

IAC Unscentored



The International Antimicrobial Council is dedicated to promoting the safe, effective use of antimicrobials and odor-control technologies in industries where microbial contamination is of concern. The IAC educates antimicrobial producers, treated product manufacturers, brand owners and consumers. IAC conducts research on the market demand for the odor control feature while keeping abreast of regulatory issues that affect the industry. The IAC laboratory has refined and continues to develop antimicrobial test procedures for standardized test methods that provide more uniform test results between laboratories. www.amcouncil.org

Webinars

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Industry Events

TexWorld, NYC, **Jan. 23-25**
PGA Show, Orlando, **Jan. 24-27**

The IAC Is Takin' It to the Streets

The International Antimicrobial Council (IAC) is on the move, literally. The IAC has created a facility-on-wheels for testing, training, and demonstrations. The new Mobile Training Center, or "Big Blue" as it is affectionately known, is housed in a 40-foot retrofitted RV. The Mobile Training Center features laboratory space for conducting antimicrobial tests and training sessions. There is also a classroom area for client consultations and seminars. Road trips to testing labs, IAC members and clients, and industry tradeshow are planned in 2017.

"The Mobile Training Center is an engaging outreach vehicle to educate people about antimicrobial performance and testing," says Jaime Rutledge, the IAC's Technology Director. "It allows us to connect with our clients and members in a way that is convenient for them. Plus, we can interact with the entire staff instead of just the people who are authorized to go to a particular trade show or visit our Headquarters and Technology Center at Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan."

Antimicrobials are getting lots of attention for the many benefits they can provide for everyday products. However, those benefits need to be validated in order to meet customer and consumer expectations for enhanced products. Retailers and designers report that inconsistent test results can undermine confidence in odor control technologies and cause delays in product development timelines. The IAC is committed to advancing the use of uniform procedures among testing laboratories to improve the reproducibility

of results from lab to lab. The Mobile Training Center will be an important tool for lab personnel training and education.

The textile and apparel industry measures

antimicrobial effectiveness through laboratory testing according to established independent standards. Scientific organizations such as the AATCC, ASTM, ISO, and JIS develop and maintain these standards. However, the standards permit a breadth of testing procedures, which can lead to significantly different results within and between labs. The IAC trains antimicrobial lab technicians to help them select the most appropriate standards and test methods for particular antimicrobial and substrate applications. The IAC also incorporates uniform testing techniques and reporting protocol into their training. Laboratories that follow IAC recommended procedures can be accredited as an IAC Certified Laboratory. The IAC Test Verification Program provides an independent and verifiable method to confirm that recommended best practices have been followed for a test series. Both programs serve to increase the industry's confidence in lab results and in the value of odor control technologies.

