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Keeping It Clean



Since 1984, ChemStation Manufacturing Centers around the country have been providing custom-blended cleaning solutions to a wide variety of industries. What began as a handful of products used in a few applications has grown to thousands of uniquely formulated concentrations that are used on hundreds of surfaces.

Our motto of "Keeping it Clean" not only refers to the custom-formulated, water-based, biodegradable cleaning compounds, but it defines our interest in helping to keep the environment clean of those unsightly drums. Every year we count the thousands upon thousands of rusty drums that didn't make it to the landfills because of our unique refillable tank system and smile because we're doing our part to keep the environment clean.

ChemStation's team of chemists and technical support staff work closely with our network of sales representatives to develop new cleaning solutions to meet the daily challenges of business and industry. Every month our network of 55 locations across the country and in Canada is delivering nearly a million gallons of soap.

ChemStation is a strong, profitable company that has built a national reputation over the past 22 years around a patented system of custom-formulating chemicals to exacting customer specifications and a delivery system that is unmatched in the industry. ■

Safety Gloves... Synthetic or Rubber?

When you deal with chemicals, you become inundated with the safety and use of personal protection equipment (PPE). When it comes to the right gloves, here's some information to help you in your decision.

Rubber (Latex) – Latex resists many bases, acids, alcohols, and dilute water solutions of many types of chemicals. It offers good resistance to cuts. NOTE: Although rare, allergic reactions to the proteins in natural rubber latex gloves have been reported. If latex sensitivity is known or suspected, switch to nitrile or neoprene.

Synthetic Rubber (Nitrile and Neoprene) – Nitrile offers good protection against bases, oils, many solvents and esters, grease, and animal fats. It is not recommended for ketones and some organic solvents. Nitrile offers excellent resistance to snags, punctures, abrasions, and cuts. Neoprene is resistant to a very broad range of oils, acids, caustics, and solvents but is less resistant to snags, cuts, punctures, and abrasions than nitrile or natural rubber. In other words, it's a more durable glove than latex and is recommended for solvents and other chemicals with that nature. ■

Noting November

Loud and sticky! November is International Percussion Drum Month and Peanut Butter Lovers Month. The second week is Pursuit of Happiness Week and from the 19th through the 25th, you can celebrate National Game & Puzzle Week. November 2 is Look for Circles Day. On November 10, 1951, direct dial telephone service was first available coast to coast. On the 11th, we celebrate Veteran's Day. November 17 is Take a Hike Day and on November 19, 1863, Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. Triple significance is noted on the 23rd…National Cashew Day, Thanksgiving Day, and on that day in 1835, a patent was issued for the horseshoe manufacturing machine. We end the notes for the month by informing you that on November 28, 1925, the Grand Ole Opry had its debut on radio.



Tips for Writing a Job Safety Description



The main goal of a job safety description is to give workers information about potential hazards of a specific job. Each task that must be done to accomplish the job must be determined, and then the potential risks (physical, chemical, or energy) to the worker must be considered. When you actually get down to writing the description, follow these four steps:

❶ Write out the information from the job evaluation that has determined the sequential steps and tasks that must be accomplished.

❷ Write up the hazards that potentially could be faced in each step.

❸ Write up correct safe job procedures and safety measures workers are expected to take.

❹ Organize the information so that it is easy to read and understand. ■

Source: Safety+Health

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Silly Peanut Facts



In recognition of National Peanut Butter Lover's Month, we present the following:

- First of all, the peanut is wrongly named. It's not really a nut at all. Botanically it is classified as a legume.
- There are approximately 50,000 peanut farms in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.
- It takes almost 850 peanuts to make an 18-oz jar of peanut butter.
- The average American child will eat 1,500 peanut butter sandwiches by the time he or she graduates from high school.
- When making a PB&J sandwich, 96% of people put the peanut butter on before the jelly.
- Americans eat about three pounds of peanut butter per person each year, totaling about 500 million pounds…enough to cover the floor of the Grand Canyon.
- Georgia is the #1 peanut producing state, but did you know that Texas is #2?
- Baseball Hall of Famer Catfish Hunter is also a peanut farmer.
- "Arachibutyrophobia" is the fear of peanut butter getting stuck to the roof of your mouth. ■



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Soapbox

A free lunch is only found in mousetraps.

When it comes down to the choice of the lesser of two evils, never mind all that – pick the one you enjoy the most.

Don't you find it odd that no one ever says, "It's only a game" when their team is winning?

It's easy to figure out why everybody says, "Talk is cheap." Supply greatly outweighs demand.

If a train station is where a train stops, what is a workstation?

Pessimist, n. One who complains about the noise when opportunity knocks.

If you can't beat them, join them…then beat them.

People are like toes…the world is full of them…but there are only a few you can count on personally.

Don't judge a book by its movie.

Anything that is good and useful is probably made of chocolate.

If all the world's a stage, most of us are woefully unrehearsed.

Teamwork is essential…it allows you to blame someone else.

The word "stressed" makes a lot more sense when you consider it's "desserts" spelled backwards.

Odds are, the phrase, "It's none of my business" will be promptly followed by,"But…"

Oliver's Law: A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Clarification: To fill in the background with so many details that the foreground goes underground.