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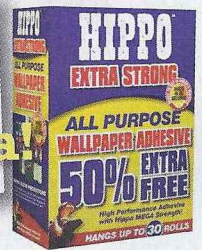
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BRITAIN'S GRIMIEST TRADESPERSON

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WIN AND CLEAN UP!



Big Wipes is on a mission to get tough on grime and look after the trade with its 4x4 range of industrial strength wipes, and has teamed with *Professional Builder* to find Britain's Grimeiest Builder. Big Wipes 4x4 contain no fewer than four powerful cleaning agents and four dermatologically tested skin conditioners – making these cleaning

wipes even tougher on grime and even kinder to your hands.

To win this amazing prize, either tweet or send us a pic of you (or a mate) covered in grime on site, your company name and tell us why you're so grimy. Tweet your pic to us @bigwipes, upload it to www.Facebook.com/BigWipes or email it to comp@bigwipes.com.

Mark & Karl Wray – Wray Brothers

"The grimeiest we ever got was when we had to rip out pipes from a place that made roofing felt. We got absolutely covered in it - they used to put oil through the pipes to keep the bitumen warm. It was horrible!"



Chris Gallimore – CG Services

"I'm a landscaper but I've worked in some very dirty places, like quarries and mines. I also worked in a power station and I got covered in coal dust. But landscaping is dirty all year round. I'm often covered with dust, paint and resins."



Dave Glennon & Luke Bond – Neale Build

"We're working on this landscaping job at the moment and it's a dirty job, digging out holes for fence posts, building walls and mixing cement. We need some Big Wipes!"



Carl & Harold Walker – Green Doctor

"While we were clearing a chimney we were being watched by a very old man who hadn't spoken for years. Anyway, we got covered in an avalanche of soot and it all came out in front of the old man. Well, his first words for years were "those @\$\$%£!s!"



FIRST 20 TO ENTER WIN A BIG WIPES T-SHIRT!

Think you can out-grime these guys?

Send us a picture of yourself caked in it on site, along with your name, a brief line on the job that's got you so dirty to **Twitter @bigwipes**, www.facebook.com/BigWipes or email it to comp@bigwipes.com.

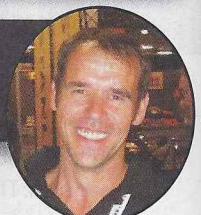
First 20 get a T-shirt! Don't forget, Big Wipes 4x4 will get you clean first time, every time.

We'll be posting your shots on the official Big Wipes Facebook and Twitter feed. The best entry will – quite literally – clean up! Terms and conditions apply.

THIS MONTH'S GRIMIEST BUILDER!

Gary Ball – GB Plastering & Building

"I was fixing a toilet. I won't go into details, but it still haunts me to this day!"



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