

A QUICK WORD

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AS/NZS 4801:2001 Safety Accredited Company

Over the past two-years, our QA/OHS Superintendent Peter Rogers has been working with the Jeff Hort Engineering management team and employees to introduce OHS policies, procedures, safety systems, compliance controls and monitoring measures in line with achieving accreditation to Australian and New Zealand standard 4801:2001.

Following the final certification audit held on the 20th and 21st of June 2011 by DNV Certification Services we are proud to announce the achievement of our objective and our company is now a fully accredited to AS/NZS 4801.

During the implementation of our Occupational Health and Safety Management System, we learnt many things about the development a safety culture and the discipline involved including proper systems for reporting incidents and accidents, hazard identification, risk assessment and control; which will reflect in the elimination or control of work related injuries, illness and disease.

The development of a safety culture is not just about procedures, regulations, compliance and audits. Although this kind of infrastructure helps give us, the discipline required to perform our tasks safely. It does not give us the heart and soul to be truly safe in all that we do.

Safety has be second nature in all our minds as we strive for on-going improvement in our safety culture. We believe that:

“A Safety culture is how our organization behaves when no one is watching.”

Safety First and Foremost.

We chose DNV Certification Service to conduct the certification audit primarily on their reputation as a global provider of services for managing risk. DNV is an independent foundation with the objective of safeguarding life, property and the environment, comprising 300 offices in 100 countries, with about 9,000 employees.

DNV's unique “risk management” approach provided us with an innovative service that met our needs across what we consider is a high-risk industry.



(Left) Craig Hort – General Manager of Jeff Hort Engineering and Ali Rahmana – Lead Auditor and Technical Manager of DNV Certification services with a congratulatory hand shake



WHEN CAN YOUR BEST.....

BE BETTER?

I couldn't help but to reflect on some TV advertising I saw recently. Nearly every ad proudly spruiked their wares with the added benefits of a **"New Formula"**, **"New and Improved"** or **"With the added benefits of super power"** and so on. It seems to me this is the way most products evolve in the marketplace. As competition pressures increase companies respond by modifying their original concept to comply with new market demands.

Then the word 'pretentious' came to mind..... *"Pretentious meaning to make claims of distinction or importance, especially undeservedly"*.

Jeff Hort Engineering started out in exactly the same way when we made our first prototype **Circuit Breaker Racking Unit [CBRU]** some 7 years ago. We like all other companies shouted from the highest of hills as to the features and benefits of a product that will save lives in the field of High Voltage Switching.

Generally, we changed the product as the market demanded, but there was always this feeling of pretentiousness that seemed to hold back customer acceptance of the product and cause us not to be as motivated towards the product as we should have been.

On the advice of a future potential customer, we recently had expert help in the conduct of a **hazard and operability study** of the product (HAZOP) which was a structured and systematic examination of the product and its operation in order to identify and evaluate problems that may represent risks to personnel or equipment, or prevent efficient operation. The results of this study are now being dealt with. Doing so will result in a much improved product design that ensures that the product is totally fit for purpose.

During and after the HAZOP process we lost this feeling of being pretentious because we realised that we were making claims about our product that were not proven fact. In future, everything we say about the product will be backed up by fact. Are the changes to the product great No are they expensive to do No but to have proof is essential and rewarding comforting.

This example has reinforced our need to never be complacent about safety or quality and to challenge what we do by questioning, testing and measuring and in so doing the uncomfortable feeling of pretentiousness is replaced by a the feeling of security and confidence. A lesson well learnt.



Major Capital Investment by Jeff Hort Engineering

Jeff Hort Engineering invested a major capital outlay of nearly a quarter of a million dollars with the commissioning of this monstrous state-of-the-art spray paint booth at the Clergate Road property.

The booth has a double folding door (front and back) to allow for the longest of jobs to be spray-painted. The size is 14 meters (long) x 4.6 meters (wide) x 4.254 meters (high).

I asked Jeff Hort (Managing Director) why such a large capital outlay? Jeff responded by saying, "the days when painting was an unknown science is well gone. The painting standards of today's customer demands that we provide quality paint finish under any weather condition.

The booth was designed with the optimum aim in mind of minimising dust contamination, speed up the drying process and provide a safe and healthy work area. Prior to installing the booth, we would have to wait days before some paint jobs would dry especially during the cold and inclement weather conditions experienced during the Orange seasons.

Jeff continued and pointed out some of the more impressive features including:

- *Australian made, direct fired gas burners 1250MJ each natural gas 100% efficient

- *Drive through bi-fold doors at either end (4.6m wide x 4.150 m high)

- *Full ceiling width filters 18 frames@2655mm x 1390mm.

All painting will be done at 25 degrees C. On completion of the painting process, paint curing time reduced to one hour by raising the internal booth temperature up to 80 degrees, if necessary.

After the tour of the new installation, Jeff added that the current abrasive blast tank located at Corporation Place be moved to Clergate Road within the next few months given council approval of the soon to be submitted DA. This will make this the biggest blast and paint booth west of the mountains. Interested parties can contact jeff.hort@jeffhort.com.au for further details.



For all you Industrial Abrasive Blast and Spray Paint Requirements

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Night, Night All

...No it's not a stutter and you don't have to be an old fuddy duddy to say to say night night. If you've ever said nyah-nyah on a teeter-totter while waving a pom-pom, then you already have firsthand knowledge of reduplication. That's the technical term for the sound-repeating process that creates words like mumbo-jumbo, heebie-jeebies, night-night, and brouhaha.

Some reduplicative words rhyme, like whoo-hoo, fuddy-duddy, killer-diller, and piggy-wiggy. Others switch vowels instead of consonants, like tick-tock, hip-hop, pitter-patter, and flim-flam. In some cases, the whole word is repeated, as in rah-rah, bye-bye, night-night, and doo-doo. Though words of this type are used by people of all ages, they contain an unmistakable whiff of childhood, which is why I seldom refer to my frequent groin injuries as boo-boos of the no-no region.

But if that's not enough, here's a lucky seven obscure-yet-fun-as-hell reduplicative words I hope you'll JUST LOVE

kickie-wickie

Defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "A jocular or ludicrous term for a wife," this silly-sounding word has a pedigree: Shakespeare used it in All's Well That Ends Well. It appeared in one of the folios as kicksie-wicksie, which is even more cutesy-wutesy.

nookie bookie

This is not a trained professional who accepts wagers on the odds of nookie. According to the Historical Dictionary of American Slang (HDAS), a nookie bookie is a pimp.

prinkum-prankum

Though I haven't seen this word turn up on many blogs or billboards, it actually has three separate meanings, spanning the 1500s all the way up to the 1980s. The first meaning, which was rare even then, meant a prank, and the second was a cushion-dance-which; sounds like a euphemism a covert nookie-bookie might use-but is actually a real dance the OED defines as "A round dance, formerly danced at weddings, in which the women and men alternately knelt on a cushion to be kissed." Finally, *prinkum-prankum* means "Fine attire; fine clothes and adornments"-in other words, stuff that is hoity-toity.

ooglie-booglies

This word, coined on Buffy The Vampire Slayer, was well-defined by the slayer's little sister Dawn: "So what have we got? What kind of ooglie-booglies? Lizardy types, ozombies, vampires, or what?"

ibby-jibbies

Ooglie-booglies tend to give all but the hardiest of citizens the *ibby-jibbies*-a variation of heebie-jeebies

hunkum-bunkum

Though *bunkum* is a form of bunk, *hunkum-bunkum* seems to be closer to *hunky-dory*: it means everything is okey-dokey. A 1913 citation from the HDAS shows it in use: "What *hunkum-bunkum* bread you have today!"

frabbajabba Another HDAS word (used in West Side Story) that Mr. T would likely enjoy: it means jibber-jabber, and I hope to someday tell someone "Don't give me any of that *frabbajabba*, kind sir!"



Take a break...

Take 5

Never Lie to a Woman!

A man called his wife at home and said, "Hi honey, I have been asked to go fishing on the weekend by my boss & several of his mates".

"We'll probably be back on Tuesday". This is a good opportunity for me to rub shoulders with the hob-nobs and get that promotion I've been wanting.

Could you do me a favour, pack my bag with enough clothes for a week, and set out my rod and fishing box.

We're leaving from the office & I will swing by the house to pick my things up" Love you

"Oh! Before I forget can you please pack my new blue silk pyjamas".

The wife thinks this sounds a bit fishy [no pun intended] but being the good wife she is did exactly what her husband asked.

The following weekend he came home a little tired but otherwise looking good.

The wife welcomed him home and asked if he caught any fish?

"Yes! Lots of salmon, some bluegill, and a few swordfish he said,

But why didn't you pack my new blue silk pyjamas like I asked you to do?"

You'll love the answer...

The wife replied, "I did. They're in your fishing box..."

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Positions Vacant

Jeff Hort Engineering is looking for trades-people in the following categories:

Boilermakers/Fabricators/Welders
Fitter Machinists

For further information go to our website at www.jeffhort.com.au and click on careers