

CYBERCLEAN: not cyber, but it cleans



Enter the phrase “how to clean a computer keyboard” into an online search engine, and you will get detailed, step-by-step guides ranging from how to clean it using canned compressed air to removing the keys and bathing them in dishwashing detergent.

If you are so overwhelmed by the instructions, that you are on the verge of leaving the dusty device to its fate, then *Varsity* suggests you try a different, less complicated approach.

Cyberclean is a neon yellow playdough-like cleaning compound made to absorb dust from cavities. The malleable cleaning “gum” can squeeze into cavities and get into places you usually cannot reach using traditional cleaning materials.

Though the cleaning gum works well with all surfaces, it is ideal for electronic gadgets. It can deal with the filthy cavities abundant in such devices and does not contain any liquid that can harm their performance. Feel free to try it on remote controls, mobile phone keyboards and toys.

You need not rub and wipe unceasingly with this cleaning gum: simply press it against the surfaces you wish to clean, then gently pull it back. The substance will lift off the hidden dirt by picking it up on its own surface.

The cleaning gum, unlike common desktop


vacuum cleaners, will not release the dust absorbed when it has exceeded its cleaning-absorption capacity. However, user Tiffany Ngai Ka-hang comments that the cleaning gum’s lemon smell sticks to your hands, which she and some other users may find undesirable.

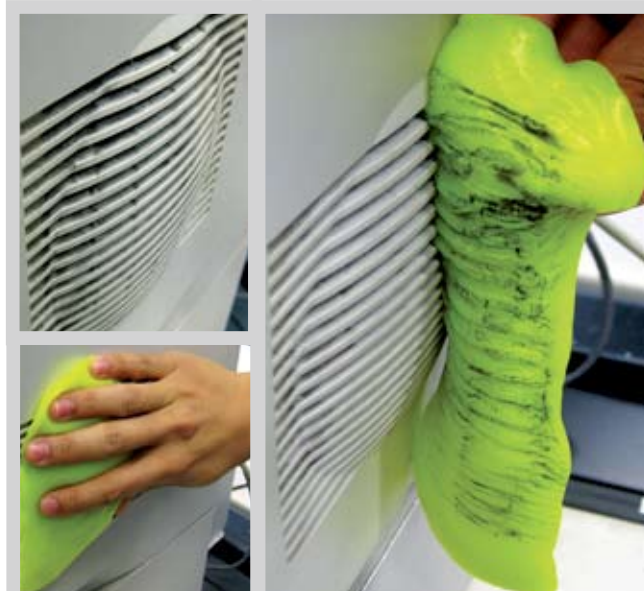
Besides cleaning cavities, *Cyberclean* claims it disinfects and kills germs. Its makers say it contains anti-fungal, disinfectant and anti-microbial preservative chemicals among its ingredients.

Though the cleaning gum is biodegradable and non-toxic, it is not washable and therefore non-reusable in

the long term. Dispose of the dirt stuck on the surface by folding the affected part inwards to absorb the filthy particles. Then you can make use of the new clean surface. Producers claim it can be used up to 75 times.

After continuous use, it will have absorbed much dirt and turned from its original bright yellow colour to green. Take that as a hint that it needs to be replaced. The packaging displays a colour scale against which you can compare the compound to know if it is time for a shopping trip. To maximize its lifespan, remember to return the gum to its container or package after each use to keep it from drying out.

For car owners, *Cyberclean* also offers a special version for automobiles’ interiors. *Cyberclean* is available at major department stores such as Jusco, Yata, Sogo, Citistore and Toys R Us.
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- Easy cleaning in three steps:
 (1) pick your surface
 (2) press *cyberclean* against it
 (3) peel back