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Indestructo Decon Shower

Pros

- + Portable;
- + Easy to set up;
- + Durable; and
- + Nice, level spray.

Cons

- None.

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Spray Me Down!

DQE's Indestructo Decon Shower is a great addition to your hazmat arsenal

By Anthony P. Manfredi Jr.

When asked to test the DQE's Indestructo Decon Shower, I jumped at the opportunity. I'm chairman of the Connecticut Eastern Regional Response Integrated Team's equipment and training committee, and we wanted to test a decontamination shower that was portable, easy to set up in a matter of minutes and one that was built rigidly to withstand some abuse. This shower met all of those characteristics, and not only that, it proved to be one of the best decon showers that we've worked with.

I opened the box during a training session, and my first thought was that the shower would be a good project to assemble at the station, as it appeared to be very complex. It turns out that it was hardly a project at all. I read the instruction card,

which was very easy to understand, and the Indestructo Shower was erected and water was flowing within 3 minutes. All of the parts are clearly labeled and fit together very well. Another plus: There weren't a lot of small pieces or parts to lose.

After placing the shower in service for a full-scale technical decon drill, we quickly learned that it was very easy to

maneuver and work around.

The shower has a nice, level spray that's projected from the middle.

The technicians who went through the decon line—and there were many of them—said that the spray from the four showerheads felt very even and complete, noting that the shower was giving them a full rinse. The shower comes with two wind screens that prevented any type of overspray and seem to enhance its effectiveness.

The shower weighs less than 40 lbs., but it's rugged and sturdy due to the outer shell being constructed of a strong ABS thermoplastic pipes and fittings. The inlet is a single garden hose connection that makes it very easy to connect to a standard water supply. Additionally, the shower comes with a handheld sprayer that's attached to an 8' piece of garden hose for maximum reach and maneuverability.

The shower breaks down just as fast as it goes up. All parts fit in the provided vinyl bag, which is more than adequate in terms of size and material strength. It also stores well in the bag and stands ready and easy to assemble the next time it's needed.

Bottom line: I highly recommend this shower for hazmat teams. In fact, we liked it so much that we purchased our tester for the department.

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