



CLEANING EQUIPMENT

Escalating the cleaning agenda

The latest orders for the Goscor Cleaning Equipment escalator cleaner have come from Lami Hygiene Care for use in two of the biggest shopping centres in Johannesburg – one in Bedfordview and another in Sandton.

Matthew Middleton, product manager for Goscor, claims that the exceptional performance of the escalator cleaner is turning heads in the market with enquiries growing daily. "Unlike other cleaning methods such as steaming, machines with dry and abrasive brushes and aggressive hand cleaning, our machine cleans escalators without removing powder coatings or scratching the surface."

Lami's Corne van Staden agrees. "It's the best escalator cleaner in the market. We were so satisfied with what it did at the first shopping centre that we did not hesitate to order one for the Sandton centre too."

The machine sprays a measured, minimal amount of chemical solution onto the step and riser. It is then agitated onto the surfaces by brushes which are too soft to cause any damage to either the aluminium or anodised and painted surfaces but hard enough to remove tough dirt and grease. A specifically formulated chemical for use on all types of escalators, combined with gentle and effective friction, enables the brushes to transport the dirt onto a collection tray and then, by vacuum, to a holding tank. The escalator surface is left clean and dry without risk of contamination to lubricating oils in escalator drums or damage to electrical circuits.

During the cleaning process, all embedded foreign matter, which could damage the escalator, is removed manually. "This is an important aspect of the cleaning process as all sand, dirt and spillage, which would normally have combined with oil and grease to form a grinding paste in the escalator mechanism, are completely removed," says Middleton.