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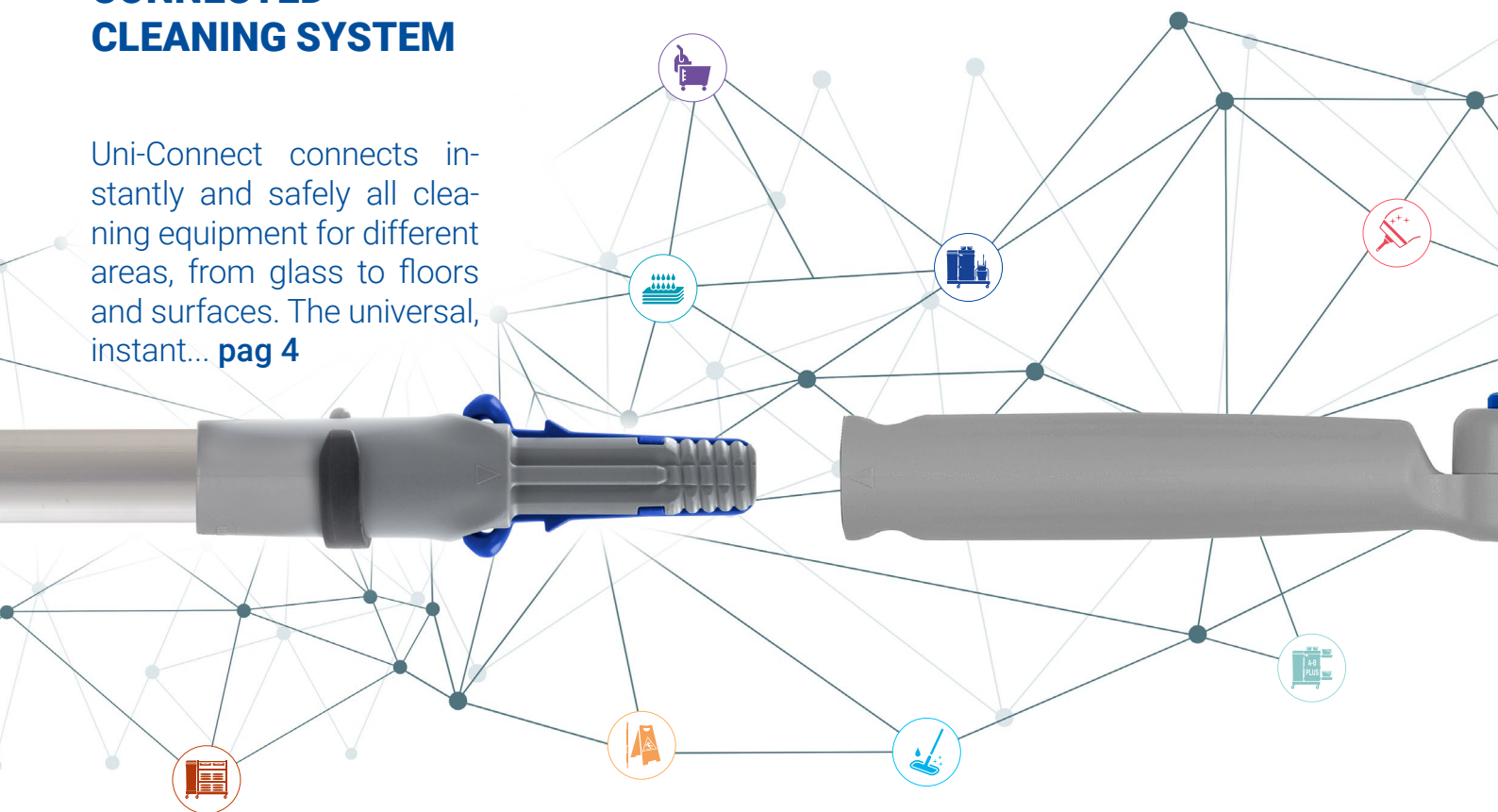
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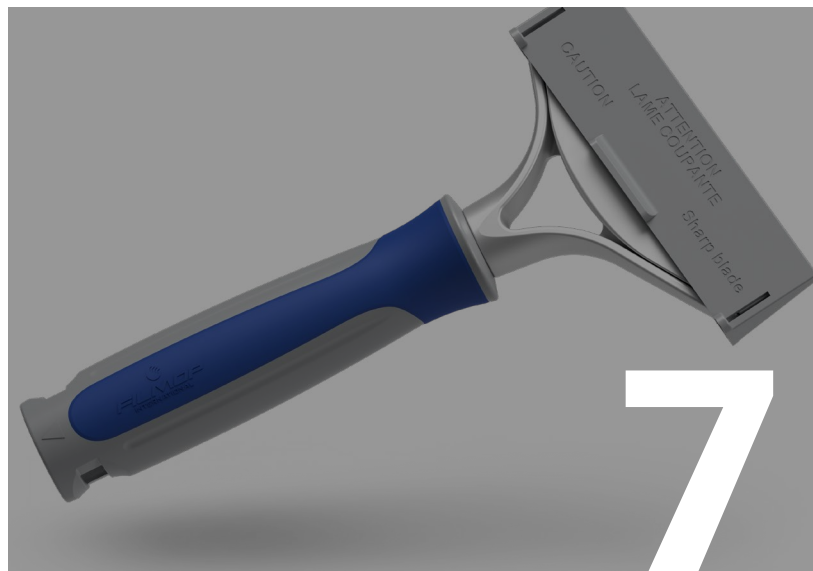
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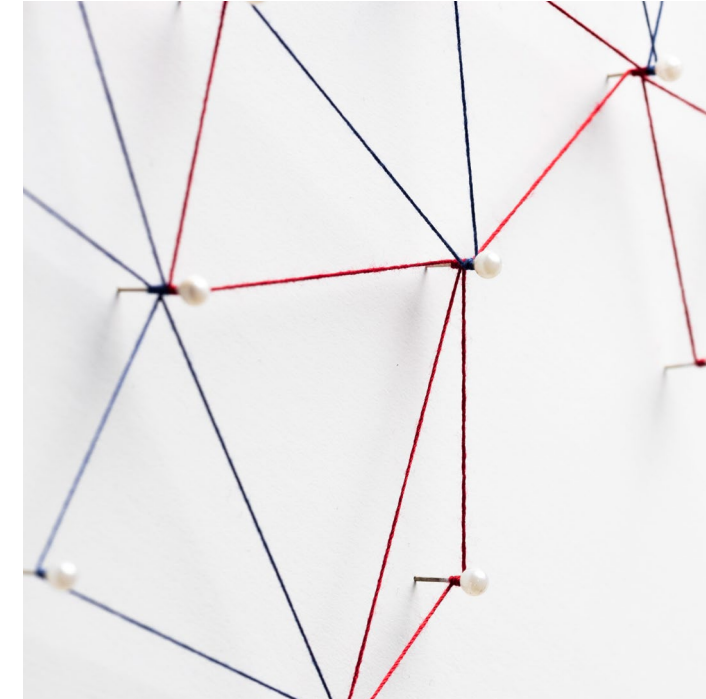
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BETTER TOGETHER

CONNECTING CLEANING

Connection is the focus of this issue: universal, immediate and safe. It allows you to overcome all limits and makes cleaning glass, surfaces and floors quicker and easier. A connection that immediately joins the entire range of dusting and washing equipment.

Professional cleaning can now rely on a unique system that is set to revolutionise it. This system offers many solutions and satisfies every need, allowing you to reach even the most difficult areas easily and safely.

Finally, a separate section will be reserved for the latest green achievement, a new Filmop feather in Filmop's cap and yet another confirmation of the company's commitment to environmental and health protection. One more goal to be proud of.

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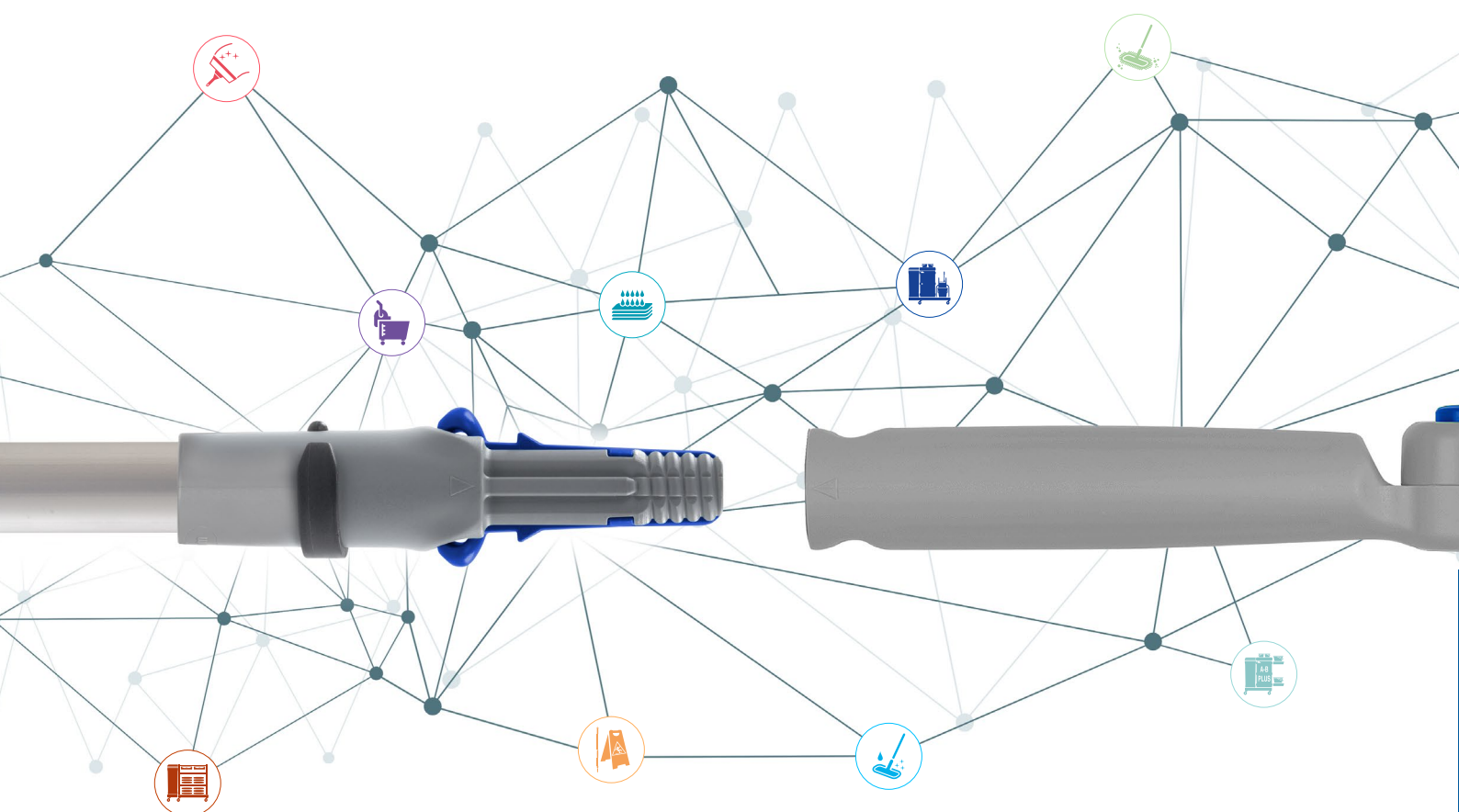
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A COMPLETELY CONNECTED CLEANING SYSTEM



Uni-Connect connects instantly and safely all cleaning equipment for different areas, from glass to floors and surfaces. The **universal, instant and secure connection** allows you to get everywhere, even in the hard-to-reach places.

UNLIMITED CONNECTION FOR ALL EQUIPMENT

Window squeegees and window washers for glass cleaning, hand dusters and cobweb brushes for surfaces, mop holders and mops for floors: the operator can **quickly switch from one tool to another using the same handle**.

The Uni-Connect **end cone** allows the **telescopic handle to be attached to any cleaning equipment in an instant**. The cone is also available in the **pole version** for conveniently cleaning glass and generally inaccessible surfaces without ladders.

Uni-Connect is incredibly simple and fast. The **end cone is attached instantly** without any complicated procedure. **Removing the tool from the handle is likewise easy and quick**.

The end cone is specially **designed to hook securely onto the tools**, keeping them attached during cleaning operations, thus preventing dangerous unhooking. With Uni-Connect, the tool remains hooked even when exerting pressure.



COMPLETE AND ALWAYS WELL-ORGANISED TROLLEYS

Uni-Connect allows the **mop holders to be unhooked in the holder on the trolley**, so that the handle can be used with another tool. Release is immediate without requiring any hand contact, simply insert the mop holder into the holder and then pull out the handle.

The Uni-Connect fitting can be **applied to the side walls and vertical frames of Alpha multi-purpose trolleys**, it allows the mop holders to be placed in a specific area, keeping them firmly attached while until next use. Likewise, the **OneFred wringer trolley versions with integrated connection** allow the required equipment to be always at hand, switching quickly from one tool to another.



ONLINE WIZARD!



THE SOLUTION FOR SHINY GLASS



Professional glass cleaning has a new ally at its side: the **fixed polypropylene holder** is characterised by **numerous grooves** that fill with cleaning solution and then gradually release it while the glass is being washed, thus ensuring **long-lasting cleaning**. It can be used manually or in combination with **handles and poles equipped with a Uni-Connect end cone** to quickly and safely reach higher surfaces. The new holder combines with the unique **window washer** range to provide greatly improved performance compared to traditional sponges.

The ever ongoing search for better-performing materials and yarns has enabled us to achieve maximum effectiveness and efficiency. The current range is characterised in particular by its **excellent collection capacity** and **long washing autonomy**. The washer heads with **short yarn** are designed to remove and trap dirt on the surface, while those with long yarn are distinguished by their characteristic absorption. Finally, the versions with an **abrasive fibre** side make it easy to remove stubborn dirt from glass without scratching it.

MUCH MORE THAN A SIMPLE SCRAPER

The special range of products for floor care and maintenance has been enhanced with a scraper designed to easily **remove the most difficult dirt**. The steel blade is protected by a blade cover when not in use for **increased operator safety** and is **easily replaceable** at the end of its life. The moulded rubber handgrip is specially designed to ensure a **secure and highly comfortable grip** during scraping operations.



The new scraper is **compatible with Uni-Connect**, the innovative system that allows the same handle to be quickly and easily attached to any cleaning equipment, quickly switching from one tool to another. The fixing is extremely firm and **prevents dangerous accidental release**, even when the operator exert pressure on the scraper. The scraper is also available in a **25 or 120 cm version with handle** and a comfortable polypropylene handgrip with hole.



ALPHA ECOLABEL: A NEW MILESTONE ACHIEVED

Filmop has obtained for some **Alpha** trolleys the **EU Ecolabel** certification, the environmental label that rewards the **best eco-sustainable products** by certifying their reduced environmental impact throughout their entire life cycle, from raw material sourcing through production and use to disposal.

Partly made of plastic components certified **PSV - Plastic Second Life**, the trolleys are made of separable materials that are fully recyclable at the end of their life. The characteristic modular design with components that are easy to disassemble and replace makes it possible to easily restore correct operation should the need arise, thus laying the foundation for a **long service life** that results in less use of materials.

Ecolabel-certified trolleys are a protection not only for the environment, but also for the entire community: during the production of plastic components, **no heavy metals** such as hexavalent chromium or tin **are used**, which are highly dangerous for both ecosystems and our health.

Finally, the eco-label recognises the high quality of the trolleys, which have **passed tests for strength, stability and durability** carried out by an independent institute, making them an excellent long-term investment.

The newly certified range includes three **Alpha multi-purpose trolleys** that can be equipped with everything needed for professional cleaning, and two **Alpha Hotel service trolleys**, designed to meet the specific needs of hospitality facilities.



EVEN SAFER

From now on, **Drop** and **ErgoDrop** offer extra safety: **spillage of cleaning solution is prevented** by the double lock acting on the button and tank. In addition to the **ring nut with patented tank closure system**, an **additional safety lock** has been added **on the button**: after pressing it in order to dispense the cleaning solution on the floor, simply turn it to lock it, thus preventing accidental spillage.

The **practical contrasting icons** on the ring nut and button guide the operator by immediately and intuitively indicating the correct direction in which to turn to lock both.



OUR EXPERTS



THE IMPORTANCE OF ERGONOMICS

How important is it that a floor cleaning system should be easy to use for the operator?

Supplying functional and easy-to-use tools can make a difference in qualifying a cleaning service and safeguarding operators' health. Quality of work is a pivotal point for Filmop, being the first Italian production company to believe in the value of ergonomics: since our origins, we are been constantly committed to designing and achieving practical solutions and technical measures to improve daily cleaning activities and operators' working conditions.

What could be the outcome if a product or system is neither user-friendly nor intuitive?

The adoption of continued inadequate postures represents one of the main risk factors in the onset of illnesses affecting the musculoskeletal system: a simple gesture such as adjusting the telescopic handle to the operator's height helps prevent them, resulting in a great benefit in terms of psychophysical well-being. Extensive wrist flexion-extension repeated over time is another risk factor: assuming this, equipping operators with ergonomic equipment helps to safeguard their health by avoiding intense and repetitive strain. Ergonomics also influences cleaning results: using an uncomfortable product or system leads to more strain and decreased productivity, together with worse performance.

Are floor cleaning systems generally easy to use? Or do they require extensive training and experience?

Regardless of systems' ease of use, it is always essential that all cleaning operations are performed exclusively by trained personnel, equipped with suitable equipment. The more complicated a tool is, the more extensive training is needed. Filmop equipment is designed to be extremely user-friendly: our range featured a highly ergonomic design and scrupulous attention to detail, thus facilitating operators' training and ensuring a correct use of equipment.

How do you make sure that floor cleaning systems are ergonomic, intuitive and user-friendly for the operator?

The possibility of human error during cleaning operations increases with the difficulty in using a tool; therefore, one of the main goals is undoubtedly to design it to reduce errors to a minimum. Likewise, poor ergonomics leads to the onset of occupational diseases over time, so this aspect must never be underestimated when designing. Some technical features can make a difference too: a handle that can be lengthened or shortened adapting it to the task to be performed and to the operator's height avoids muscle pain.

What floor cleaning systems does your company offer that are particularly user-friendly? What makes them easy to use?

When dealing with cleaning systems, an innovative design can overcome the limits of traditional products. This is well known by our R&D department, which has developed a system that excels in terms of functionality and usability: the ErgoSwing version of the telescopic handle is enhanced with two special twist grips that, together with the ergonomic fitting of the mop holder, facilitate the "S" movement ensuring less strain. The analysis of the ErgoSwing system conducted by a specialized consulting company found the maintenance of correct posture during floor cleaning operations and a significant reduction in wrist flexion and extension movements compared with traditional systems, resulting in less strain and higher productivity.

Is ease of use a high priority in today's floorcare systems? Or are other factors more important?

Not only ease of use, floorcare systems should also ensure high performance and impeccable cleaning as well as lower consumption of cleaning solution which means greater sustainability. The main goal of Filmop has always been to design the best cleaning systems, respecting health, and the environment: this important assumption has allowed us to develop a wide range of innovative solutions, ergonomic and sustainable at the same time.



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