



## Installation, Operation and Maintenance Instructions

### Emergency Eye and Eye/Face Wash Equipment

- **Self-Contained: OptiWash™**

#### Warranty Information

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## General Considerations

When planning the installation of emergency safety showers and eye/face wash equipment, the advice of a qualified first aid representative or medical advisor should be sought to establish the most suitable location and procedures for first aid and decontamination.

Installation should be in accordance with local legislation and industry standards such as EN15154 and/or ANSI Z358.1-2014 recommendations. Visit [www.hughes-safety.com/standards](http://www.hughes-safety.com/standards) for more information.

### Location & Accessibility

- Emergency safety showers and eye/face wash equipment must be installed within 20 metres, or 10 seconds reach of, and on the same level as, a potential hazard. Where strong acids or caustics are used, equipment must be immediately adjacent to the hazard and outside of any spray paths.
- Equipment must be in a prominent position, free from any obstructions and clearly visible.
- Adequate drainage should be available in the area around and underneath the safety shower or eye/face wash. Consideration should be given to the placement of equipment in the vicinity of the safety shower that are sensitive to water or diluted chemicals, notably electrical items.
- For equipment located indoors, wastewater must be contained for subsequent safe disposal or there must be adequate drainage. Procedures must be in place for cleaning residue water after safety shower use.
- Loose objects or gravel should not obstruct the operation of the shower where walk-on foot panels or foot treadles are fitted.

### Visibility

- An ISO 3864.1 compliant safety sign should be displayed on or near the safety shower or eye wash. The sign should be well positioned so it is visible to all within the hazardous area.
- The area must always be well lit with the operating mechanism remaining clearly visible.

## Installation and Commissioning

### Assembly and mounting

The unit should be wall mounted using the brackets provided. The unit must not be left outside where it could suffer frost damage. Contact Hughes for more information on the insulated and heated jackets for the OptiWash if required.

### Filling the OptiWash

Locate the unit in the required position as per local standards. Fill with 10 US Gallons (38 litres) of potable water.

Proper precautions must be taken to help prevent the growth of potentially harmful bacteria in eyewash tanks. Acanthamoeba survive mild chlorination and are common in tap water. Bacteriostatic additive will prevent the growth. Hot water (70°C (158°F)) will destroy it. If used, hot water MUST be left to cool before filling eyewash units.

- Drain, flush and refill the eyewash with clean potable hot water once a week. Allow to cool before use.
- Thoroughly clean the tank once a month.
- Use a suitable bacteriostatic additive to prevent bacteria growth in the eyewash tank.
- Check eye wash water level daily.

### Water supply

Emergency safety showers and eye/face wash equipment must be fed from a potable water supply – drinking water or water of a similar quality.

## Operation

**Employees working within hazardous areas must be trained in the use and location of emergency safety showers or eye/face wash equipment. Instructions for all emergency equipment should be readily available and accessible to personnel.**

To operate:

- Pull down handle to activate eye wash
- Lower eyes to the stream of water. Hold eyelids open with thumb and forefinger
- Flush for 15 minutes
- Seek medical attention immediately

## Maintenance

Regular servicing and maintenance of emergency safety shower and eye/face wash equipment is essential to ensure correct functionality. All services and weekly activations must be recorded to ensure a full history is maintained as per European and International standard requirements.

### Weekly activation

All equipment should be visually inspected and activated at least once a week to ensure it is operating properly, to clear the line of any sediment build up and check that the water runs clear.

Please visit [www.hughes-safety.com/weekly-activation](http://www.hughes-safety.com/weekly-activation) to download the checklist and video detailing what to look out for to remain compliant.

### Servicing and cleaning

Hughes recommend equipment be serviced and cleaned regularly.

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Periodic analysis of the water quality is recommended to ensure there is no build-up of harmful bacteria.

Regular cleaning of the outside of the emergency equipment is recommended. Abrasives or solvents must not be used to clean the unit as this can damage the surface or affect the instruction stickers.

The water contained within the unit should be replaced weekly, depending upon the quality of the local potable water supply.

If eye saline solution is used in the unit, contents should be replaced every 120 days.

## Out of Service Procedure

In the event of an emergency safety shower, eye bath or eye/face wash unit being temporarily out of service, a standard procedure should be followed.

- Place a sign on the unit indicating it is 'Out of Service'.
- Notify the relevant manager/supervisor of the area that the unit is out of service
- Prohibit or suspend any work where there is a significant hazard requiring use of the unit
- If work cannot be prohibited or suspended, a portable unit must be provided to supply the initial wash only, after which it will be necessary to move the person to a plumbed emergency safety shower, eyebath or eye/face wash unit to complete the procedure.

Note: Portable units are not acceptable as a long-term substitute for permanent locations.

**A selection of our emergency safety showers are available to hire. Ensure your workforce are protected around the clock, visit [www.hughes-safety.com/hire](http://www.hughes-safety.com/hire) for more information.**

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