the year.

New Regulations Guidelines & Requirements For Wet Floor & Caution Signs

OSHA 1910.145(d)(4)

Caution signs. Standard color of the background shall be yellow; and the panel, black with yellow letters. Any letters used against the yellow background shall be black. The colors shall be those of opaque glossy samples as specified in Table 1 of American National Standard Z53.1-1967.

OSHA 1910.144(a)(3)

Yellow shall be the basic color for designating caution and for marking physical hazards such as: **Striking against, stumbling, falling, tripping, and "caught in between."**



Sign Classification and Requirements

OSHA and ANSI classify safety signs according to use. Their definitions are very similar.

OSHA has three classifications of signs:

1. **Danger Signs**—Indicate immediate danger and that special precautions are necessary. OSHA also specifies that the red, black and white colors used for Danger signs be in accordance with ANSI Z53.1-1967.
2. **Caution Signs**—Warn against potential hazards or caution against unsafe practices. OSHA specifies that the standard color for Caution signs shall have a yellow background black panel and yellow letters. All letters used against the yellow background shall be black. The colors must be in accordance with ANSI Z53.1-1967.
3. **Safety Instruction Signs**—Used where there is a need for general instructions and suggestions relative to safety measures. OSHA specifies that the standard color for Safety Instruction signs shall be a white background, green panel and white letters. Any letters used on the white background shall be black. The colors must be in accordance with ANSI Z53.1-1967.

Accident Prevention signs are classified by ANSI Z535.2-2002 into eight classes:

1. **DANGER**—Indicate an immediately hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. Danger is limited to the most extreme situations.
2. **WARNING**—Indicate a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
3. **CAUTION**—Indicate a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. Caution may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.
4. **NOTICE**—Indicate a statement of company policy as the message relates directly or indirectly to the safety of personnel or protection of property.
5. **GENERAL SAFETY**—Indicate general instructions relative to safe work practices, reminders of proper safety procedures, and the location of safety equipment.
6. **FIRE SAFETY**—Indicate the location of emergency fire fighting equipment.

OSHA is not specific as to sign design for Danger, Caution, and Safety Instruction signs except for purpose and colors. When complying with OSHA regulations, it is important to check under the specific sign requirement with which you are trying to comply.

OSHA also requires that signs be designed with rounded or blunt corners and must be free from sharp edges, burrs, splinters or other sharp projections. The ends or heads of fastening devices cannot be located as to create a hazard.



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