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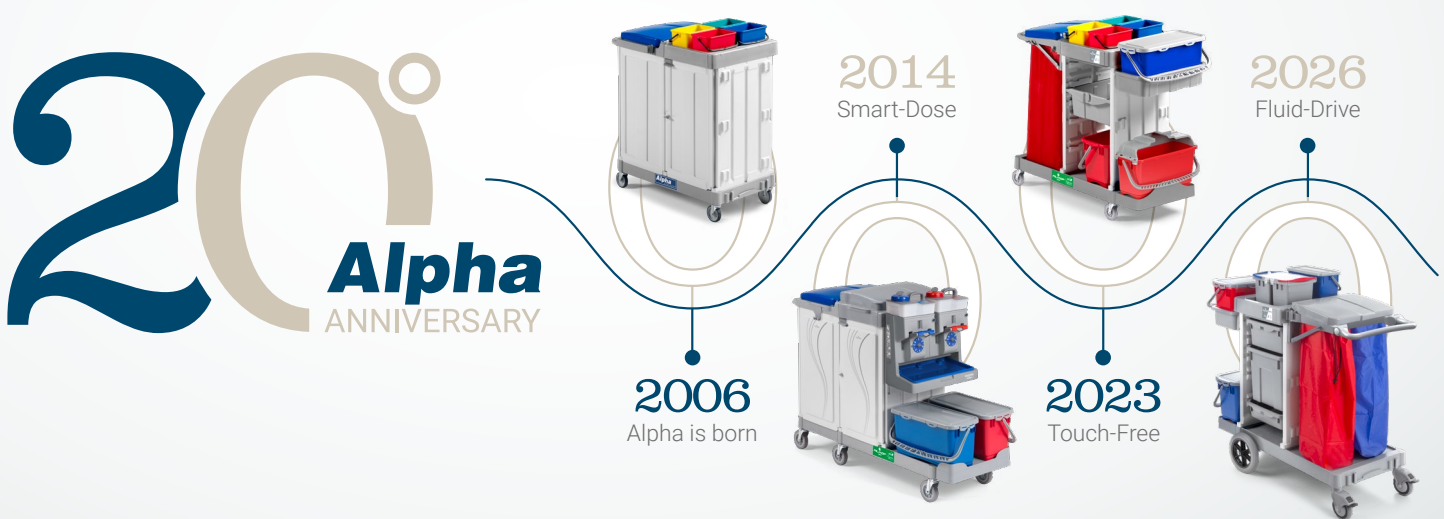
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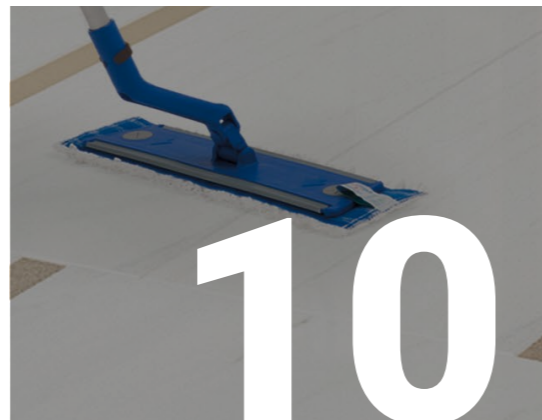
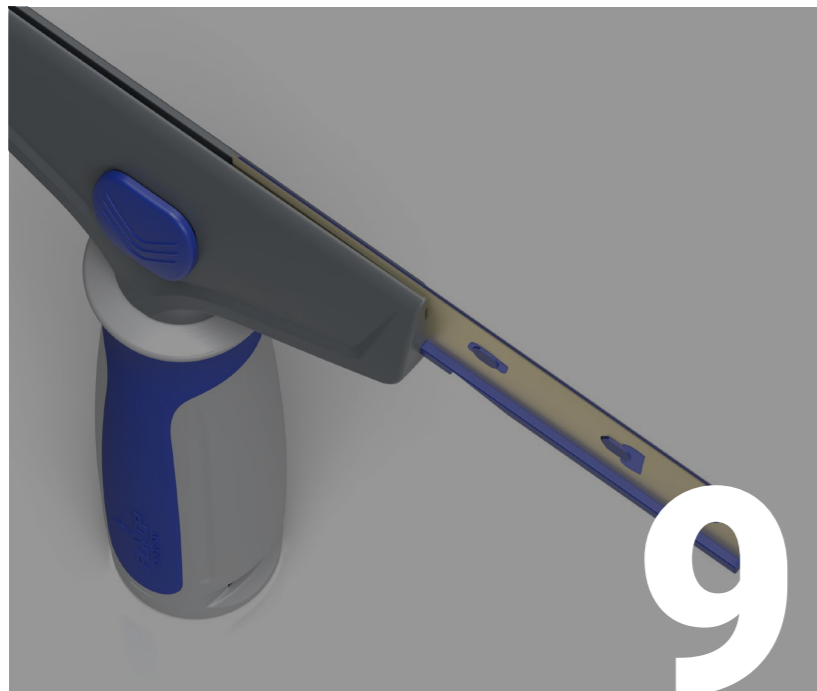
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INNOVATION AND RESPONSIBILITY AT THE HEART OF CLEANING

Welcome to a new edition of FilmopTalk. In this issue, we are particularly proud to announce a fundamental achievement for our company: the award of the prestigious SA8000 ethical certification, confirming our commitment not only to environmental sustainability, but also to social responsibility and the well-being of people.

On the following pages, we will explore how technological innovation leads to practical solutions for the safety and well-being of operators. We will present in detail the new range of Scudo scrapers, which redefines safety standards thanks to their innovative plastic blade, and the new Gloss W Prime Grade 0 squeegee, designed for perfect ergonomics when cleaning with a telescopic pole. We'll also look at biomechanical analysis for floor care with the Ergoswing system and the latest updates to make our long-standing Alpha trolleys even safer. Enjoy the read!

ALPHA: TWENTY YEARS OF INNOVATION AT THE SERVICE OF PROFESSIONAL CLEANING

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The Alpha trolley line **turns twenty**, a milestone that testifies the validity of a project created to offer **maximum customization** and to precisely meet the **needs of professional cleaning**. Since its official launch in **2006**, Filmop has been able to listen to market transformations, responding with solutions that today have become real points of reference for the sector.

MODULARITY AND ERGONOMICS AT THE SERVICE OF THE OPERATOR

The main advantage of the Alpha line lies in its **modular design**, which allows you to **configure the equipment** according to specific working procedures, **optimizing time and resources**. Over two decades, this flexibility has been supported by continuous innovations and technical updates aimed at improving structural strength and stability, making the management of activities easier even in the most complex environments. Every evolution has been designed to make daily operations smoother, ensuring an orderly organization of components and mopping systems.

Attention to the **operator's well-being** remains the cornerstone of the line's development. The introduction of specific **ergonomic solutions**, such as the **adjustable push-bar** with button joints, allows the equipment to be adapted to the height of the operator, promoting a correct posture and reducing fatigue during handling. Recently, maneuverability has been further increased with the adoption of **250 mm high sliding wheels** and the extension of the ergonomic push-bar to 120 and 150 lt bag holders, ensuring total control of the trolley even fully loaded.



CERTIFIED SUSTAINABILITY AND OFFSET POLICIES

Alongside operational efficiency, Alpha stands out for a **concrete environmental approach**, based on measurable data and **international certifications**. The choice to use **recycled plastic components certified PSV** (Plastic Second Life) is a historical pillar of the line, which today also boasts several models certified with the **EU Ecolabel**, the environmental excellence label of the European Union.



Filmop is not limited to reducing the environmental impact during the production phase, but **analyzes the entire life cycle of the product** through the **Carbon Footprint Systematic Approach**. This tool allows to quantify the climate footprint of the trolleys and to implement serious offset policies. To balance the residual CO2e emissions, the company supports certified climate protection and reforestation projects, making Alpha a responsible choice that combines high performance and environmental protection.

After twenty years, the Alpha line continues to represent the **state of the art for those looking for professional, safe and certified cleaning solutions**.



SA 8000 CERTIFICATION: ETHICS AT THE CORE OF CLEANING

At Filmop, the watchword is not only **environmental sustainability**, but also social responsibility. We are proud to announce that we have obtained the prestigious **SA8000** (Social Accountability) **certification**, a fundamental milestone that **testifies to our concrete and measurable commitment** to an ethical and safe working environment.

For Filmop, being a cutting-edge company also means taking care of the **people who contribute to our success every day**. This strict international certification validates our internal processes, guaranteeing total respect for human rights, maximum protection of workplace safety, and the enhancement of every single collaborator. It is the official confirmation that the **excellence of our cleaning systems comes from fair, equitable, and transparent production dynamics**.

Choosing Filmop therefore means relying on a partner that places ethics at the core of its business model, proving that technological innovation reaches its maximum value only when accompanied by a deep respect for human dignity and for society as a whole.



LET'S CELEBRATE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALPHA RANGE

We look forward to seeing you at the Interclean trade fair to celebrate a truly special anniversary together: the 20th anniversary of our iconic Alpha range of trolleys. Since its official launch in 2006, Alpha has listened to and anticipated changes in the market, becoming a true benchmark for the professional cleaning sector.

At our stand, you'll have the chance to discover how Alpha's modular design continues to evolve to offer maximum customisation and ergonomics, as demonstrated by the new high sliding wheels and the extended, adjustable push-bar. It will also be an opportunity to experience our certified solutions first-hand: from PSV recycled plastic to the EU Eco-label, right through to our strict policies on measuring and offsetting our carbon footprint. Come and visit us to discover the state-of-the-art in professional, safe and responsible cleaning solutions



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ALPHA NOW EVEN SAFER

Initially conceived for the **central ring cover** of Alpha trolleys, the **automatic locking system** is now also available for the **door**, thus raising the overall security level.



The mechanism **activates instantly** when the door is closed or the cover is lowered, **preventing any unauthorised access** to the respective compartments.



The supplied **universal key** allows only the operators to open the door and the cover when necessary to access the contents of the trolley.



NEW GLOSS W PRIME 0 DEGREE: ERGONOMICS MEETS LINEARITY

Window cleaning operations require high-performance tools able to ensure impeccable results and, at the same time, protect the health of those who use them.

To precisely meet the needs of professionals, Filmop launches on the market the new **Gloss W Prime 0 degree**, a window squeegee designed mainly for jobs where it is very important to keep the **wrist perfectly aligned with the arm**, without any inclination.

This linearity proves to be precious **when working from the ground using a telescopic pole**: in this specific case, the necessary angle is already provided by the pole itself. The use of an inclined grip would indeed create a decidedly unergonomic double angle, whereas with the 0° degree the window squeegee remains in perfect line with the tool.

The new Gloss W Prime 0 degree is also the ideal tool for **cleaning large windows**, as it allows a decidedly more linear and controlled movement. This window squeegee is essential for the top-to-bottom technique without "S" movements, where the wrist must necessarily maintain a neutral position.

A targeted technical solution for close-up work on perfectly vertical surfaces, **designed to avoid unnecessary twisting of the wrist and guarantee maximum precision** without any compromise on ergonomics.



SCUDO: SAFETY HAS A NEW SHAPE



In the world of professional cleaning, the **safety of operators** and the **efficiency of tools** are two absolute priorities. For this reason, Filmop is proud to present **Scudo**, a new **line of scrapers** designed to redefine the protection standards in our sector.

To respond in a targeted and immediate way to every specific operational need, it is possible to choose between: **Scudo Glass for glass**, **Scudo Floor for floors** and the absolute new product **Scudo no scratch**, equipped with a special **plastic blade**.

The introduction of the **plastic blade** represents a real turning point in accident prevention, as it drastically reduces the risk of accidental cuts, is safe even on the **most delicate** surfaces and allows the use of the tool by any operator, not only by specifically authorized personnel.



From an operational point of view, each scraper is supplied ready to use for its specific application, but the innovative design hides **total versatility**: the **grip** is in fact **universal**, leaving the customer maximum freedom to also purchase the other channels and blades in the range to transform the tool. Equipped with a **quick blade replacement system**, a **stable grip** and a dedicated **blade cover** to avoid accidental contact and ensure risk-free transport and storage, the **scrapers of the Scudo line combine maximum protection, specialization and flexibility of use**.

OUR EXPERTS



THE SCIENCE OF MOVEMENT TO REDUCE MUSCULOSKELETAL STRESS IN FLOOR CARE

What are the health and safety risks involved for the operator when polishing a commercial floor? (eg slips, trips, respiratory problems, muscle strain etc).

From Filmop's perspective, the main health and safety risks we address relate to repetitive movements, operator fatigue, and maintaining control during manual floor care tasks in commercial environments.

Polishing and floor finishing routines can require long, repetitive cycles. If the working pattern is not natural, operators tend to compensate by loading the wrist, shoulder, and lower back, which increases fatigue and raises the likelihood of musculoskeletal discomfort over time. This is why we developed ErgoSwing as an ergonomic system that supports a natural S-shaped motion. Its telescopic handle with turning grips, combined with an ergonomic joint on the mop holder, helps reduce strain and improves reach in difficult areas without forcing posture.

Textiles also influence both effort and control. When a mop drags, saturates quickly, or releases moisture unevenly, operators typically apply extra pressure and repeat passes. That increases physical load and makes the process less consistent. Microfibre selection helps minimise this. Micro-Activa is an ultra-microfibre solution for smooth indoor floors and is suitable for dusting, wet mopping, waxing, and disinfection, supporting more stable moisture management and a smoother glide. In practice, this helps operators work with less friction and fewer unnecessary passes, which supports both ergonomics and safer, more controlled routines.

What steps can be taken to reduce these risks? (eg masks, training, adequate ventilation etc)

Choosing efficient, ergonomic systems is not enough on its own. The biggest risk reduction comes when equipment and method work together, and that depends on training and consistent routines.

From an ergonomics standpoint, training should start with correct tool set-up. Operators should learn how to adjust handle height to their body and task, and how to use a controlled S-shaped movement rather than forcing the wrist or overreaching with the shoulder. Small corrections in daily technique make a major difference over long, repetitive shifts, and they are one of the most effective ways to prevent musculoskeletal discomfort.

How far are ergonomics and operator safety considered in the development of any floor polishing machinery or products?

Ergonomics and operator safety sit at the core of how we develop our floor care solutions, especially the manual systems and textiles that operators use every day, often for long shifts. We design around real working movements, repetitive tasks, and the need to maintain control in busy environments.

A clear example is our ErgoSwing system. We developed it as a complete ergonomic concept, a telescopic handle with turning grips combined with a mop holder with an ergonomic joint, designed to support a natural S-shaped motion and reduce the effort required by the operator. We also validated this approach through usability analysis, which showed a significant reduction in wrist flexion and extension movements compared with traditional systems, alongside lower strain and higher productivity.

Are these among the most important considerations in your view, or do other factors such as productivity and cost take precedence?

At Filmop, we see these aspects as tightly connected. When a cleaning system reduces fatigue, operators can keep a steady pace and stay more accurate for longer. That lowers the likelihood of mistakes, rework, and incidents. ErgoSwing was designed to support a natural S motion, helping reduce strain and improve productivity. Cost should be viewed through the same lens. Investing in ergonomics and operator safety pays back through smoother day-to-day operations, fewer absences, and fewer on-site issues.

What equipment does your company offer or use that helps to ensure that floor polishing is ergonomic and safe for the operator?

ErgoSwing is an ergonomic system designed to guarantee less strain and increased productivity, together with better floor cleaning performances. The new system consists of a telescopic handle with turning grip and a mop holder with an ergonomic joint designed for an easier "S" movement. ErgoSwing facilitates cleaning operations, while ensuring the maximum safety: the ergonomic system easily cleans even the most difficult-to-reach places and its rotation mechanism can be locked in order to place the tool safely anytime you need.

The ErgoSwing usability analysis carried out by a consulting company demonstrates that ErgoSwing allows you to maintain a correct posture while cleaning floors, preventing the onset of disorders and pathologies affecting the musculoskeletal system. Moreover, this study demonstrates a significant reduction in wrist flexion and extension movements when compared with traditional systems. Indeed, standard systems force the wrist to a full extension, while ErgoSwing allows you to limit wrist movement and remain below the maximum tolerance area (45°), therefore reducing strain and the consequent risk of work-related illnesses. Finally, the analysis found that the effort made by operators while using ErgoSwing is very low. This is in stark contrast to standard systems, which require moderate to strong effort, reflecting the force used while cleaning. The notable reduction in effort with ErgoSwing leads to less fatigue and an increase in operator psycho-physical well-being, resulting in higher productivity.

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