

# Spotlight on...Contact Time



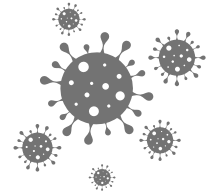
## Definition

The contact time listed on the product label shows the **amount of time required to inactivate the microorganisms** according to the efficacy testing conducted at an accredited laboratory.



## Also known as...

- + Kill Time
- + Wet Time



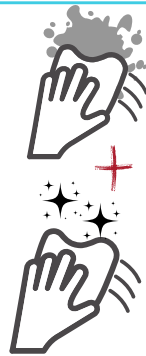
## Example

If a product states that the total contact time is 1 minute, in order to kill all the microorganisms listed on the label, the **surface should remain visibly wet for the full 1 minute contact time.**



## Important!

If there is any **visible soiling**, such as soil, dust, dirt, blood or fluids, use **one wipe to clean** prior to using a **second wipe to disinfect**. This ensures best practice in removing any contaminants that may disrupt the action of the disinfectant.



**Always leave the surface to air dry.**

Do not intervene manually, or dry with paper towels as this could potentially compromise the overall efficacy of the disinfectant wipe.



In **certain geographies** and in settings where temperature, relative humidity and air changes may vary, it is possible that an **additional wipe may be needed** to achieve the required contact time.



Unrealistic contact times and misleading efficacy claims can lead to an increased risk of unwanted infections. PDI International are members of the **Safer Disinfectant Network**, a network ensuring public safety by encouraging high standards of effectiveness within disinfectant products, based on **rigorous testing**, independent **clinical evidence**, and **clarity** on claims of product efficacy.



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