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Disadvantages of Using Bleach

Bleach is a popular product. It is commonly used for sanitizing and disinfecting and it is economical to use. However, using bleach has its disadvantages.

Bleach is highly corrosive, contains toxic fumes, dissipates quickly, and bleaches most fabrics.

Bleach causes irritation to the eyes and nose and is dangerous if mixed with many other cleaning chemicals.

Bleach is hard on surfaces. It dulls floor tiles and damages floor finish and grout.

Approximately 28% of poisonings from household products are due to bleach. Not only can this product harm humans, but it can also harm pets because of their lower air intake.

One of the biggest disadvantages of bleach is seldom discussed – BLEACH DOES NOT CLEAN! The actual EPA guidelines for using bleach require that the surfaces be pre-cleaned before sanitizing.

For all these reasons, we usually recommend that a “Quat” based Cleaner-Disinfectant be used instead of bleach. Cleaner-Disinfectants are designed to clean and disinfect at the same time, with the added benefit of a great fragrance. Lemon, mint, pine, cactus flower and lavender are some choices. The products are available in concentrated or ready-to-use forms. Some “Quats” are formulated to be Ph neutral in solution to be even safer to use on finished floors.

We will be happy to recommend the right product for your cleaning and disinfecting needs.

Tips, Tricks and Techniques

Here's a few tips to keep your vacuum cleaner running well....

- Check the bag regularly and replace it when it is full. A full vacuum cleaner bag means that the machine must work harder, or that it will not clean as well, or both.
- Don't vacuum up large objects. Pick up trash, pennies, etc. with your hands or use a broom.
- Never run the machine to the end of the cord so that the plug pulls out of the wall outlet while the machine is running. This could damage the cord and cause issues where the cord attaches to the vacuum.
- The power cord is a weak point on vacuum cleaners, so avoid getting it hung up on furniture, or other obstructions. Also avoid running over it with the roller brush.
- Turn off your vacuum immediately if you hear or feel it struggling or if you accidentally roll over anything you shouldn't. An abrupt change in the loudness or the tone of the noise usually indicates a problem. Unplug it, check for and remove any obstructions, then plug it back in and listen carefully when you restart it.

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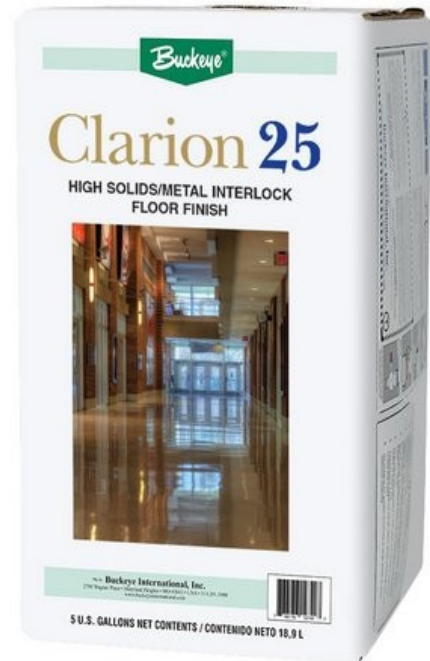
Clarion 25 is a High Solids Metal Interlock Floor Finish that maintains its high gloss with minimal maintenance.

Clarion 25 is an extremely durable floor finish that is ideal when there is limited equipment or manpower for a buffing program. Clarion 25 is versatile and may be used on all porous floors.

- GREAT "off the mop" SHINE
- Resists scuffs so floors look better longer
- Non-yellowing to extend time in between stripping
- Holds up under extreme conditions

Available in gallons or 5 gallon Action Pac

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