

Mopping Up After 14 Million Feet



Floors, restrooms and carpets at Indianapolis International Airport are cleaned with low toxicity, hydrogen peroxide-based products from EnvirOx.

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Each year, over seven million people travel through Indianapolis International Airport, tracking dirt and debris over 673,000 square feet of terminal space, including 150,000 square feet of restroom floor tile, and 200,000 square feet of carpet. It's a 24-hour a day job for the staff of 60 to keep up with the cleaning demands of the facility.

Sherry Smith, terminal services manager for the airport is constantly looking for new ways to get the job done faster and easier. About a year ago, her supplier, Jesse Camacho with Camacho Equipment and Janitorial Supply in Indianapolis, brought to her attention the EnvirOx product line of environmentally preferred, hydrogen peroxide-based products.

The hydrogen peroxide-based products he recommended included Grout-Safe® Tile & Grout Cleaner, H₂Orange₂®117 Multi-Purpose Cleaner-Sanitizer-Virucide-HBV, and Quick-Spot® Carpet and Upholstery Spotter.

It was a day that changed the way Indianapolis International Airport was cleaned and sanitized.

Tackling the Bathrooms

"The tile floors in the restrooms handle a lot of heavy traffic," Smith notes. "We are mopping those quite often." As with any restroom, the challenge is in eliminating the restroom odors. Camacho suggested the use of Grout-Safe Tile and Grout Cleaner for use on the tile floors, and H₂Orange₂ 117 Multi-Purpose Cleaner-Sanitizer-Virucide-HBV for the rest of the restroom cleaning and sanitizing.

"We noticed a difference in the restroom odor right away," Smith points out. "We get compliments from travelers on how fresh our restrooms smell. People like the clean, light citrus smell. It's not a chemical smell."

That's because Grout-Safe's hydrogen peroxide-based formulation actually penetrates into the grout, and destroys the source of bathroom odor, namely urine salt.

Clean and Sanitized

When the staff cleans with H₂Orange₂ 117, they are also making the surfaces safer for the public. It is registered by the EPA as a five-minute sanitizer-virucide-HIV stat for hard surfaces. As an EPA-registered

sanitizer, it kills 99.99% of common bacteria, including staph, strep, and salmonella, and 99.9% of specified viruses, including HIV-1, Influenza, and Hepatitis B.

Keeping Carpets Clean

With the number of passengers on 350 daily flights, one can imagine the number of coffee spills and wayward catsup squirts on the airport's 200,000 square feet of carpet. The housekeeping staff needs a product that works quickly and effectively.

"Quick-Spot does just what the name says it will do," remarks Smith. "We get instant results with it. It's easy, it smells good, and it works. It's our magic secret weapon against carpet stains."

Major carpet mills agree with Smith, as they recommend the use of Quick-Spot on their carpets.

So the next time you need to clean up after a few pairs of feet, or seven million, take a tip from the housekeeping professionals at Indianapolis International Airport and depend on the safety and effectiveness of EnvirOx products.