

Strippers made safer



Raising awareness of alternatives

Seven leading European producers of user-friendly paint stripper and cleaning products have founded EASCR – European Association for Safer Coatings Removal.

The purpose of the Association is to educate trade and industry, government bodies and consumers about the health risks associated with working with dichloromethane (methylene chloride)-based paint strippers and to inform them of effective and safer alternatives.

EASCR promotes the development of safer, dichloromethane-free paint strippers.

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LEAD LIMITER LAUNCHED

Project CBC is a British Telecom proposal to manage the 'lead in the air' hazard associated with the disturbance of Cotton Braided Cables. Dry removal of old cables coated with lead-based paint used to result in unacceptable levels of lead in the air.

BT identified **Eco Solutions'** technology and its Trade Strip products as a

means of controlling the hazard. Eco Solutions joined a research programme that included Accenture HRS and the Institute of Occupational Medicine to look at how its products could be used to deliver a solution.

Research included a laboratory examination and a field trial that proved that the technology was a match for the CBC hazard.

The company's Lead Limiter product penetrates through the CBC and encapsulates any lead



Safe cutting of cables

particles into the product, allowing safe cutting and removal of cables.

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