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## Customized Cleaning Systems



**Indexing Rotary Spray** 



Single Piece Flow Ultrasonic Cleaning



High Pressure Spray Wash

### Parts Cleaning – How Clean is 'Clean'?

This is a simple question but the answer is more often very complex. Cleaning is the process of removing dirt and other types of soil (contamination) from the parts surface.

In today's high precision manufacturing environments, supplying of ultra-clean components is often paramount to performance and reliability of finished goods.

The automotive and aircraft OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers), continue to develop component cleanliness standards based around industry standard techniques and technologies that put the onus on the supplier to meet or exceed critical surface cleanliness requirements. What is "standard", however, are typically the assessment methodologies and techniques employed in which assess the surface cleanliness levels.

We can break down the parts cleanliness assessment into three generic descriptions of their function. These descriptions are defined as:

Surface residues isolation

Surface residues measurement

Surface residues characterization

The primary reference specifications which address the cleanliness descriptions described above are:

- ISO-4405 Determination of particulate contamination by the gravimetric method
- ISO-4406 Method for coding the level of contamination by solid particles
- ISO-4407 Determination of particulate contamination by the counting method using an optical microscope







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### **CASE STUDIES**



#### **Multistage Conveyorized Wash**

**Objective** : Removal of Pressing Oil, Loose Burr and Dust

**Component** : Geyser dome

**Input contamination** : Oil, loose burr, dust particle

Present Method : Manual cleaning

Expected cleaning

Requirement

: Surface free from oil, dust, burr. No manual work



#### Solution provided by GALA

Machine used : Conveyorized horizontal high pressure spray washing

Cleaning Media : Alkaline chemical

First Stage : High pressure spray wash
Second Stage : Rinsing with rust inhibitor

**Third Stage** : Hot air drying

**Advantages** : 1) Improved productivity

2) Better consistency





#### **Customized Single Piece flow Ultrasonic Cleaning**

**Objective** : To remove water based coolant, loose chips

**Component** : Swash Plate

**Cleaning Requirement**: Surface free from coolant, chips, loose burr

**Input Contamination**: Coolant, loose chips

Present Method : Manual wash



#### Solution provided by GALA

Machine used : Single Piece Flow Ultrasonic Cleaning System

Cleaning media : Alkaline degreasing compound

First Stage : Ultrasonic cleaning

Second stage : Rinsing

**Third stage** : Hot air drying

Advantages : 1) No manual intervention 2) Uniform cleaning

3) 70% reduction in labour cost



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Before

After



#### **Indexing Type Rotary Spray Wash**

**Objective** : Removal of dust, oil & Auto rust preventive

Components : Liners

**Input Contamination** : Dust, oil

**Input Millipore** : 15 mg **Expected Millipore** : < 10 mg

**Present Method** : Manual spraywash

**Problems Faced** : Improper cleaning, Labour involvement,

High cleaning cost



#### Solution provided by GALA

Machine used: : Indexing Type Rotary Spray Wash System

: MTO Cleaning media

First Stage : High pressure MTO spray Second stage : Compressed air drying

Third stage : Rust Preventive spray

Fourth stage : Air blow

**Advantages** : 1) Uniform cleaning 2) No manual work

3) Reduction in labour cost by 80% 4) Improved productivity



#### Multi - Chamber Multi- Process Ultrasonic Cleaning

**Objective** : Degreasing & removal of rust

Component : Machined Casting

Input contamination : Rust, oil, dirt

**Present Method** : Manual cleaning

**Expected cleaning** 

Requirement

: Complete removal of Rust, oil and dirt



#### Solution provided by GALA

Machine used : Multi-chamber, Multi-process Ultrasonic cleaning Cleaning Media : Alkaline base aqueous chemical & rust inhibitor

First Stage : Ultrasonic Cleaning Second Stage : Immersed flood rinsing

**Third Stage** : Hot air drying

: 1) 100% rust removal **Advantages** 

2) Productivity improvement by 40%





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### **Phosphating Plants**



Phosphating is a chemical process for treating the surface of steel whereby metal-phosphate layers that are hardly soluble are formed on the base material.

Phosphate coating is employed for the purpose of pretreatment prior to coating or painting, increasing corrosion protection and improving friction properties of sliding components

Phosphate conversion coatings can also be used on aluminium, zinc, cadmium, silver and tin. The main types of phosphate coatings are manganese, iron and zinc. Manganese phosphates are used both for corrosion resistance and lubricity and are applied only by immersion.

#### Types of phosphating



#### Mangenese phosphating

Manganese phosphate coatings are the hardest, providing unbeatable corrosion and abrasion protection. These coatings are applied only by immersion. Manganese phosphate is usually oiled rather than painted, often engine and machine parts

will be manganese phosphated for a measure of dry lubricity during the break-in period before oil can lubricate them.

Use of manganese phosphate is especially useful in projects that require sliding of parts, such as automotive engines and transmission systems.

**Application:** Bearings, bushings, fasteners and other common industrial products. Use of manganese phosphate is especially useful in projects that require sliding of parts, such as automotive engines and transmission systems.



#### **Zinc Phosphating**

Zinc phosphate is a lighter alternative to manganese phosphate. They can be immersion type or spray type. They are lighter alternative to manganese phosphating. Zinc phosphating is more expensive and thicker, requiring separate cleaning and phosphatizing steps, but resulting in a heavier and better paint base, sometimes called the 7-step process. It is also applicable to galvanized parts, and can be used on aluminum parts.

**Application:** Rust proofing of ferrous parts. Aerospace industries, automotive industries.



#### **Iron Phosphating**

Iron phosphating is simpler and cheaper, usually only requiring a one-step cleaning-plus-phosphating step and two rinse, it is sometimes called the 3-step process. it's only applicable to steel parts.



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