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Cleaning your most VALUABLE TOOLS



According to the latest HSE figures there are over 35,000 cases of work-related skin diseases diagnosed by GPs every year in the UK. Due to the rise in the use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) in the early 2000s, reported work related skin diseases fell. Since 2005 however, this trend has stalled and the HSE has expressed its concern, believing the true figure could be higher and that many cases remain unreported. Not only can skin problems be unsightly and uncomfortable to live with, in extreme cases they can lead to tradesmen being unable to work. Worrying stuff.

So as a professional painter and decorator, what do you do when you're out on site with no access to water and your hands are covered in grime? And as every painter and

Big Wipes, which has launched its new range of 4x4 formula industrial strength wipes, explains why being tough on filth and grime while still being able to look after your hands is vital for professionals.



decorator knows, even when water is available, most muck doesn't come off with that and a bit of soap. That's when you might need Big Wipes 4x4 in your bag.

"Painters and decorators need a wipe that's going to get rid of the mess first time, allowing them to just crack on with the job safe in the knowledge their hands are getting something back too," explains Nigel Dibbo, Managing Director of Big Wipes.

"That's why we've launched our new 4x4 formula. As busy tradespeople, your hands are your livelihood, so cleaning them effectively while still being able to care for them is extremely important."

Hands might be your most important tools, but Big Wipes can clean up plenty of other



things too. "Take a product most painters and decorators will use - for instance silicone or caulk. It is nasty stuff on skin and a pain to get off yourself and

bathroom surfaces,"

continues Nigel. "And let's face it even professionals have the odd accident with it. Using the 4x4 Heavy Duty Big Wipe will not only get your hands clean of silicone or caulk, you can also clean your tools too."

And silicone isn't the only thing Big Wipes can take care of. The Big Wipes 'one wipe and it's gone' biodegradable formula of four power cleansers ensures the removal of paint and varnishes, adhesives, oil, sealants, silicones and general grime from hands, tools and surfaces.

Containing four powerful cleaning agents and four dermatologically tested skin conditioners, the company says its 4x4 products have been assessed to the latest EU Regulation 1223/2009 for cosmetic products with zero levels of irritation recorded during controlled testing by dermatologists. The range also offers >99.9% anti-bacterial protection for your skin. That's good news when you want a quick mop up before lunch or a tea break.

Not only that, 4x4 are preservative-free and contain four skin conditioners: Aloe Vera, Lanolin, Vitamin E and Glycerine - all helping to nourish and protect the skin. All Big Wipes are used without water and are perfect for on-site use where water just isn't available.

"Big Wipes' in-house team of chemists and fabric engineers controls all aspects of development and production," explains Nigel. "We achieved the performance breakthrough necessary to launch our 4x4 formula by investing heavily in the latest solvent technology. This allowed us to harness the benefits of naturally derived co-solvent blends. The biodegradable Power Formula can now deliver unrivalled cleaning power across the broadest range of real filth."



Packaged in easy grip, big capacity trade-tough tubs with a quick seal lid, Big Wipes 4x4 comes in three different colour-coded types.

Red Top: Heavy-Duty - The blue scrub and clean fabric now features additional 'wetting agents' to ensure the even distribution of liquid across the fabric. Textured and dual-sided, the scrub face of the wipe removes even the most stubborn grime, while the smooth face absorbs any excess.

Black Top: Multi-Purpose - featuring a new yellow power fabric that has been under development for two years, Multi-Purpose are a leading combination of toughness and absorbency.

Green Top: Multi-Surface - this super absorbent biodegradable wipe is ideally suited for applications involving the removal of non hazardous substances where they can be disposed of in the normal waste or composted with 'green' waste.

For more information about Big Wipes visit www.bigwipes.com or www.facebook.com/bigwipes. You can follow the company on Twitter (@bigwipes) or see Big Wipes in action on YouTube (www.youtube.com/user/bigwipes).

Big Wipes has also developed an innovative packaging solution. Still in the yellow colour, the novel large capacity cylinders are styled with an easy grip body and base and brand new quick-seal lid. The 'flick and a click' lid gives users a dual option of either dispensing a single wipe (by pulling the wipe towards

the cap) or a long continuous sheet of wipes (by pulling the sheets away from the cap).

So when it comes to the question of how to quickly and effectively clean up all your essential tools, hands included, Big Wipes 4x4 is a great answer.