

What's New Newsletter?

Revolution Bag EPA Compliant



Revolution Bag is the first company to provide a complete line of EPA-compliant trash can liners that don't cost more and perform just as well as bags produced with virgin resin. Now you can meet EPA

mandates, capture LEED points and get a really great bag in the process. With Revolution Bag, the decision to go green is really no decision at all.

So how does Revolution Bag do what no one else has been able to do? It starts with our supply of post-consumer materials a virtually endless quantity of consistent, high quality raw materials for recycling provided by our parent company Delta Plastics. This resource is coupled with patented washing and processing technology that enables us to take this post-consumer material which would otherwise end up a landfill and produce high quality bags at competitive prices.



Quart'R Packs

Introducing Quart'R Packs, a quicker and simpler dilution control system for spray-and-wipe cleaning. A complement to our Water Flakes line, each packet of Quart'R Packs dilutes with one quart of water. Containing exact portions of powdered cleaning concentrates, Quart'R Packs are packaged in water-soluble film. They dissolve quickly in water, no pouring, measuring, or opening packets. Just drop one Quart'R Packs packet into one quart of water, and you are on your way to a cleaner and greener facility. Quart'R Packs are shipped four small tubs per case. Now available in three formulations:

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Reusable cloth replaces disposable paper towels and wipes, keeping waste from the landfill.

Unlike cotton cloths or sponges, The Amazing Enduro Cloth is **100% biodegradable** and made completely of natural components.



Long-lasting cloth can be washed up to 300 times. The Amazing Enduro Cloths are naturally absorbent and tear resistant.

Four standard colors for different Application areas supports HACCP color-coding.

Closed pores won't harbor bacteria.

Lindhaus LW30 Pro Mini Scrubber



The Lindhaus LW30 Pro Scrubber is the ultimate machine in taking care of tile, concrete, marble, and more. The LW30 is extremely user friendly. The LW30 has a 11" cleaning path that makes it easy to maneuver in even the most congested of areas. It lays the solution out, scrubs it and vacuums up the dirty water in one pass.

The floor is left dry because of the tremendous vacuum. Excellent for small to medium jobs, the LW30 eliminates the need for bigger, clumsier machines. Its unique twin tank integrated design, is easily filled and emptied. The low profile 5.5" allows access under furniture you would normally not be able to get under with bigger machines. This machine is easily transported. Excellent for restaurants, hotels, convenient stores, warehouses, homes and more.

One of the smallest of our range of scrubber dryers is this ultra compact machine that allows use in smaller previously inaccessible areas where you would normally be limited to manual mopping. It is specially designed to clean all types of hard surface with the minimum of effort. The narrow 11" scrubbing head has suction squeegees at the front and rear of the brush to leave the floor dry on both forward and backwards motion.. The detachable water tank has a 2.6 L water capacity and is easy to fill and empty.

NACE TTB 1840 Compact Scrubber

With 45 - 60 minutes of run time, interchangeable battery pack and a 5 gallon solution capacity the TTB 1840 is the professional choice in compact auto-scrubbers. The TTB 1840 features a pivoting squeegee coupled with a 300 watt vacuum motor for excellent water recovery. The recovery drain hose makes it easy to drain the tank without the need for lifting.

The indicators located on the handle show you the status of the water, vacuum, brush motor and battery all in one convenient place. The battery pack consists of 1 x 12V 18AH environmentally preferred gel battery . The included charger will charge the battery pack in 5 hours or less. The TTB 1840 will get in to all of those tight areas that other auto-scrubbers cannot. Essentially, it is a complete replacement for a mop and bucket system.



Cyclone Pads Stone Floor Care and Maintenance System

Cyclone is a revolutionary cleaning system consisting of floor pads containing billions of microscopic ceramic beads which clean and polish the floor mechanically instead of using chemicals.



White - Deep cleaning and removal of scratches. Readies the floor surface for micro-polishing to produce a deep gloss.



Yellow - Micro polishes the floor surface to improve gloss. Continues to remove scratches that distort gloss.



Green - Daily maintenance to produce a clean, safe and shiny floor.



Used in sequence, the Cyclone System of White, Yellow and Green Pads will turn a dull, rough, scratched stone, marble, granite or concrete floor into a brilliant, shiny polished floor that does not require any wax or other coatings. This new dynamic, low cost method works with your existing floor buffer, scrubber, auto scrubber or high speed burnisher equipment. No need to rent or buy special machines. It really works!

Each Cyclone Pad will average about 30,000 square feet of floor coverage before being thrown away. Since many floor restoring applications require up to 10 passes, you may consider that each pad will do about 3,000 square feet of floor. That's 10 passes over 3,000 square feet for a total usage of 30,000 square feet approximately.

Independent Test Evaluates Electrically-Activated Water

Nilfisk-Advance announced the results of independent testing of the performance of electrically-activated water technology on professional floor scrubbers. The results show that a floor scrubber using electrically-activated water technology did not perform better than when that same floor scrubber used ordinary tap water, contrary to claims in the marketplace that electrically-activated water “converts” tap water into a “powerful cleaning agent/detergent” when used on floor scrubbers.

Two independent and internationally accredited labs tested the cleaning performance of current floor scrubbers equipped with electrically-activated water technology. The labs measured the cleaning efficiency when using three different cleaning solutions: 1) with electrically-activated water; 2) with plain tap water; and 3) with tap water and detergent. The results show that the floor scrubber using electrically-activated water performed no better than when that scrubber cleaned with only tap water. The results also indicate that when cleaning with electrically-activated water, the scrubber did not clean as effectively as when the scrubber cleaned with tap water and detergent.

Electrically-activated or not, water is, and always has been, an effective cleanser on a variety of floor conditions. Floor scrubbers are routinely used with plain tap water and can effectively clean a range of soiled floors. Some floor conditions, however, do require the use of detergents when deeper cleaning is necessary.



Test #1 Water only

Test #2 ecoH2O on

Test #3 Water with detergent

Advance's new EcoFlex System

Advance's EcoFlex™ System introduces a new level of scrubber flexibility that ends compromises between green cleaning and the cleanliness of floors. Now available on all Advance scrubbers, the EcoFlex System lets operators easily control the level of cleaning performance needed to scrub hard floors while using environmentally preferable methods.

The EcoFlex System provides the flexibility needed to take on facility-specific hard-floor cleaning challenges using techniques that minimize environmental and health impacts and still meet expectations for clean floors.



The EcoFlex System's ultra-low-flow solution-dispensing mode uses 70 percent less water than traditional scrubbers and is ideal for routine cleaning on lightly soiled floors. An automatic detergent-measuring system dispenses water and detergent separately and at the desired dilution ratio, leaving only clean water in the solution tank. By accurately dispensing water and detergent separately, the EcoFlex System eliminates the hassles of premixing solution, using too much or too little detergent, and dumping unused solution after cleaning.

Operators can easily change detergents, change the dilution ratio or clean with water only, depending on the application. Changing detergents is accomplished by removing one cartridge and inserting another. Opting for water-only scrubbing occasionally or at regular intervals eliminates the environmental impact of detergents and helps remove residue that builds up over time from cleaning with detergents. On heavily soiled areas such as heavy-traffic entryways, the EcoFlex System's “burst of power” feature delivers an on-the-spot increase in cleaning power. By pressing a single button, operators can increase water flow, dilution strength and pad pressure to provide deep cleaning. The “burst of power” feature adds more cleaning versatility to the scrubber and eliminates the need to double-scrub or use a different machine on heavily soiled surfaces.

The EcoFlex System on all the Advance scrubbers gives cleaning professionals the flexibility to get the results they want with minimum impact to the environment.

10 Steps Students Can Take To Reduce Their Risk of an MRSA Infection

1. Encourage students to clean their hands frequently.
2. Parents, tuck a small container of hand sanitizer in your child's book bag, if your child is mature enough to use it properly.
3. Educators, ensure that all shared sports equipment (wrestling mats, baseball gloves, gymnastics equipment...) and locker room facilities such as benches are cleaned with detergents, which must remain on the surfaces for at least three minutes. Quick spraying and wiping is not effective.
4. School authorities should periodically have surfaces in the gym and classrooms cultured, to know the extent of MRSA contamination.
5. Warn students not to share gym clothes, towels, and other personal items. MRSA bacteria can live on fabrics and hard surfaces for up to ninety days.
6. Educators, install dispensers of hand-sanitizer inside each classroom. Students should not have to get a hall pass and leave the classroom to clean their hands.
7. Warn students against sharing bars of soap. Use pump dispensers only.
8. Educators, make sure that when a student gets a cut or abrasion on the playground or in class, it is cleaned immediately by someone whose hands are also clean! Classrooms should have a first-aid kit or ready access to the help of a school nurse.
9. School authorities should investigate the anti-microbial coatings available for use on sports equipments and other high-touch surfaces, and washable keyboards for computers.
10. Athletes, gym teachers, and coaches are at higher risk of exposure to MRSA. In high contact sports, MRSA screening may be advisable.



What type of infections does MRSA cause?

In the community most MRSA infections are skin infections that may appear as pustules or boils which often are red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage. These skin infections commonly occur at sites of visible skin trauma, such as cuts and abrasions, and areas of the body covered by hair (e.g., back of neck, groin, buttock, armpit, beard area of men). Almost all MRSA skin infections can be effectively treated by drainage of pus with or without antibiotics. More serious infections, such as pneumonia, bloodstream infections, or bone infections, are very rare in healthy people who get MRSA skin infections.

How is MRSA transmitted?

MRSA is usually transmitted by direct skin-to-skin contact or contact with shared items or surfaces that have come into contact with someone else's infection (e.g., towels, used bandages).



In what settings do MRSA skin infections occur?

- MRSA skin infections can occur anywhere.
- Some settings have factors that make it easier for MRSA to be transmitted.
- These factors, referred to as the 5 C's, are as follows: **C**rowding, frequent skin-to-skin **C**ontact, **C**ompromised skin (i.e., cuts or abrasions), **C**ontaminated items and surfaces, and lack of **C**leanliness.
- Locations where the 5 C's are common include schools, dormitories, military barracks, households, correctional facilities, and daycare centers.



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February 15, 2011 ICT Virtual Event agenda

Infection Prevention Imperatives: An Update for 2011
 Making the Business Case for Infection Prevention
 Building Infection Prevention Skill Sets
 Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention: Time for a New Paradigm?

DATES: February 15-16, 2011

TIME: 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

COST: Free

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February 16, 2011 ICT Virtual Event agenda

The Role of Sterile Processing in Infection Prevention
 Creative Hand Hygiene for Staff, Patients and Visitors
 Infection Prevention and Environmental Services: You Can't Do It Alone

EPA, Other Federal Agencies to Hold Bed Bug Summit

To help find solutions to the nation's bed bug problem, the Federal Bed Bug Workgroup is convening a second national summit set for February 1-2, 2011, in Washington, D.C. The summit is open to the public and will focus on ways the federal government and others can continue to work together on management and control of these pests.

The first federal bed bug summit was held by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in April 2009. Since then, EPA has helped organize the Federal Bed Bug Workgroup, which consists of EPA, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Agriculture, Department of Defense, Department of Commerce, and National Institutes of Health.



The summit's agenda will feature discussions on progress since the last summit from various perspectives, including federal, state, and local governments; research; housing industry; and pest management industry. The agenda also includes identifying knowledge gaps and barriers to effective community-wide bed bug control, proposals for next steps in addressing knowledge gaps and eliminating barriers, and developing a framework for addressing the highest priority needs.

As a reminder, there are steps people can take to prevent bed bugs:

- Remove clutter where bed bugs can hide
- Seal cracks and crevices
- Vacuum rugs and upholstered furniture thoroughly and frequently, as well as vacuuming under beds
- Wash and dry clothing and bed sheets at high temperatures (heat can kill bed bugs)
- Be alert and monitor for bed bugs so they can be treated before a major infestation occurs
- Before using any pesticide product, **READ THE LABEL FIRST**, then follow the directions
- Check the product label to make sure it is identified for use on bed bugs.

The agenda and information on attending the meeting via webinar will be available on EPA's [website](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ppdc/bedbug-summit/2nd-bedbug-summit.html).

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CIMS-GB Included in LEED: EBOM Draft

ISSA's Cleaning Industry Management Standard for Green Buildings (CIMS-GB) program has been included in the recently released draft of proposed revisions to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance (EBOM) standard. Inclusion in the final version would allow companies with CIMS-GB certification to directly assist customers in earning credits toward LEED recognition.

Specifically, using a CIMS-GB certified cleaning service provider has been specified as a way a facility can demonstrate compliance with the Indoor Environmental Quality Credit for implementing a "high performance cleaning program." Under the new draft, a facility will have to be cleaned by a CIMS-GB certified organization to achieve the credit. The specific proposed wording is as follows:



"During the performance period, demonstrate that the project is being cleaned by a cleaning service provider that has earned certification under ISSA's Cleaning Industry Management Standard for Green Buildings (CIMS-GB). The certified cleaning services may be provided by either an in-house custodial staff or may be contracted out using a certified building service contractor."

The CIMS-GB specification is one of a number of proposed changes to the LEED: EBOM standard.



Integrated Cleaning and Measurement (ICM)

INTEGRATED CLEANING & MEASUREMENT



The International Executive Housekeepers Association (IEHA) announces that it released a new educational booklet, "ICM The New Rules of Cleaning," during ISSA/INTERCLEAN. Integrated Cleaning and Measurement (ICM) is an open-source system in which 'best practices' are defined by scientific measurement of cleaning outcomes. It is currently being administered by the non-profit IEHA, a 3,500-plus professional member organization for persons employed in facility housekeeping at the management level.

"ICM — The New Rules of Cleaning," sponsored by Rubbermaid Commercial Products, is a 60-page compilation of articles, essays and other materials written by 12 industry leaders, including Alan Bigger, REH and APPA Fellow; Beth Bittenbender; Colin Butterfield; Dr. Paul S. Darby; Vince Elliott; Marvin Ellsworth, REH; Dr. Jay Glasel; Dr. Tom Keating, Dr. Robert Powitz; Allen Rathey; Dr. Richard J. Shaughnessy, and Frank Wiley.

The articles and essays within the booklet provide information regarding the philosophy behind ICM, how to apply ICM in schools and healthcare facilities, how ICM relates to green cleaning, explanations of measurement science, what tools and processes are involved with ICM, and why communication is critical to the success of ICM.

There has been a lot of press on ICM since it was released as a concept to the cleaning industry in 2008, and we are excited to provide this information in one handy booklet for IEHA members and all in the cleaning industry."

ICM — The New Rules of Cleaning" is now available to purchase for \$15 for IEHA members and \$20 for non-members (prices include shipping and handling fee). Call IEHA at (800) 200-6342, or visit IEHA's Online Store at <http://www.ieha.org/showcatproducts.php?cid=1> to order a copy.



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