

Proving Clean: Learning the ATPs of Cleaning

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Hamilton, OH – August 10, 2011 - Today looking clean is not enough. The professional cleaning industry is being asked to prove that a surface is hygienically clean, helping to protect the health of building users.

Fortunately, science has developed a system that allows us to do just this: handheld ATP monitoring systems.

However, many cleaning professionals are not sure what these systems are, how they work, or how ATP levels can help determine if a surface is clean and sanitary.

The following Kaivac Cleaning Challenge is designed to help clarify these issues and answer some questions about ATP.

Take the Challenge and check your answers below:

1. What does the acronym ATP stand for?

- Adenosine triphosphate
- Acidic triphosphate
- Abietic tetraphenyltin

2. What is ATP?

A type of bacteria often found on surfaces
An energy molecule found in all living things
A chemical compound that indicates a surface is contaminated

3. In what year was ATP discovered?

- 1973
- 1929
- 1996

4. What does a high reading of ATP on a surface indicate?

- Potential contamination, improper cleaning
- A clean surface
- Presence of germs and bacteria

5. What areas of a facility should most often be tested for ATP?

- Large surface areas such as restroom countertops

- Restroom fixtures, faucets, and flush valves
- All high-touch areas

6. When should a surface be tested for ATP?

- Immediately after cleaning
- Before and after cleaning
- About five minutes after cleaning

7. Some ATP monitoring system can reveal test results in?

- Fifteen seconds
- Five to ten minutes
- Depends on the type of surface tested

Answers and Explanations

1. Adenosine triphosphate
2. An energy molecule found in all living things
3. 1929
4. Potential contamination, improper cleaning
5. All high-touch areas
6. Before and after cleaning (This proves cleaning has made a difference and the surface has been hygienically cleaned.)
7. Fifteen seconds

The Kaivac Cleaning Challenge is an ongoing service by Kaivac, Inc., designed to help cleaning professionals maintain facilities so that they are cleaner and healthier with minimal impact on the environment.

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