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WHAT IS CHEMSTATION?

A one-sentence answer to that might be…"The ChemStation System offers custom-formulated, environmentally friendly, industrial cleaning and process chemicals delivered to refillable containers." ChemStation's philosophy is to find the best answer for you and to continue looking for improvement opportunities. But, that's not all.

CHEMSTATION IS:

Finding a one-step pressure spray wash and phosphate application that eliminates the need for a rust inhibitor application after phosphatizing in a parts cleaning operation.

Saving you money while supplying an odor control product that will keep a portable restroom smelling clean for a week.

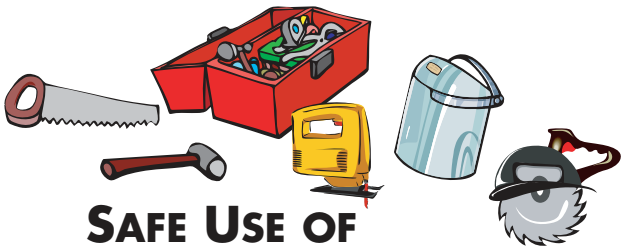
Developing a truck wash formula that eliminates streaking on fuel tanks and wheel covers.

Figuring out that less is better in a food processing plant. With a little ingenuity and research, finding that four products can do the job of six or eight.

Designing a variety of dispensing equipment to meet a specific need or make a system work more simply for you.

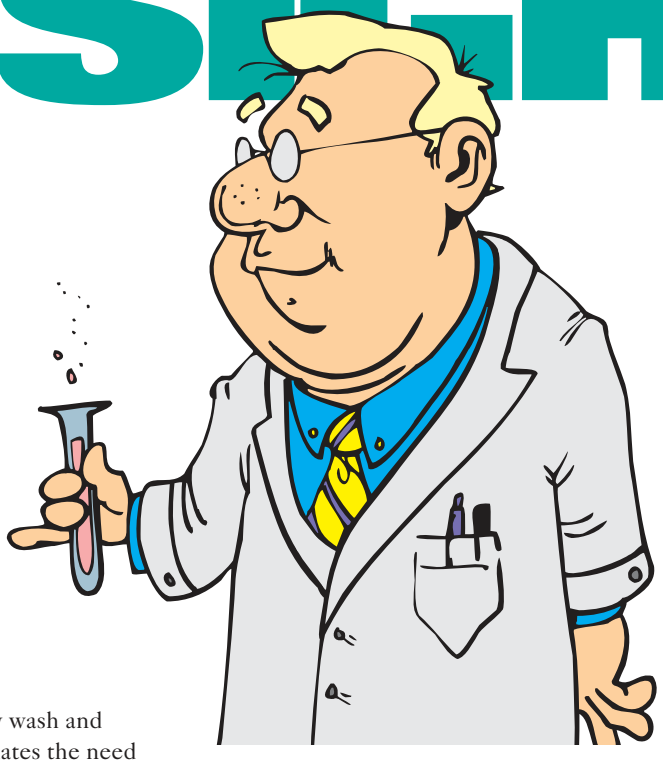
Building concentrate control systems that assist you in using ChemStation products more efficiently and effectively.

ChemStation is all this and much more. So, what's your problem? We're here to help. ■



SAFE USE OF HAND TOOLS

Tools have always been indispensable helpmates, and a good set of hand tools is essential for any shop, machinery, or facility repair. Unfortunately, tools also contribute to countless injuries when used incompetently.



- ✔ Use the correct tool for the job.
- ✔ Keep tools in good condition. Handles should be tight and free from defect. Cutting tools should be kept sharp.
- ✔ Use and maintain power tools according to instructions.
- ✔ Make sure power tools are properly grounded or are double insulated.
- ✔ Switch off and unplug power tools before changing blades or servicing and repairing.
- ✔ Wear clothing with no strings or loose ends to catch on things.
- ✔ Wear appropriate personal protective equipment such as goggles, dust masks, face shields, hearing protection, etc.
- ✔ Keep bystanders at a safe distance.
- ✔ Keep all guards and shields in place.
- ✔ Unplug and put tools away after use. Consider locking out power tools to prevent others from using them without permission. ■

ANOTHER APRIL

Spring is here and April has been designated as National Garden Month. Fly your kites between the raindrops as we celebrate National Kite Month. Musically we can enjoy National Jazz Appreciation Month. Be prepared to Laugh at Work Week from April 1-7. Numismatists can revel in Coin Week, April 20-26…which is also Cowboy Poetry Week. In case you ever wondered where it came from and when…Oliver Pollack invented the dollar sign ($) on April 1, 1778. One hundred and twelve years ago (April 6, 1896), the first modern Olympic Games opened in Athens, Greece. On April 6, 1930, Twinkies hit the market. Please make a note that April 7 is No Housework Day. It was April 14, 1865 when President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington DC. He died the next day. April 21 satisfies the appetite with National Chocolate-covered Cashews Day. Those who own one can appreciate Bulldogs are Beautiful Day on April 28.



WORK GLOVES… CLOSE-UP

Here are five of the most common hazards and the types of work gloves that protect against them:

Mild irritants. Use disposable gloves, usually made of lightweight plastic, to help guard against mild irritants such as cleaners or detergents.

Chemical agents. No single glove material can provide complete resistance to chemical agents. When you work with chemicals, consult the manufacturer/distributor of the chemical agent and/or protective gloves. They can let you know if the glove material you're planning to use is appropriate for particular chemicals.

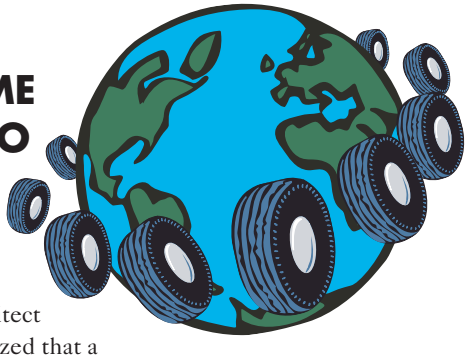
Handling slippery objects. Use gloves made of cotton or fabric blends, to improve your grip. They can also help insulate hands from mild heat or cold.

Electricity. Wear leather gloves in combination with an insulated liner.

Cutting tools. Wear metal mesh gloves to protect your hands from accidental cuts and scratches. ■

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An Extreme Way to Go Green



Build your house out of tires

Two decades ago, architect Michael Reynolds realized that a tree-hugging utopia would never be possible if homes weren't inexpensive, easy to build, and environmentally friendly. His solution? The *Earthship*.

Earthships are built out of used tires that have been packed with dirt and then stacked in a brick-style pattern. Construction is almost obscenely simple, though time-consuming. It can take as long as half an hour to properly pack each tire. But what you lose in free time, you make up for in energy savings. *Earthship* walls absorb heat quickly and release it slowly, allowing the houses to maintain a natural temperature of around 60 degrees. They also use filtration systems to collect and recycle water so that, even in desert conditions, it doesn't need to be pumped in.

While living in an *Earthship* may take more work than living in a split-level in the suburbs, the eco-friendly homes have become surprisingly popular. Several *Earthship* subdivisions have opened up in the past few years, including the Greater World *Earthship* Community near Taos, New Mexico, which was founded in 1994. ■

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Soapbox Spam

The epicenter of the Spam universe is Austin, Minnesota, home of a spam factory and a remarkable museum dedicated to the town's most famous product.

Hormel invented Spam in 1937 and still makes it today. At first, the product had a less-than-charismatic name: "Hormel Spiced Ham."

If you think there's just one flavor of Spam, you're missing out on a world of flavor. There is also hickory-smoked Spam, hot and spicy Spam, garlic Spam, and—for the dieting Spam-lovers among us —"light" Spam. There's even a collector's edition Spam Golden Honey Grail.

Hormel sponsors an annual recipe contest called the "Great American Spam Championship," with cooks developing new recipes for this product.

In South Korea, Spam is considered an appropriate gift for a guest to give a host or vice versa—which beats trying to choose a bottle of wine, doesn't it? In fact, Costco carries a Spam gift pack that will make a perfect holiday gift.

Hawaii consumes about 7 million cans of Spam per year, which comes out to 5 or 6 cans for every man, woman and child.

Since 1997, Hormel has sponsored the Waikiki Spam Jam, where it crowns a Mr. or Miss Spam!

Spam is so popular in some communities that it's infiltrated big chain restaurants. The McDonald's breakfast platter in Hawaii includes Spam. In San Francisco's Japan Town, Denny's serves a breakfast combo with Spam, two eggs, steamed rice, and kimchee. You can also substitute Vienna sausages for the Spam – or probably negotiate with the waitress to have both.