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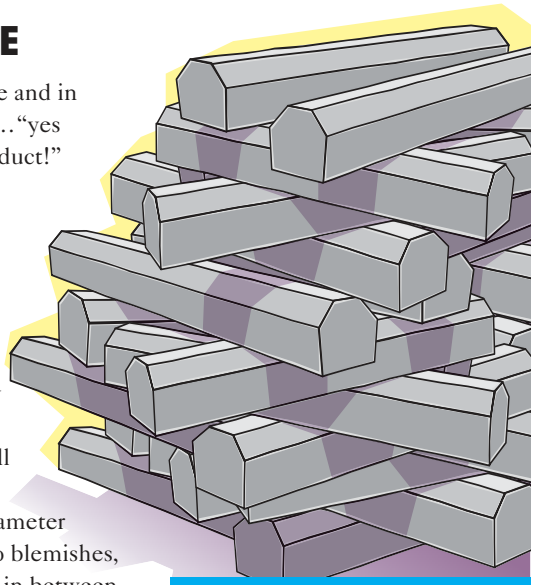
INSIGHTS

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Another Release



After extensive testing both in-house and in the field, we are proud to announce…"yes we have a concrete mold release product!" A truly 100% biodegradable product that contains no VOCs, provides architectural-grade results, washes out of clothing without staining, and smells great!



Does it work? You bet! Our oil-based product had an extraordinarily successful test at a precast company. From parking blocks that literally fell out of the forms leaving the forms completely clean, to a 6,000-lb, 4' diameter by 6' tall manhole that had almost no blemishes, with several lid and floor form pours in between. The customer stated it was the best they had ever worked with.

One of the field tests was with a construction company that was pouring curbs and a handicap ramp. It was noted, "The curbs had a *buttery* surface that minimized or eliminated troweling and the steel forms from the ramp came off clean."

For more information, contact your ChemStation sales representative. ■

The Shape of Safety

Many times we've presented the colors of safety to you…but we can't forget the shapes. Just like the stop signs we're so used to seeing on our daily commutes, the shapes of workplace safety signs also carry a message.

▼ Triangle- or diamond-shaped signs are used for hazard alerts and are generally orange or yellow.

● Mandatory action symbols, such as those used to tell you to use personal protective equipment are circular and typically blue in color.

■ Square- or rectangular-shaped signs provide safety information. The location of safety equipment would be found in a green square or rectangle.

● Workplace prohibitions may be identified with a sign containing a symbol in a circle with a slash going from the upper left to lower right, such as a no smoking sign. ■

It Happens in July

July is Cell Phone Courtesy Month, National Doghouse Repairs Month, and National Hot Dog Month. Don't forget to Be Nice to New Jersey during the week of July 6-12 and celebrate Scrabble Week July 25-30. On July 1, 1963, ZIP codes went into use. July 1 is also observed as Second Half of the Year Day. Independence Day is July 4. On July 6, you can Take Your Webmaster to Lunch to celebrate that day. The very first All Star Baseball game was played on July 6, 1933 and the American League won 5-2. It was July 17, 1955 when Walt Disney's Disneyland opened in Anaheim, California. Cow Appreciation Day is celebrated on July 21. National Hot Dog Day hits the calendar on July 23. Fifty-six years ago on July 26, 1952, Mickey Mantle hit his first Grand Slam.



Green Facts



- Motor oil never wears out, it just gets dirty. Oil can be recycled, re-refined, and used again…reducing our reliance on imported oil.
- 100 million trees are ground up each year to produce junk mail.
- Americans comprise about 5 percent of the world's population and annually produce 27 percent of the world's garbage.
- Glass never wears out…it can be recycled forever. ■

Chemical Exposure

When working with hazardous chemicals is part of your job, it is important for you to know the risks you face with each chemical you use. Chemicals greatly vary in their toxicity, but three factors (amount, frequency, and duration of exposure) must always be considered.

How a chemical gets into your body influences its toxicity. Your skin protects against some chemicals that are toxic only if you inhale them, while others are deadly only if swallowed. Still other chemicals can be handled safely but will injure eyes on contact.

To protect yourself from unexpected injury from a hazardous chemical, refer to the MSDS for that chemical. It will list the signs and symptoms of chemical toxicity for both local and systemic reactions as well as the target organs and primary routes of entry. Always use personal protective equipment and follow safety guidelines appropriate for the chemical.

Your ChemStation sales representative has a handy one-page information sheet on "How to Read an MSDS." It's available in English and Spanish. Give him a call if you'd like to have a copy. ■



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Hot Dawg!

The National Hot Dog & Sausage Council published a list of hot dog do's, don'ts and everyday etiquette to follow when eating America's sacred food.

Do...

- Use paper plates… China is a no-no.
- Eat hot dogs on buns with your hands. Utensils should not touch hot dogs on buns.
- Condiments remaining on the fingers after eating a hot dog should be licked away, not washed.

Don't...

- Take more than five bites to finish a hot dog. For foot-long wieners, seven bites are acceptable.
- Put hot dog toppings between the hot dog and the bun. Always "dress the dog," not the bun.
- Use ketchup on your hot dog after the age of 18. Mustard, relish, onions, cheese, and chili are acceptable.

Hot Dog Stats...

- Americans will eat enough hot dogs at major league ballparks this year to stretch from RFK Stadium in Washington DC to AT&T Park in San Francisco.
- On Independence Day, Americans will enjoy 150 million hot dogs – enough to stretch from Washington, DC to Los Angeles over five times. ■



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Soapbox

Why do people who know the least know it the loudest?

Don't you just hate rhetorical questions?

Mouse potato, n. The online, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.

Anything not nailed down is a cat toy.

In one year, a healthy male adult bore consumes one and a half times his weight in other people's patience.

Lite: The new way to spell "light" with 20% fewer letters!

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. But…beware of Greeks bearing gifts.

It works better if you plug it in first.

Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.

Anticiparcellate, v. Waiting until the mailman is several houses down the street before picking up the mail, so as not to appear too anxious.

The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

Don't tell me how hard you work. Tell me how much you get done.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit…the target.

If you lend someone $20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

Everything is always okay in the end; if it's not okay, then it's not the end.

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