

Safety is the number one concern in our plant. Safety starts with proper housekeeping. There are numerous vendors of cleaning solutions but how many are "partners" in your organization? Eco-Chem has introduced us to a product that we consider the best in the business for proper cleaning, not only of the brick, mortar and steel, but the machines and all the inner workings. Foam it, pump it, wipe it, and hose it down. We have found that the product "melts" away old ink, not only on the machine or in the pans, but our anilox rolls.

Testing took place in many of our facilities before we decided to roll this out to our entire organization. Initial cleanings were introduced in the ink systems and the foamer's on the machines allowed for deep cleaning. Depending on the severity of the dirt and ink build up, this may take a few applications. Once we accomplished this, we use it on every wash up to maintain. We have seen a reduction in clean up times at weeks end as well as a reduction in anilox roll cleaning with the preverbal "Soda Blaster". This all saves time, which is money to our organization. Along the way we also achieved better print coverage.

The Eco-Chem people are willing to go the extra mile and if there is a problem, they jump right on it and get to our facility ASAP. As always there are learning curves and we had our share. Case in point, we had a facility that was using too much product, Eco-Chem questioned that and resolved the issue, saving us money. I must mention that the problem was an internal issue to our organization. That's what I mean by partnership.

The product has made a favorable impact to our business that I have not seen in my 36 years in the corrugated business.

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