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More Than A System



The ChemStation System of custom-formulated, environmentally friendly industrial cleaning and process chemicals…delivered to refillable containers located in your facility…is just part of the story. We can formulate our products to comply with ANSI Standards and Military Standards. Specialized training is offered to our partners with product and procedure training. OSHA and Regulatory Compliance Assistance are available. And, our team can assist you with the following training:

- ✔ Employee
- ✔ Lockout/Tagout
- ✔ Safe Chemical Handling
- ✔ Hazard Communication

Talk to your ChemStation Account Representative for more details. ■

Office Eating Habits Can Lead To Absenteeism

A national study disclosed that less than half of American office workers clean up before eating at their desks. This lack of rudimentary hygiene, especially during cold and flu season, can lead to increased worker illness and absenteeism.

The study found that 46 percent of respondents do not clean their desks or work surfaces prior to eating from them, while 54 percent said that they didn't always wash their hands in an effective manner prior to eating.

Employers can help by providing adequate personal cleaning supplies, posting signs and notices reminding employees to wash their hands, and always making sure that proper hand cleaning supplies are available. ■



Looking At April

In April we celebrate National Kite Month, National Garden Month, and International Guitar Month. The American Egg Board designates the week following Easter as Egg Salad Week. The third week in April is celebrated as Cowboy Poetry Week. TV Turnoff Week is the last week in April and is probably sponsored by the Readers Guild. We all know April 1 is All Fools Day but did you know that it is also the day (in 1778) that Oliver Pollack invented the dollar sign ($)? On April 3, 1860, the Pony Express began delivering the mail. April 6, 1896 was opening day of the first modern Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. Thirty-four years later on April 6, 1930, Twinkies hit the market. Charles F. Richter was born on April 26, 1900 and 35 years later invented the Richter Scale (which measures the amount of energy released by an earthquake). Senior citizens take note, the first Social Security checks were distributed on April 27, 1939. Hairstylists Appreciation Day is April 30.

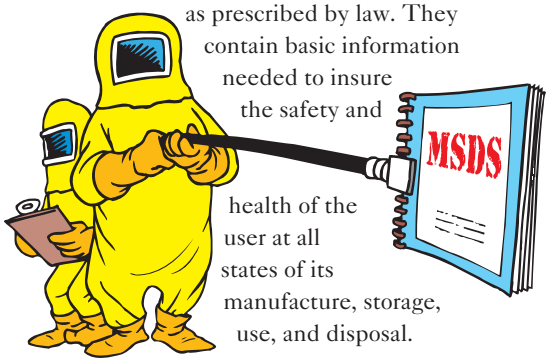
Shiny Floors



Want shiny floors? Maybe you need to look at one of ChemStation's shiny products. One of our customers was looking for something to improve the shine under their feet so our chemists designed a product that will develop and maintain a gloss on concrete floors while it cleans. Check it out with your ChemStation Account Representative. ■

MSDS History

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) contain printed material concerning a hazardous chemical, as prescribed by law. They contain basic information needed to insure the safety and health of the user at all states of its manufacture, storage, use, and disposal.



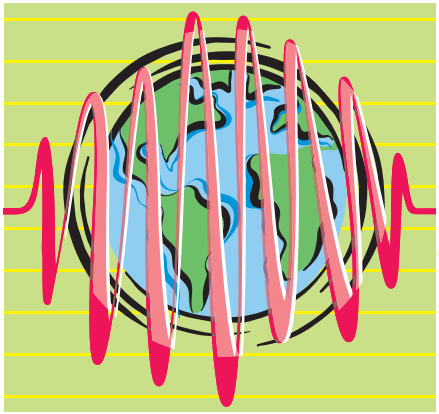
Since the middle of the 19th century, manufacturers have been supplying their customers with some sort of data sheet, either along with their product or on demand. On November 25, 1983, OSHA issued its final regulations. Under this ruling, MSDSs were required for all shipments of hazardous chemicals leaving the manufacturers' workplace.

ChemStation issues a full 16-section MSDS with every product it delivers to your place of business. A copy of the MSDS should be kept on file with other MSDSs and everyone at your facility should know the location of the MSDS file. We also have a one-page fact sheet, "How to Read an MSDS." They are available in English or Spanish and you can get one (or more) by asking your Account Representative. ■

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The Richter Scale

On April 26, 1900, Charles F. Richter was born and 35 years later the American seismologist invented the Richter Scale. The Richter Scale measures the amount of energy released by an earthquake by measuring the magnitude or seismic waves produced by an earthquake. The Richter Scale measures from 0 to 9. On the scale, each increase in number represents an earthquake 10 times more powerful.



A minor earthquake (measuring 3.0 to 3.9 on the Richter Scale) is often felt, but rarely causes damage and it is estimated that 49,000 occur every year. There are about 120 "strong" earthquakes per year (measuring 6.0 to 6.9) and can be destructive in areas up to about 100 miles across in populated areas.

The strongest earthquake ever recorded occurred off the coast of Chile on May 22, 1960. It measured 9.5 on the Richter Scale. The 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake measured 9.3, which is approximately the explosive force of 32 gigatons of TNT. ■



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Soapbox

A synonym is a word you use when you can't spell the word you first thought of.

The future is here. It's just not widely distributed yet.

A good rule of thumb is if you've made it to 35 and your job still requires you to wear a name tag, you've made a serious vocational error.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Why does a slight tax increase cost you $200 and a substantial tax cut saves you 30¢?

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. – *Will Rogers*

If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend.

Americans will put up with anything provided it doesn't block traffic. – *Dan Rather*

Why is it that our memory is good enough to retain the least triviality that happens to us, and yet not good enough to recollect how often we have told it to the same person?

If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.

Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside. – *Mark Twain*

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.

One of the universal rules of happiness is…always be wary of any helpful item that weighs less than its operating manual.

Nobody believes the official spokesman, but everybody trusts an unidentified source.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.