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Tobacco Odor Control

Whether your business is renting cars and trucks, selling pre-owned vehicles, or are trying to keep your fleet of automobiles fresh and tobacco-odor-free, we've got a product for you.

Our team of technical support staff and chemists got together with an account rep whose customer (a major auto rental company) was having problems with the tobacco smoke odor in their vehicles.



Tobacco fumes and smoke residues settle on the carpets, seats, and worst of all are drawn into the air conditioning and heating ductwork. ChemStation has a product to help reduce those odors significantly, simply with a light spray onto the carpets, upholstery, and in the air ducts.

Give your account representative a call for more information ■

Is Your Loading Dock Safe?

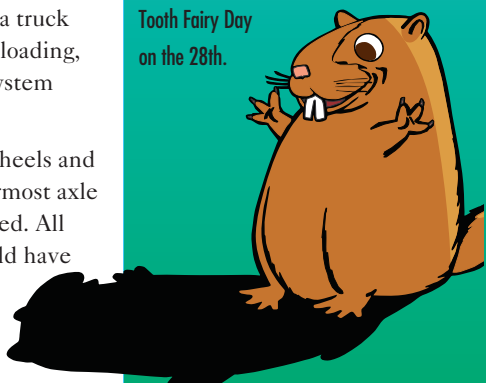
Take the case of a forklift operator who was quickly moving inventory out of the back of a large truck onto the loading dock when suddenly the truck shifted forward. A large enough gap was created between the dock and the truck to cause the forklift to fall through, killing the operator inside.

Unfortunately, accidents such as this are common. One study indicated that 56% of loading dock accidents were the result of forklifts falling or accidentally being driven off the loading dock, with 20% resulting in death. To prevent a truck from inching away from the dock during loading, wheel chocks or some kind of restraint system should be used.

The purpose of the chock is to pin the wheels and hold them stationary. Therefore, the rearmost axle on a tandem-axle trailer should be chocked. All platform parking and docking areas should have wheel chocks nearby. They should be available at all times, fastened to their respective dock, stored properly, and replaced when they become damaged or worn out. ■

February Flurry

In February we observe American Heart Month, Learn Italian Month, Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month, and Potato Lovers Month. February 5-9 is celebrated as Just Say No to PowerPoints Week. The week of February 16-19 is dedicated to the Great Backyard Bird Count. February 2 we celebrate Groundhog Day and find out if we get six more weeks of winter or an early spring. On February 6, 1971 Astronaut Alan Shepard hit three golf balls on the moon. Ferris Wheel Day and Valentines Day are both observed on the 14th. February 20 is Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras will end with a big celebration in New Orleans. February 23, 1945 was the day the U.S. Marines raised the American flag in Iwo Jima. The month ends as we celebrate Inconvenience Yourself Day and National Tooth Fairy Day on the 28th.



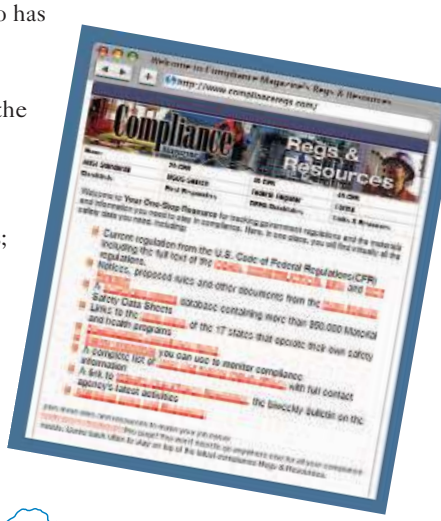
Keep It Safe... Keep It Clean

An issue of one of the trade magazines reported that six businesses were fined amounts that exceeded $1,200,000 for violating federal and state regulations in soil and ground-water contamination, the Clean Air Act, hazardous waste, air toxics regulations, and failure to report…an average of about $200,000 per violation.

Our environment is very precious to us and we at ChemStation do what we can to protect it. By offering custom-formulated, environmentally-friendly industrial cleaning and process chemicals (delivered to refillable containers), we're doing our part to help you keep it safe and keep it clean. ■

Safety Info On-Line

Compliance Magazine's Web site (complianceregs.com) is a great way to access information on government regulations that apply to workplace safety, especially if you're in a hurry. The Web site also has notices, proposed rules, and other documents from the Daily Federal Register; downloadable compliance forms; safety checklists; required OSHA forms; and a complete list of state and federal OSHA offices with full contact information. ■



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The Fairest of Wheels



The modern Ferris wheel is named after George W. Ferris, Jr., who designed a 264-ft wheel for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, IL in 1893. It was designed as a rival to the Eiffel Tower, the centerpiece of the 1889 Paris exhibition. This first wheel weighed 2,200 tons and could carry 2,160 persons at a time. The Ferris wheel was the largest attraction at the Columbian Exposition standing over 26 stories tall and powered by two 1,000-HP steam engines.

There were 36 cars, each the size of a school bus that accommodated 60 people each (20 seated, 40 standing). It took 20 minutes for the wheel to make two revolutions – the first to make six stops to allow passengers to exit and enter; the second a single, non-stop-revolution – and for that, the ticket holder paid 50¢.

The wheel was moved twice after the 1893 Fair and was eventually destroyed (by controlled demolition) in 1904 after it was used at the St. Louis exposition of that year. At 70 tons, its axle was the largest steel forging of the time. ■



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Soapbox

Nothing travels faster than the speed of light with the possible exception of bad news, which obeys its own special laws.

The surprising thing about young fools is how many survive to become old fools.

Never explain—your friends do not need it and your enemies will not believe you anyway.

A proverb is a short sentence based on long experience.

Logic, n. The art of thinking and reasoning in strict accordance with the limitations and incapacities of the human misunderstanding.

The man who says he is willing to meet you halfway is usually a poor judge of distance.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

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

The saying "Getting there is half the fun" became obsolete with the advent of commercial airlines.

The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain.

You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.

As you journey through life take a minute every now and then to give a thought for the other fellow. He could be plotting something.

Take my advice; I don't use it anyway.

If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score? – *Vince Lombardi*