

# CLEANHAND antibacterical processing

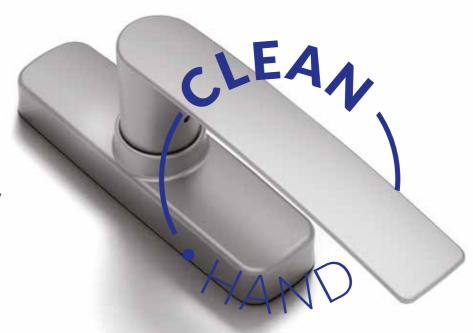
**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS** 







**CLEAN HAND** is the new antibacterial surface finish by Fapim.





Tests carried out in several European laboratories in accordance with the ISO 22196 and JIS Z 2801 standards have confirmed the effectiveness of CLEAN HAND against the main (gram+ and gram-) germs, moulds and fungi that contaminate surfaces:

- Staphylococcus aureus
- Escherichia coli
- Pseudomonas aeruginosa
- Enterococcus hirae

Laboratory tests have shown that the antibacterial activity of **CLEAN HAND** stabilises over 24 hours, achieving a 99-100% reduction in microorganisms.

**CLEAN HAND** surface coating provides **24-hour** resistance to microorganisms. According to laboratory tests, one year after application the paint retains the same initial antibacterial properties despite cleaning, interfering substances and scratches on the surface.

The active ingredient in **CLEAN HAND** has a constant efficacy over time and for more than 25 years.







**ISO 22196** standard specifies a method for evaluating the antibacterial activity of plastics and non-porous surfaces treated with antibacterial agents.

ISO 22196 standard is based on the Japanese standard **JIS Z 2801**: the two test methods are in practice equivalent. The international ISO 22196 ad the Japanese JIS Z 2801 are the most widely used to determine the effectiveness of an antimicrobial treatment, and consequently to "certify" an appropriate treatment.

ISO 22196 applies to a wide variety of materials that are supposed to have antimicrobial activity and provides a quantitative measure of the effectiveness of that activity; the amount of bacteria with which the sample material is inoculated is calculated at the beginning of the test and at the end of the period of contact with the sample - usually 24 h at a temperature of 37 °C, ideal for bacterial growth; the comparison of the two amounts provides a percentage index - or logarithmic reduction - of the effectiveness of the antimicrobial material.

The scientific process behind the anti-bacterial paints used by Fapim S.p.A. is based on a compound that constantly emits **Silver ions**, destroying all bacteria when they come into contact with the painted surface. Silver is a natural element known for its purifying and protective properties against bacterial infections.

The key parameter to assess the effectiveness of the treatment is R "determination of antibacterial activity **JIS Z 2801** specifies that when the value of R > 2 the treatment is effective. Antibacterial efficacy R can also be expressed as a percentage:

All Fapim antibacterial paint finishes are manufactured under the Qualicoat brand.





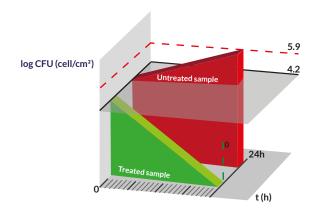


## **THE TESTS**

The antimicrobial activity tests, carried out in various European laboratories in accordance with **ISO 22196** and **JIS Z 2801**, consist in submitting a sample of the material under analysis to controlled conditions of contamination by two specific strains of bacteria.

#### Escherichia Coli ATCC 8739

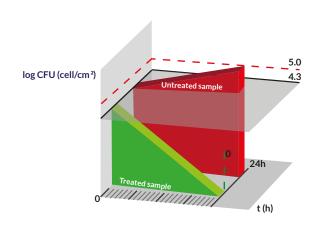
|                        | UNTREATED<br>SAMPLE  | TREATED<br>SAMPLE    |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Initial inoculation    | U <sub>0</sub> = 4,2 | U <sub>0</sub> = 4,2 |
| After 24H              | U <sub>t</sub> = 5,9 | A <sub>t</sub> = NQ  |
| Antibacterial activity | -                    | >5,5 / 100%          |



**CFU:** colony-forming unit per cm is the unit used to estimate the number of viable bacteria in a sample

#### Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 6538

|                        | UNTREATED<br>SAMPLE  | TREATED<br>SAMPLE    |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Initial inoculation    | U <sub>o</sub> = 4,3 | U <sub>0</sub> = 4,3 |
| After 24H              | U <sub>t</sub> = 5,0 | A <sub>t</sub> = NQ  |
| Antibacterial activity | -                    | > 4,6 / 99,997%      |









## **FINISHES**

Fapim applies the **CLEAN** HAND coating to all items that involve hand contact and operation, such as cremone bolts, window handles, door handles, flat handles, latches, door bolts, panic devices, outside access drives for panic bolts, handles and window handles for sliding systems.

# Finishes made with coating **CLEAN** HAND:





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