

ICA AB launches Aircode™ technology for its operations

As part of its environmental work, ICA AB has entered into an agreement with Matseco AB, a company that specialises in energy-efficient environmental solutions. The Aircode technology creates an indoor environment characterised by clean air that is free from odours, bacteria and particles, all in an effective and energy-efficient manner.

Mats Ovegård, who is responsible for in-store quality, says that Aircode will improve the environment for both employees and customers, with fresher air in the shops and a working environment with areas for waste disposal and returnable bottles that are free from odours and bacteria.

We have for the current situation delivered a range of solutions to around 50 shops and the traders are very satisfied with the performance and handling. We look even further with ICA how we can improve products and solutions to the stores. We're currently testing a newly developed energy efficient units with maximum effect. The test is done in Växjö's ICA Kvantum Norremark.

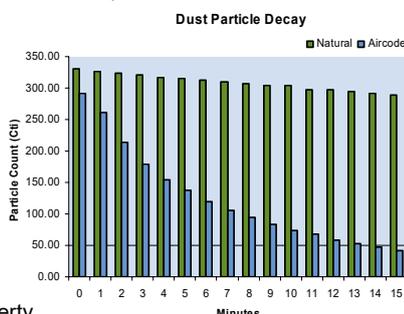
Per Erik Jansson has also a few interesting ideas for further solutions to benefit the exhaust air to the maximum. Together with third-party testing companies, we found that as a rule, we have over 50% reduction of bacteria and particles in the refrigerated display stores and bottle recycling areas. Today, customers do not need to be met by bottle recycling odours in the entrance says Mats Nilsson, Matseco AB.

Detailed information about Aircode is available on www.aircode.se

Aircode helps you to reduce:

Odours, bacteria and the spread of particles, which can be problematic in the following areas.

- Returnable bottle areas
- Waste disposal rooms/container rooms/ refuse compactors
- Toilets
- Refrigerated displays/ cold stores
- Meat and fish handling areas
- Fruit and vegetables
- Restaurant departments
- Energy requirements
- Other problems in the property, such as mould/fungus and sanitation



Quotes / references

- "We have now tested Aircode technology in our store for 4 months. The result has surpassed our expectations."

We have installed one machine in our wet waste disposal area room, directly at the installation, we closed our cooling. During part of this period, we had very high temperatures in Skåne and then the problems usually being at its peak and the energy consumption often is noticeably rising. We notice, however, no growth of mould or smells in the room, and we expect to save about 7000-8000 SEK per year only in saved energy, since Aircode solution is energy efficient, and we can now have our waste disposal room without refrigeration.

As a direct consequence of this good result we installed the machines in our returnable bottles area room as well as outside it. Nowadays, there is no bad smell inside and outside the returnable bottles area room. We are now looking at further areas where we can ionize, the next area will be the personnel smoking room as well as the dairy refrigerator area. Installation is simple and not time consuming and, if necessary, Aircode staff always are on hand to help us."

Magnus Carlsson
MAXI ICA Supermarket, Löddeköpinge

- "Thanks to Aircode we have finally got rid of the odor in our return station."

Göran Andersson,
ICA Supermarket Globen

- "We at ICA Supermarket Västerhaninge has been plagued by bad odors in two places, returnable bottles area and in the basement where our grease traps are. Then we installed Aircode this problem is completely gone."

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