

WILLIAM F. WHITE PACKAGE TRUCKS

A CLEANING & DISINFECTING CHALLENGE WE'RE GETTING NERDY ABOUT



WHAT IS A PACKAGE TRUCK?

Package Trucks are an effective and versatile tool: we provide a range of trucks, from vans to 10-tons, filled with all the essential equipment a production needs: lights, stands,

fabrics, flags, hardware and more. What makes it such a great tool also makes it a real challenge in this pandemic: a large amount of equipment tightly stacked together that can cross-contaminate and is labour intensive to disinfect.

NERDY ABOUT CLEANING

Our team looked at many options to disinfect the equipment on package trucks while minimizing the burden on production AND turning the trucks around quickly to keep them available.

Our first approach will be to quarantine the truck as a complete unit. As with all equipment at Whites, when possible the gear will be left in quarantine for 72 hours to allow the virus to break down and become inert.

If the truck needs to turn around quickly, we will take a more active approach:

- To minimize cross-contamination, we are optimizing the equipment provided on the truck and the way space is used to create quarantine areas.
- Package trucks will now come with one or two laundry tubs for use to quarantine gear that returns to the truck. If something leaves the truck, it goes in the tub - if it fits - when it returns. Back at the shop, the tub is taken off, and our team replaces or cleans anything from the tub and gets it back on the truck. You can also use the tubs on set to manage what needs cleaning during your production day.
- For used equipment that doesn't fit in the laundry bin, we will use a quarantine system on the shelves to keep it away from other equipment and track its status, and we encourage your crew to do the same for trucks that are not staffed by a Whites team member.
- For some hard to clean equipment (the c-stand cart, apple boxes, cable), we will have extras on standby at our shop. Once the truck is back, our team will exchange that equipment with disinfected gear.
- Any other Whites provided equipment that cannot be swapped or quarantined will be cleaned following our disinfection protocols.
- Our team will clean any shelf space used to hold quarantined equipment.

In Toronto, our package trucks go out with a Whites approved driver/operator. Drivers will:

- be given PPE to ensure that they do not act as a vector for the disease.
- be the only person allowed on the truck, to further reduce the possibility of transmission.
- reduce cross-contamination by handing off only the equipment required by crew. For example, if the crew requires two clamps, the driver will hand over the two clamps, not the whole bin.
- have cleaning supplies on hand to help sanitize whenever possible. This is a partial solution as at the end of the day, there will not be time for the driver to clean all the equipment. It is to help as much as possible to reduce cross-contamination and speed the turnaround process back at the shop.

If you have any questions about our Package Trucks or related cleaning and sanitizing protocols, we're available in all our offices across the country.