ESD Corner

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Hot News

3M Static Control Products Are Now **Available Through ESD Systems**

As an authorized distributor, ESD SYSTEMS.com will be stocking 3M wrist straps, constant monitors, and ESD floor and table mats. ESD SYSTEMS.com is the largest distributor of ESD protective products in the world providing customers with high quality products and service at an outstanding value. 3M high quality products are now available to help customers maintain an effective ESD control program.

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🎉 Dr. Zap

Use ESD Control Products Correctly Or You Can Do More Harm Than Good

A Comprehensive Program Is Required For Effective ESD Control

By: Gene Felder and Fred Tenzer* Reprinted From Comformity Magazine

With most companies pressured by global competition, effective ESD control can be a key to improving productivity, quality, and customer satisfaction. It is a pity that many companies buy ESD protective products or equipment and then misuse them, often causing more harm than good.

For example, ESD smocks are not grounded. To resolve that problem, ESD garments are available that can be grounded via a coil cord to snap at wrist or hip-to-cuff, allowing hands free operation. In addition, using a wristband or a conductive cuff, charges can be removed to ground via ESD footwear in conjunction with ESD flooring. Otherwise, one might just use regular smocks made of cotton or other



low charging fabric, instead of taking a chance that the ESD garment fabric will become an isolated charged conductor that can discharge to ESD sensitive items.



It's not a pretty sight to see money thrown away, but this is the effect if ESD protective products are not used properly and not used as an overall system. It gets worse when the focus becomes reducing the pricing of items to save pennies. The real focus should be on the development of a complete ESD control program and using ESD control products properly.

This focus can turn the ESD control program into a competitive advantage. Top companies improve productivity, quality, and customer satisfaction. They obtain financial returns of 50%, 100%, 200% ROI, and up to 1,000% ROI has been achieved and documented. An effective ESD control program is not rocket science, but it does require knowledge, discipline, periodic verification and using ESD protective products as a comprehensive system.

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Item No. Description

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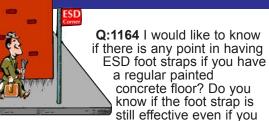
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don't have ESD floors?

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Q:1166 The more Relative Humidity is low, the less static electricity becomes an issue in the working area. Is it a myth?

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Q:1167 Do I need to seal the metalized static bag with zipper if I put the unit inside the bag? Why?

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Q:1163 How frequently should an end user measure the resistance of ESD mats and ESD protective flooring?

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