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ELKAY COMMERCIAL SETS THE STANDARD FOR SCULLERY SINKS

Durable, High-Quality Scullery Sinks Built Tough for Any Commercial Kitchen Application

OAK BROOK, IL – October 2008 – In any commercial kitchen application, the engineer is often challenged with specifying a sink that will economically and reliably meet the needs of each specific commercial setting. With food service applications, the specifying engineer must also consider which scullery sink features are able to withstand heavy-duty use and daily wear-and-tear common to food preparation areas in schools, hospitals, retirement homes as well as restaurants.

With nearly a 90 year history of forming, welding, trimming and polishing hundreds of thousands of high-quality stainless steel commercial sinks, Elkay has created three families of innovative scullery sinks. These scullery sinks, Weldbilt®, Rigidbilt® and Sturdibilt® free standing scullery sink lines, combine form, function and durability in order to provide the ideal sink choice for an array of commercial kitchen or utility applications, including food preparation, dishwashing and maintenance.

Polished to a uniform Lustrous Satin finish and made of superior-quality, 14 gauge, type 304 stainless steel, Weldbilt scullery sinks unite strength and style ideal for food service areas within hotel, restaurant and cafeteria environments. Available as a single, double or triple compartment model, each sink basin has smooth, covered 1/4 inch radius corners for easy cleaning, as well as an eight inch backsplash engineered to resist grime. Created for busy commercial kitchens, Weldbilt sinks are equipped with a channel rim design, a two inch apron and a slanting sanitary turnunder to minimize spillage.

Rigidbilt sinks offer professionals another quality option when specifying sinks for commercial kitchen settings. Seamlessly designed using 16 inch, type 304 stainless

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steel, this family of scullery sinks is equipped with large die-drawn sink compartments pitched to drain quickly. The 1-¾ inch radius-coved corners also provide a smooth, non-stick surface for water or waste to efficiently clear the basins of the Rigidbilt line which are available in a double or triple compartment model. Steel channel reinforced drain boards with a fan-shaped pitch for easy drainage can be ordered for the right, left or both sides of the scullery sink. Rigidbilt sinks have also been undercoated for maximum sound deadening. This can make a significant difference in many applications, especially open kitchen restaurants, where a quieter environment can encourage a more productive work place for the staff and a more enjoyable experience for guests.

The breadth and depth of the Elkay Commercial line extends further to include service and utility scullery sinks called Sturdibilt. Designed to withstand abuse from buckets, mops and other maintenance equipment, these scullery sinks come as single or double compartments that measure 14 inches deep. Crafted from thick, solid 14 gauge, type 304 stainless steel, the Sturdibilt series has squared corners within the basins and a distinctive channel rim design with a two inch apron to minimize spillage.

"When faced with the challenge of specifying the right commercial sink, understanding the needs of the end-user, functionality of the space and frequency of use can help the specifying engineer make the most appropriate choice for the application," states Jack Krecek, vice president and general manager of Elkay Commercial Business Unit. "As part of an ongoing effort to make the specifier's job as simple as possible, Elkay continues to develop and evolve the highest quality products available in the commercial marketplace, including Weldbilt, Rigidbilt and Sturdibilt scullery sinks," continued Krecek.

For more than 88 years, Elkay has been an innovative manufacturer of stainless steel sinks and faucets for residential and commercial use. Elkay expanded its commercial offerings more than 36 years ago to include efficient water coolers and drinking fountains.

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Elkay, which is ranked 40th in *Crain's Chicago Business* list of Chicago's Largest Privately-Held Companies, has more than 5,000 employees in facilities across the United States and select international markets. In 2006 and 2007, Elkay was honored as a Merit Award winner in *Interior Design* magazine's "Best of the Year" Awards for The Mystic[®] and Avado[®] sink designs. Elkay is also a member of key industry associations including the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID).

Headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois, Elkay is also the parent company of E.B. Tecnica Mexicana[®], Phylrich[®] International and Elkay Zhuhai. Elkay is America's number one selling stainless steel sink company. The Elkay Manufacturing Cabinetry Division is the fourth largest cabinet manufacturer in the U.S. with its Yorktowne[®] Cabinetry, Medallion[®] Cabinetry and Mastercraft[®] Cabinets holdings.

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