

ANTIMICROBIAL CARTS = CLEANER AND SAFER

Antimicrobial is defined as an "agent that kills microorganisms or stops their growth." The technology can be applied to a wide variety of products from floor tiles to hospital curtains to food transportation and storage systems to cleaning products to fabrics and much more. The obvious benefits of this technology supports the ongoing quest for cleanliness and safety in our homes, our offices, our hospitals and our schools.

Laundries are no exception. For example, hotels, hospitals, healthcare clinics, universities and other institutions need the assurance that their linens will be delivered clean and bacteria-free to their customers and guests every time.

Antimicrobial technology in laundry carts can help minimize the spread of infection from bacteria, mold, fungi and viruses to make sure that literally everyone who comes in contact with laundry carts is better protected. With the amount of people touching a cart on any given day, the potential impact of infections can be huge. "The peace-of-mind that comes with knowing your carts and any of its contents are clean and safe cannot be underestimated." says J.R. Ryan, president to Meese. Keeping employees healthy can help cut down on their number of sick days as well as preventing patients from developing additional infections and extensive hospital stays. Meese developed Silva-Trux as a way to address this issue. Antimicrobial technology is currently available on Bulk-Trux and Shelf-Trux with more products soon to be added.



DAN'S HOT TOPICS

Focus on Ergonomics

Research proves that tired, frustrated and uncomfortable workers can directly impact your company's productivity and quality of work. When you improve workplace conditions for your workers, you will help them as well as improve your bottom line through reduced turnover, less workers comp claims, decreased absenteeism, and improved morale.

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In the typical laundry work environment, team members spend lots of time bending and lifting and reaching in repetitive motions. These motions can be painful, monotonous and unsafe. As a result, many companies have designed products that address this issue. For example, Meese launched the ERGO line of material handling products to provide ergonomic solutions across many applications and industries. Meese's Spring-loaded 72ERGO Poly-Trux and the Platform Utility-Trux (25P24 and 25P30) include a platform that rises as items are removed, helping reduce the need for bending and lifting when processing linens in a laundry setting, sorting recyclable materials in an e-scrap setting, or handling products in a distribution center.

Additional ergonomic features include deep cutaway openings for easier accessibility, specially sized carts to fit under feed boards, industrial strength swivel casters for easy rolling, and many more.

See a video on Ergonomics in the Workplace.

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WORKPLACE SAFETY: OSHA Statistics

According to OSHA, these are the areas where most accidents happened in the workplace last year. Being aware of these dangers can help you prevent potential problems in your own workplace.

1. Fall Protection - 7,270 Violations (Harnesses, etc.) - Standard: 1926.501

2. Hazard Communication: 4,552 Violations - Standard: 1910.200

3. Scaffolds - 3,336 Violations - Standard: 1926.451

4. Respiratory Protection: 4,552 Violations - Standard: 1910.134

5. Lockout/Tagout: 2,944 Violations - Standard: 1910.147

6. Ladders: 2,812 Violations - Standard: 1926.1053

7. Powered Industrial Trucks: 2,294 Violations - Standard: 1910.178

8. Fall Protection - Training Requirements: 1,982 Violations - Standard: 1926.503

9. Machine Guarding: 1,972 Violations - Standard: 1910.212

10. Personal Protective and Lifesaving Equipment - Eye and Face Protection, 1,536 Violations

