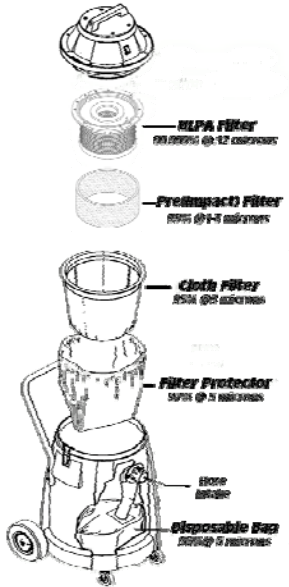


HEX-CHROME VACUUM

Critical Filter Vacuum



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On February 28, 2006 the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (O.S.H.A.) published the final standard addressing occupational exposure to Hexavalent Chromium, also known as Cr(VI), a natural metal used in a wide variety of industrial activities, including the manufacture of stainless steel, welding, photography, pyrotechnics, pigment application, compounds in shipyards, marine terminals, long shoring, portland cement, textile dyes, wood preservation, anti-corrosion coatings, electroplating, and other surface coating processes.

Housekeeping. (1) General. The employer shall ensure that:

- (i) All surfaces are maintained as free as practicable of accumulations of chromium (VI).
- (ii) All spills and releases of chromium (VI) containing material are cleaned up promptly.

(2) Cleaning methods. (i) Concentrations at or above 0.5 [micrograms] under any expected conditions of use." The rule says dry shoveling, sweeping, and brushing are prohibited housekeeping methods. The employer shall ensure that surfaces contaminated with chromium (VI) are **cleaned by HEPA-filter vacuuming** or other methods that minimize the likelihood of exposure to chromium (VI).