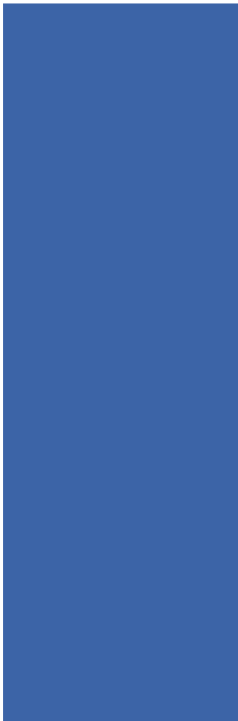
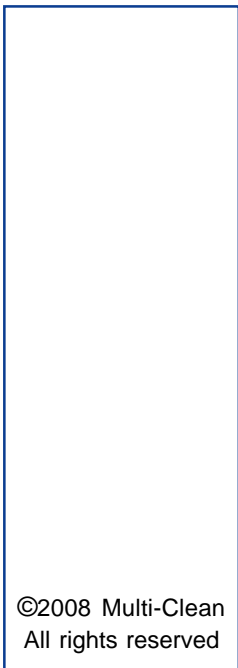


## Static Dissipative Floor Care Method Bulletin 1404



A complete system of Multi-Clean® products and recommended maintenance procedures for a static dissipative floor care program.

**Multi-Stat Finish  
Take Charge II  
Stampede Stripper**



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## THE ESD RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

1. Finish	2. Cleaner	3. Stripper
<b>Multi-Stat Floor Finish</b>	<b>Take Charge II Cleaner</b>	<b>Stamped High Performance Stripper</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brilliant shine</li> <li>• Highly repairable</li> <li>• Ultra high speed responsive</li> <li>• Dissipates static charges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neutral, non-dulling</li> <li>• Removes soil</li> <li>• Pleasant fragrance</li> <li>• Helps retain resistivity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes multiple coats</li> <li>• No solvent odors</li> <li>• Pleasant scent</li> <li>• Excellent value</li> </ul>

## UNDERSTANDING ESD

### Who Should Be Concerned....

*Medical Device Manufacturing, Computer Rooms, Switching Stations, Hospital Labs and Critical Care Areas, Clean Rooms Laboratories, Circuit Board Assembly, Electronic Components Assembly, Printing and Converting Operations, Virtually any place computers and sophisticated microelectronics are made or used.*

**Our increasing dependence on computers and microprocessor controlled equipment and instruments is broadening the spectrum for users of Static Control Products.**

- \* **Static Electricity** is the accumulation of an electric charge. It is electricity at rest (static), as opposed to electric current which is moving.
- \* **ESD** (Electro Static Discharge) occurs when the static charge is transferred from a material (or person) that carries the charge to an electrostatic sensitive device.

### Problems caused by ESD...

- Damage of sensitive electronic components during manufacture, assembly, packaging and storage.
- Computer and Office Equipment failures and errors.
- Production problems with paper, plastics, and other materials in printing, packaging, or converting.
- Ignition of combustible vapors and dusts.
- Attraction of dust, dirt, and microbes to environmental surfaces.
- Damage to microprocessor controlled machinery.

The increasing complexity of electronic equipment, computers, manufacturing equipment and processes has made effective control of ESD extremely important!!!!

**Static** charges can also be created by movement of any object across a floor provided there is separation of two dissimilar objects.

### How Electrostatic Discharge Occurs . . . . .

#### 1. Generating a Charge

**When** a person walks across a floor, static electricity is generated simply by the contact and separation of the soles of the individuals shoes from the floor (this phenomenon is accentuated during low humidity and on certain types of flooring such as carpeting).

#### 2. Transferring Static Electricity

Electrostatic Discharge occurs when the built up static electricity (on a person or object), is transferred to an electrostatic discharge sensitive object. It is this transfer of electrical energy that can be so damaging to electronic devices.

# WHAT IS ESD?

**Properties of Materials:** A method of classifying the ability of materials to allow flow of electricity is by Electrical Resistance (the unit of resistance is the ohm). Four resistance categories help us differentiate the electrical properties of materials and their ability to generate static charges.

- \* **Insulative:** This type of material does not allow for the flow of electrons across or through its bulk. An insulative material has high electrical resistance.
- \* **Anti-Static:** This type of material will resist the build-up of static charges.
- \* **Static Dissipative:** *This type of material can allow static charges to be generated, however, electrons are easily transferred to ground or other conductive objects. This material has a lower electrical resistance compared to an insulative material.*
- \* **Conductive:** This type of material allows a charge to flow through it with ease, meaning it has low electrical resistance.

## Understanding Performance Properties and Terminology Used

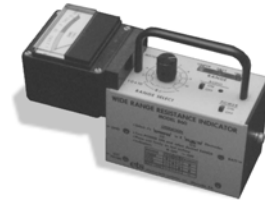
- \* **Surface Resistivity:** This property measures surface resistivity in ohms/sq (read "ohms per square"). The surface resistivity allows us to classify surfaces (insulative, anti-static, static dissipative, conductive) and allow monitoring performance of a static dissipative finish.

### Surface Resistivity Range

1 x 10<sup>14</sup> or greater  
 1 x 10<sup>10</sup> to 1 x 10<sup>13</sup>  
 1 x 10<sup>7</sup> to 1 x 10<sup>9</sup>  
 1 x 10<sup>6</sup> or less

### Classification

Insulative  
 Anti-Static  
 Static Dissipative  
 Conductive



**Surface Resistivity** can be monitored with a simple resistance meter or a more sophisticated mega ohm meter.

- \* **Decay Time:** This is a measurement of the time it takes for a charge to dissipate from the surface. The standard test method measures the time it takes to dissipate a 5000 volt charge. Varying standards usually require a decay time of 2-5 seconds.
- \* **Triboelectric Charge Suppression:** Triboelectric charging is the term used to describe the generation of static electricity by rubbing two materials together (such as walking across a floor). This is a difficult property to measure and is not as important as surface resistivity or decay time.

**Materials that are insulative have an excellent ability to generate and hold static charges. Some examples of insulative materials include conventional tile, terrazzo, and concrete flooring.**

## MULTI-STAT ESD CONTROL FINISH

### Properties of Multi-Stat Finish

Surface Resistivity .....	10 <sup>7</sup> @ 50% humidity
	10 <sup>9</sup> @ 15% humidity
Decay Time .....	0.1 Secs (5000 V)
% Solids .....	20% (by Weight)
pH .....	9.3
Slip Resistance .....	Passes ASTM D2047 (James Machine Method)
Dry Time per Coat .....	2 hours
Static Charge Generation .....	None

### Key Features

- Prevents Triboelectric charging of pedestrians
- Dissipates a 5,000 volt static charge in less than 0.1 seconds according to MIL-BB-81705B
- High gloss finish offers excellent durability and is easy to maintain with high speed equipment.
- Slip Resistant Finish per ASTM D2047.

*Static Charges do not have to be felt or seen to cause damage. For a person to feel a discharge, the charge would be in the 4000 - 6000 volt range, to see a spark requires 8000 volts. In contrast, some electronic equipment can be damaged by a static discharge of less than 100 volts.*

# THE STATIC DISSIPATIVE FLOOR CARE PROGRAM

## INITIAL APPLICATION

1. Floors should be clean and dry. Remove old finishes with Stampede Stripper. Rinse thoroughly with plain water.
2. Apply up to 4 coats Multi-Stat Floor Finish allowing 2 hours between coats. Coverage about 2,000-2,500 sq. ft./gallon. Two coats minimum.

**Optional:** Multi-Clean StainLess can be applied to porous tiles as a base sealer on newly stripped floors. Apply 2 coats, 1 hour dry time between coats.

**CAUTION:** Multi-Stat Floor Finish will help control ESD when applied to conventional vinyl flooring, or vinyl composition tile. It also can be used on concrete floors sealed with Constant Sheild LD-1000 or HD-3000 epoxy. DO NOT USE this product on special conductive tile flooring or conductive epoxy coatings. Contact your Multi-Clean Distributor Representative or Multi-Clean Technical Service.

**NOTE:** Multi-Stat Floor Finish should not be wet cleaned more than 1-2 times per week. Use only Take Charge II with a clean damp mop as described. Use the least amount of cleaning solution possible.

A hand held resistivity meter can be used to monitor performance of the finish. If readings are above  $1 \times 10^{10}$  ohms/sq., this means the floor may need to be recoated to restore static dissipative properties.

Resistivity Meters that measure surface resistivity or a mega-ohmmeter are both suitable for testing the floor if desired.

## RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Below is an outline of a suggested basic maintenance routine designed to keep floors at a high level of appearance and optimize performance at all times. The system is flexible and can be fine tuned to accommodate individual traffic levels.

### DAILY



**DUST MOP** floor daily with a clean, dust mop to remove abrasive dirt particles, dust, and debris from the floor. Dust mops may be lightly pre-treated with a solution of Take Charge II (8 oz./gallon). Lightly mist mop, allow to dry 2 hours prior to use.

*If required, the floor can be tested for surface resistivity. Readings are usually in the range of  $1 \times 10^7$ - $1 \times 10^9$  depending on temperature and humidity. Readings  $1 \times 10^{10}$  or greater may indicate recoating of the floor is suggested.*



**MAINTAIN:** (Optional) Spray buffing can be done with a 175-300rpm machine using a red pad and a 1:2 dilution of Multi-Stat Finish. The finish can also be high speed burnished if desired.

### WEEKLY



Damp mop floor using a solution of Take Charge II at 8 oz./gal. Wring out mop thoroughly so the floor is barely wet. Over-saturating the floor with water can reduce static dissipative performance. An autoscrubber can be used only if cleaning solution is dispensed at a low rate.

### RECOAT: EVERY 3-6 MONTHS



**DEEP SCRUB** with a blue pad using Take Charge II at 8 oz./gallon. Use an automatic scrubber or a floor machine and wet/dry vacuum.

**RINSE** floor after scrubbing with plain water.

**APPLY** 2 coats Multi-Stat Finish, allow 2 hours between coats.

*TEST resistivity of the floor 12-24 hours later.*



### STRIP: ENTIRE FLOOR AS NEEDED



**STRIP** floor with Stampede at 1:8. Rinse after stripping.

**APPLY** up to 4 total coats seal and/or finish. Allow 2 hours between coats.

**OPTIONAL:** Stripped tile or terrazzo floors can be sealed with 2 coats of StainLess prior to applying Multi-Stat Finish.

**Precautions:**

- \* Wet cleaning the floor more than one time per week or oversaturating the floor with cleaning solution can reduce the static dissipative properties of the finish.
- \* Always allow a 2 hour dry time between coats of finish.

