



Hanzl Power Wipes (for general cleaning) Supersede PF Wipes

As many will know, Occupational Health nurses have been travelling the country carrying out skin checks for staff who work with products that could damage the skin, in particular PF wipes and Jem resin. In addition, Responsible Persons training has been carried out and during this training some specific actions have been identified, which include the removal of the PF (and Zeppe) wipe from vehicles where they have been used for **purposes other than those specified in jointing and linesmen activities**, and replacing with the Hanzl Power wipe.

The second phase of skin checks by Occupational Health is ongoing and, the nurses have reported that many people, from all parts of the Business, not just jointers and linesmen, still regularly handle the PF wipe to clean tools and equipment and in some reported cases their hands! These wipes **MUST NOT** be used with bare skin.

As a reminder, the PF wipe contains Orange Terpene, which is a skin sensitiser and can result in occupational dermatitis if the recommended controls are not followed. Its use in the Business is now very specific and should no longer be used for general cleaning purposes.



The *one* area where the PF wipe can still be used is for those tasks where an absolutely clean/ dry surface is required, e.g. jointing:- when removing the bitumen coat from an old joint and cleaning the core of the cable (specific gloves have been recommended). Also, Live Lines work- when cleaning the shroud & Unimog insulated arm. (All other wipes trialled have a slight water content and therefore cannot be used where a dry contact is required).

The Hanzl Power Wipe is a good multi-purpose wipe that has been designed for use on the skin (hence removal of Zeppe wipe) and in addition it *will* clean grime & dirt found in all other work environments (excluding actual jointing).

These wipes are available through stores and all operatives should carry them in their vehicles. If you do not perform those tasks specified and PF wipes are present in your vehicles, please replace with the Hanzl wipe and return the PF wipes to stores.

Should anyone wish to discuss this further, please contact your line manager.