



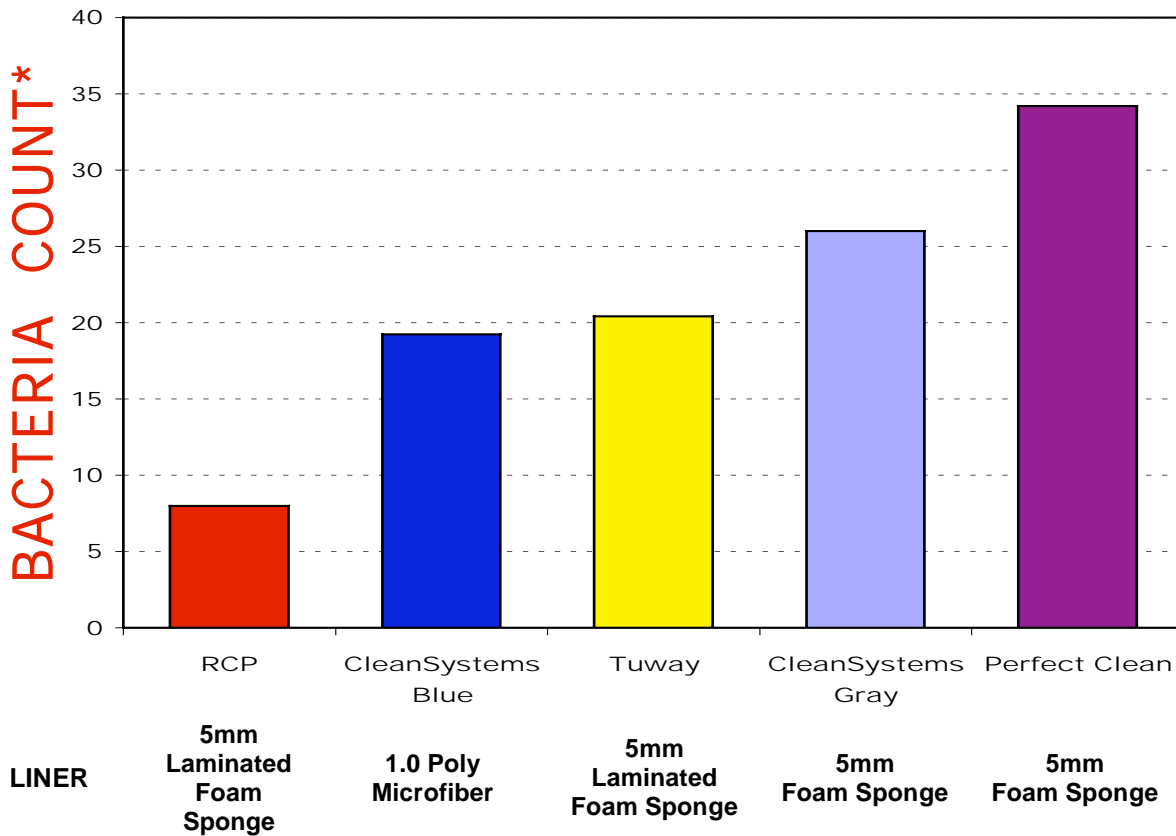
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Rubbermaid Microfiber: No Home For Germs



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RUBBERMAID COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS had an Independent Test Lab¹ conduct BioBurden Testing on RCP's Q410 Microfiber Wet Pad, along with Clean Systems – Gray CSA-221 Wet Pad, Clean Systems – Blue CSA-021 Wet Pad, Perfect Clean 56-649-847 Wet Pad, and Tuway MFG-MMS Wet Pad.

Protocol Summary:

1. Pads were contaminated with mixture* of four different bacteria and allowed to dry at room temperature.
2. Pads were then soaked in disinfectant following manufacturer's instructions and dried at a high temperature.
3. Pads were then washed and dried according to CDC procedure.

* Mixture of Bacteria Used in Test:

- *S. aureus* (Water-borne Bacteria) found in mop bucket water.
- *K. pneumoniae* (Gram Negative Bacteria) found in healthcare environments.
- *P. aeruginosa* (Gram Positive Bacteria) found in healthcare environments.
- *Salmonella choleraesius* (remnants of "poor" personal hygiene) after using bathroom facilities... reason signs found in Bathrooms: "Employees must wash hands before returning to work".

Following CDC recommended Protocol of using Disinfectant and Laundering/Drying at elevated temperatures, RCP's Microfiber Wet Pads retained the least amount of Bacteria (**proof that RCP's Microfiber with Foam Liner is inhospitable to bacteria**).

¹ Source: NAMSA, January 2005

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