



## Absolut Company



**Picture:** Absolut Company's factory at Varvsgatan in Åhus, Sweden.

On February 24th 2009 the Dustcontrol marketing department visited the Absolut Company, former Vin & Sprit Absolut Spirits, for a reference visit.

On the question of what Absolut Company thinks of Dustcontrol as a supplier, Christer Johansson Supervisor Engineering says: "I think that everything has gone very well. Both Peter Holmström (Sales engineer at Dustcontrol) and Peter Martinsson (Installation engineer at Dustcontrol) take hold of things, organize everything and are very nice.

Everything is going smoothly and has done from the start. There are never any problems with service and installation, as it is made by Peter M and Max Lundgren (an Installation engineer at Dustcontrol also) without having to stop the production process itself. It is simply great".



Absolut Company has used Dustcontrol's products from the late 80s. The first stationary vacuum system was installed in their harbour facility. They subsequently started to look deeper into operator maintenance, with the intention to increase the commitment to sanitation, they contacted Peter Holmström and in the year 2001 they installed another vacuum system. "If you keep the place clean extra work is not needed. It has to be purely continuous and then a stationary vacuum system is the best option. The goal is good and functioning machinery, where the vacuum system is a big help. It is also fun to work when everything is clean and well run", Per Oxelgren Manager Engineering Absolut Company ads. Cleaning is most important in preventive maintenance and facilitates troubleshooting, personal security and it reduces wear etc. "You have to vacuum to avoid stopping the machine". Christer Lind Project Technician at Absolut Company says, "We clean for 15 minutes every night and in the daytime also, if for example, a bottle breaks".

More benefits from Dustcontrol's stationary vacuum systems are that they are quick and easy to keep clean compared to a mobile vacuum cleaner that must be picked up and then stowed away again. Everything is in one place. "The simplicity makes you clean up after oneself. If you would have to pick up the equipment every time it would not get done", Christer Johansson says.



**Picture:** Frank Van Beelen, Technology Coordinator at Absolut Company is satisfied with the development of the hose reel. "An excellent hose reel", Frank says.



**Picture:** "The advantage with Dustcontrol's products are that there have never been any problems and the products perform their function", Herman Nilsson, Machinery Operator at Absolut Company says.



**Picture:** The Machinery Operator at Absolut Company, Mikael Persson, is vacuuming the production line clean from glass splinters, which can arise if the bottles are not placed in the right way and break. It is also important to absorb aluminium residues from the cap space.

An important goal for Absolut Company is the efficiency, i.e. the proportion of time the production can go on maximum capacity. The more stops the worse the efficiency. Further negative influence factors on the efficiency are the number of articles, since the machines have to be reprogrammed after every new article. From 1999 to 2007 Absolut Company has increased the number of articles from 170-320 and in the same time increased the efficiency from 50-70% . "Cleaning and engaging operators with greater responsibility have been a big part of our success", Christer Johansson says.

Absolute Company's option of the DC Green System on one of their stationary vacuum systems contributes to energy savings by its frequency control function. "When the operators now and then are cleaning the machines throughout the day you benefit from the central unit going into a saving mode between the cleaning sessions and being on demand much quicker. To use less energy is a beacon to us", Christer Johansson says.



**Picture:** A stationary vacuum system with Green System is installed in "Satelliten", Absolut Company's new facility outside Åhus in Sweden.



**Picture:** Christer Johansson, Supervisor Engineering and Christer Lind, Project Technician at Absolut Company outside "Satelliten".

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