

WORKING HAND IN HAND WITH GOOD HYGIENE

Creating a healthier, more hygienic environment
to bring out the best in your employees.



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The Hygienic Choice - Hand towels or Hand dryers?

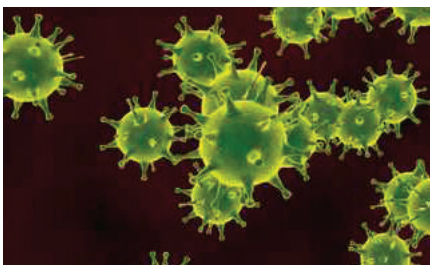
Problem

A Facility Manager needed to choose between using hand dryers and paper towels for the office washrooms. A deciding factor was how hygienic each option is. He was interested in understanding the ways in which bacteria spread, with the potential to transmit illness and disease.

The Test¹

In November 2014, scientists from the University of Leeds, led by Professor Mark Wilcox of the School of Medicine performed a research test to study the difference between using hand dryers and paper towels.

Results



Airborne germ counts were 27 times higher around jet air dryers in comparison with the air around paper towel dispensers.



Air bacterial counts close to jet air dryers were found to be 4.5 times higher around warm hand dryers.

Hygiene Solutions²

The hygienic efficacy of hand drying includes drying efficiency, the effective removal of bacteria, and the prevention of cross-contamination. Where all these factors are concerned, hand paper towels have proven to be the superior option for a thorough clean.³

Kimberly-Clark Professional's* range of Hand Towels promise to provide a thorough and hygienic clean. Facility Managers can be assured that -

- They are creating a healthier and more productive work environment for tenants
- Time spent drying hands after a wash is halved, thereby avoiding congestion in the washroom
- Kimberly-Clark Professional* solutions are sustainable and eco-friendly. KLEENEX® Brand and SCOTT® Brand towels are FSC and EcoLogo® certified and meet the EPA standards for minimum post consumer waste content

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