



CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

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Reach for the SkyVac

WHEN it comes to cleaning buildings at height, the process can seem a daunting prospect. With a cherry picker or tower often being the first port of call - without even considering man hours - the whole process becomes extremely costly, before the cleaning has even commenced.

To simplify the process Spinaclean has introduced what it describes as the world's first telescopic carbon fibre vacuum pole. Designed and manufactured by Spinaclean, the all-in-one lightweight carbon fibre pole is compatible with most major vacuum cleaners. Reaching up to 30ft, the pole is easy to transport with a collapsed length of just 5.5ft.

Showcased at Interclean in May, the Spinaclean team demonstrated the pole's compatibility with a standard vacuum cleaner as well as the SkyVac Internal 27. Designed by Spinaclean's managing director, Andy Whiting, in 2003, the versatile high-level cleaning system is now distributed to over 35 countries. He said: "Not only is SkyVac a multi-use, low cost, high reach cleaning and inspection system, it also removes the need for out of hours working,

costly plant and scaffold and is the answer to health and safety issues associated with working at height."

According to the latest British Cleaning Council report there have been 13 fatal injuries in the cleaning industry over the last four years. Falls from height are in the top three workplace accidents associated with cleaning activities, accounting for 10% of all reported injuries. The financial costs from fall related injuries are substantial - not only to the individual, but also to the companies concerned. If someone is injured falling from height, on average they will be off work for 9.4 days.

But avoiding working at height is easier said than done. Companies are under a duty to do all that is reasonably practical to prevent someone from falling. In fulfilling this duty, the company must adopt a risk control hierarchy from managing work at height, including the selection of equipment.

An example of a company adhering to this protocol is All Saints Church in Northampton. The church was recently 'amazed' by the capabilities of the SkyVac when the system was

put to the test, removing dust and cobwebs from hard to reach high-level visible areas around the church's altar.

Although the Church was built after the Great Fire of Northampton in 1675, the settlement dates back to medieval times. The Grade I listed building boasts fine plasterwork, ornamentation and architecture. But with exquisite features and extremely high ceilings comes a lot of maintenance with high-level areas being inaccessible from the ground.

Robin Sheppard who works at All Saints Church, described the SkyVac as a 'eureka moment', and said: "With SkyVac we were able to reach all the nooks and crannies. It is much faster, more accessible and so much cheaper than hiring in a tower and paying for man hours. Previously we have used contractors to carry out the work for us, but seeing that it is so easy to use, we are looking at purchasing one ourselves so that we can use it within all our sister churches."

There are over 13 different SkyVac systems in the range to suit every environment and budget.

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