

Builders and Post Construction Cleaning

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How to Use This Information

We want you to get the best out of the information you are given and apply it to your next builder's clean.

Part 1 the background to the work and how to design the clean and what to look for. All these cleans have to be designed carefully and correctly and here we show you how to do this.

Part 2 is the little training course designed especially to achieve very high standards of cleaning and detailing which is needed for builder's cleaning work.

Part 3 is the all-important site safety course, broadly following the UK CSCS scheme but with more information which applies to cleaning work on site. The reason for this is that builder's cleans is a very wide market encompassing very many different situations. We want you to have an idea of what could happen in these situations.

Other countries may not have anything similar but where ever there is a building site there will be problems – even if it is almost completed. You may even have to go in to the site when it hasn't been in operation for very long – we have, in many instances. So study what you need to know and then put it into practice. It's the result of many hours of inductions and work on building sites, some of the largest in Europe.

Most of the information is designed for your cleaners as well as the person who is responsible for the contract. It's no use going onto one of these cleans without a trained and well – informed set of cleaners – because you will lose the contract and probably never get another – and we've covered enough poor work from cleaners to know that there are some very poorly trained cleaners (and their companies) out there.

Cleaning a site during or after construction is difficult work which is quite often not treated with

the respect it deserves so get the cleaners trained in this work.

But you have to be very good at the job, and you need experience – but you have to start somewhere – and that's here! We'll show you everything you need to know about carrying out these unique cleans so that the work you will be doing is the best – and that means lots of repeat business. It really does! In fact the skills you need are easily transferrable to your office cleans and domestic cleans and can only improve your business approval ratings.

It also means that you can go after the difficult contracts which often go unfilled due to lack of knowledge and ability. So the future is all good if you start as you mean to go on.

As we have said, this is not easy work and it can vary from heavy duty cleaning to an almost light walk round, but often it's nearer heavy duty than light - at times. You do need skill to do these cleans but more than anything else you need to have a good eye for the work and an understanding that no matter how filthy and dirty the place is (unusual but not unknown) when you first see it, it has to be brought up to that "as new and untouched place of beauty" when you have finished it. That you have the ability to do this, is reflected in the price you will charge.

The information is divided into sections. In each, we outline everything that you need to know in that particular area. Some information you will find covered twice but as usual there is always a reason for this – information in context is better for you than information but out of context. So please bear this in mind and see for yourself where it applies. Some information is only touched lightly upon –floor restoration for example. Much of this needs specialist knowledge and this is best gained when you aren't in the middle of a builder's clean and running out of time. That said, we have given you enough to be going on with - because most of the time the surfaces are all new and you may be working behind floor layers and similar specialists.

Now take notice of this

Throughout the text you will find these little pieces of information highlighted in yellow. This is the information you absolutely have to take notice of.

Other points to be aware of, are *highlighted in bold* where needed.

Part 1 Background