



Three cheers for Kaivac from North Carolina State University

Recent scientific studies prove that Kaivac Inc.'s patented No-Touch Cleaning™ system is more effective than conventional systems at removing surface contaminants — a key reason so many facilities are jumping on the no-touch bandwagon. With concerns about communicable diseases, facilities need to both appear healthy and be hygienically clean. This priority to protect health is increasing interest in the Kaivac system.

While health benefits of the system are appreciated, the attributes that drew accolades when it was first introduced cannot be overlooked, including:

- No-touch cleaning is two-thirds faster than typical cleaning methods, according to the Official ISSA Cleaning Times studies
- It's more effective than conventional methods, according to studies presented at the Cleaning Industry Research Institute (CIRI) symposiums
- It is exceptionally flexible, tackling a variety of tasks and surfaces, according to end users
- No-touch cleaning helps professional-custodial staff.

Sustainability tips the scale

Running a university, like running a business, requires managers to adjust to changing times and conditions. For instance, North Carolina State University, like many organizations, has a growing concern for sustainability. Green cleaning goals and recent drought conditions have caused the university to heighten efforts to provide environmentally preferable and staff-friendly cleaning products while reducing water consumption.

The university has more than 32,500 students using over 10 million square feet of facilities. Protecting the environment and



human health, while reducing water consumption, is an undertaking that affects all departments, including housekeeping.

"Previously, we used foam guns and traditional mop and bucket cleaning systems," says Albert Scott, NC State's director of housekeeping. "But, to reduce water consumption and minimize health risks, we sought a more efficient means of cleaning."

Consequently, Scott began investigating various "no-touch" systems.

"They all had their own benefits, but the Kaivac stood above the rest," says Scott. "We were seeking a no-touch, high-pressure machine with the ability not only to clean restrooms but also to perform other functions, thus reducing the need for redundant equipment. Kaivac provided everything we needed and more. Additionally, we were able to utilize Kaivac's Green Seal chemicals to fulfill our restroom cleaning needs. One accessory that we were extremely interested in was the KaiSump, which allows our staff to deal with floods in buildings."

The patented KaiSump essentially converts a Kaivac machine into a "continuous" disaster- and flood-recovery system. After flood water is removed, the No-Touch

Cleaning system can be used for final cleanup to remove associated soils and contaminants.

Kaivac — the most popular machine on campus

Scott says that his employees liked the Kaivac system immediately.

"We're able to clean twice as many restrooms in the same time," he says. "Previously, one of our custodians tried to clean a soiled restroom's tile and grout for over two years with little luck; the Kaivac took care of it in one summer, and now it looks great."

"The machine is used primarily for restrooms," adds Scott, "but we expect to expand its use to include outdoor building entries, shops, tables, mats and chairs. Because it's lightweight, workers can transport the machine up and down stairs, throughout campus."

"The only problem is that we don't have enough of them," says Scott. "They're so popular that our managers would order one for all 275 custodial employees if we could afford it."

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