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ELKAY® COMMERCIAL REVAMPS RIGIDBILT® LINE OF SCULLERY SINKS
Enhanced Seamless Design + New Offerings Provide Endless Commercial Sink Solutions

OAK BROOK, IL – October 2009 – With a nearly 90-year history of forming, welding, trimming and polishing hundreds of thousands of high-quality stainless steel commercial sinks, Elkay Commercial Products continues to grow its innovative offering with the redesign and expansion of its Rigidbilt scullery sink family. The newly revamped line of Rigidbilt sinks combine form, function and durability to provide engineers with a myriad of value-priced scullery sink solutions for a variety of foodservice and general commercial applications.

Engineered for superior drainage and easy cleaning, Rigidbilt scullery sinks are seamlessly designed using 16 gauge, type 304 stainless steel and are available in single, double and triple bowl models. Pitched to drain quickly, Rigidbilt's large die-drawn sink compartments can handle the largest of loads in even the busiest applications. Steel channel reinforced drain boards with a fan-shaped pitch can be ordered for the right, left or both sides of the scullery sink. A smooth transition between the drainboard and bowls, as well as V-indented partitions, also aid in maximum drainage.

For overall ease of cleaning, all exposed Rigidbilt sink surfaces feature a machine finish that is blended to perfection in all visible areas, even hard-to-reach corners. The 3-1/2 inch radius coved corners also provide a smooth, non-stick surface for water or waste to efficiently clear the basins, increasing sanitation. Designed with a one-inch apron with an inward sloping rim to minimize spillage, the channel rim also offers the end-user leaning comfort with a flat front.

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"Elkay is always seeking new and innovative ways to not only make a specifier's job easier but also to meet the needs of end-users," states Jack Krecek, vice president and general manager of Elkay's Commercial Business Unit. "The Rigidbilt scullery sink line displays superior craftsmanship and was redesigned to provide an even higher degree of overall functionality and durability that no other competitor currently offers."

For optimal support to withstand heavy-duty use, the newly redesigned sinks offer stainless steel tubular legs with up to one-inch adjustable bullet-shaped feet to allow balanced installations on uneven floors, as well as new cross-brace supports for increased sturdiness. All sinks have a 3-1/2 inch drain opening centered in each compartment and an optional drain outlet fitting with a rotary lever designed with busy commercial kitchens and applications in mind. Rigidbilt sinks also feature optional undercoating created for maximum sound deadening, which can make a significant difference in many applications; for example, this is ideal for open kitchen restaurants, where a quieter environment can encourage a more productive work place for the staff and a more enjoyable experience for guests.

Each sink backsplash is two inches thick to better allow for plumbing, as well as eight inches high and engineered at a 45-degree slope to resist grime build-up. Now with 12 models available, the Rigidbilt family of sinks offer a choice of 18 by 24 inch or 24 by 24 inch compartments.

For more than 89 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 37 years ago to include efficient water coolers and drinking fountains. Elkay, which is ranked 57th in *Crain's Chicago Business* list of Chicago's Largest Privately-Held Companies, has more than 2,800 employees in facilities across the United States and select international markets. Elkay is also a member of key industry associations including

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the U.S. Green Building Council [USGBC], The North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers [NAFEM], The American Society of Plumbing Engineers [ASPE] and the Plumbing Manufacturers' Institute [PMI].

Headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois, Elkay is also the parent company of E.B. Tecnica Mexicana[®], Phylrich[®] International and Elkay China. Recently, Elkay broadened its scope to address the need for high-quality granite and composite countertop materials for the East Coast with the addition of Badolato Granite and Chesapeake Stoneworks holdings. 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. For more information, Elkay customers can contact Elkay customer service at (630) 572-3192 or visit elkayusa.com. For media inquiries regarding Elkay Commercial products, contact Gaelen Bell at (312) 946-6089 or gbell@msinet.com.

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