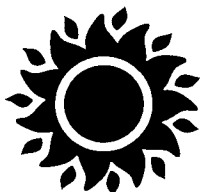


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Venture Innovations, Inc. is a very focused company within The Venture Group centered primarily on cutting-edge research, patent consultation and the development of new business including the development, acquisition and use or sale of technical know-how. While each company that falls under the umbrella of The Venture Group maintains individual laboratory facilities for quality control testing and customer technical services, VII furnishes the principal technical and patent support for not only companies encompassed within The Venture Group, but for technical and patent consultation for outside clients as well. While maintaining emphasis on research and development, VII has been issued numerous patents for products and processes for The Venture Group as well as other clients.

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### SUN SAFETY TIPS

Limit outdoor activities between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the summer months. Therefore, play golf, tennis, swim, etc., in the early morning or late afternoon.

Wear a good pair of sunglasses to ward off the sun from your eyes and some kind of protection - the looser the better - on your head.

Clouds and particulate matter in the air scatter sunlight. Therefore, you may receive a "surprise sunburn" even on a cloudy day.

Some drugs & cosmetics -- Tetracycline, diuretics, major tranquilizers -- may increase susceptibility to sunburn because they contain substances that cause the skin to absorb more of the sun's radiation. These "photosensitivity reactions" may also be caused by birth control pills. Your physician can advise you about medications that can cause problems in the sun.

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# PRODUCT CORNER

## Capillary Suction Time Instrument

The CST Unit (pictured in Figure 1) has been used in the petroleum industry to characterize shales and to optimize the electrolyte concentration in drilling fluids for minimizing its effect on shale formations.

Venture Innovations' CST Instrument is rapid and easy to use. It was developed to conduct the CST method for evaluating the filtration characteristics of aqueous systems.

The CST Unit is an invaluable tool in the characterization of shales and maximization of electrolyte concentration in drilling fluids. Optimizing these features can minimize the effect of water base drilling fluids on shale hydration.

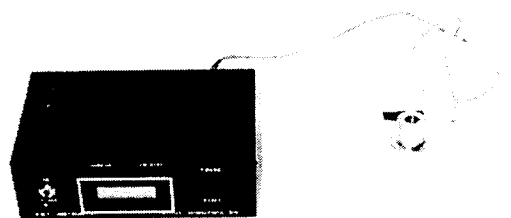
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VII has been instrumental in significant new market developments for The Venture Group. Recent products developed and introduced by VII include: CST Unit (Capillary Suction Timer), a specialty instrument for measuring the nature and condition of colloidal solids in aqueous suspension; a specialty foundry sand additive; novel cement dispersants and retarders; novel liquid polymer and aging additive; and a specialty absorbent used in waste water treatment, animal litter and other industrial markets.

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FIGURE 1



## THOUGHT TICKLERS



"When there is no peril in the fight, there is no glory in the triumph."

- Pierre Corneille

"Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which in prosperous circumstances would have lain dormant."

- Horace

"If we had no winter, spring would not be so pleasant."

- Anne Bradstreet

"You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired and success achieved."

- Helen Keller

"Work is victory."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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# VEN-BRIEFS

An online survey into embarrassing computer related experiences has revealed that Britons are not as tech-savvy as they may have hoped. PC manufacturer Novatech asked its customers to share their most cringe-worthy computer moments and was inundated with 4,200 replies.

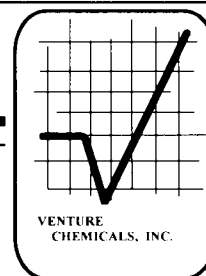
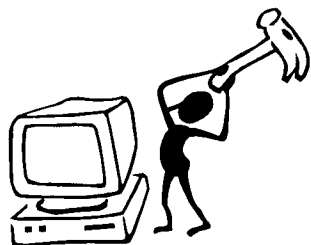
The survey discovered that 25% of computer users had physically attacked their machine.

Most bad experiences were clearly due to lack of technical know-how.

Confessions included those of a new employee who on her first day snapped at IT support for not responding to her calls for help. "Well, I pressed the F1 button marked 'help' ages ago but nobody came," she protested.

One of the most surprising and pleasant results was just how much humor and social interaction they cause. Although in many cases, it's probably not the sort of social interaction people were expecting.

- ZDNet (UK)



## SAFETY FIRST

Accidents in the workplace are often caused by careless errors that could have easily been prevented had the employee taken the time to educate themselves about the chemical they were using. As an employer it is your job to make sure that MSDS files are located in a central location where they are visible and convenient. The few minutes it takes to read up on a chemical could save a life.

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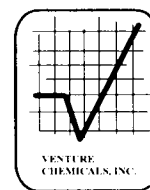
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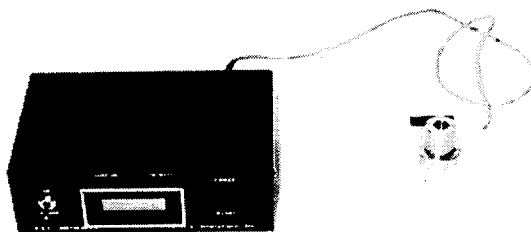
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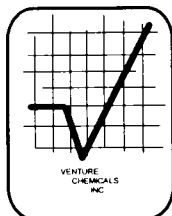
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