

Choosing the Right Loose Absorbent



Polypropylene sorbents work best on flat surfaces, such as benches and smooth concrete floors. As they are synthetic, they are also ideal for spill response kits, where they may sit for some time, before being used. The Oil Only type perform very well responding to oil & fuel spills on water, while the Aggressive type are an excellent option for situations where very harsh chemicals are held.

Loose absorbents are a good solution during spill incidents on rough surfaces, e.g. roads, grass verges, gravel or bitumen yards. They get into the challenging areas, and once absorption is complete, can be swept up and disposed of. Mineral absorbents are good for stronger chemicals, whereas organic ones can be risky in these cases. However, some organic loose absorbents are perfect for breaking down oil spills.

Below is a guide for choosing the right sorbent or loose absorbent for your situation. For more information on choosing the right sorbent (oil only, universal or aggressive), click [here](#).

Situation	Liquid Spilt	Recommended Product
Bitumen or tarseal (rough surface)	Fuels or oils	Enviropeat or Spill Sorb
	Chemicals	Mineral Sponge
Childcare or School	Body fluid	Body Fluid Powder
Factory/Workshop floor (smooth surface)	Fuel, oils	Sorbent Pads - Universal or Sorbent Socks - Universal
	Chemicals	Sorbent Pads - Aggressive or Sorbent Socks - Aggressive
Grass or soil	Oil, fuels or chemicals	Mineral Sponge
Laboratory (smooth surface)	Chemicals	Sorbent Pads - Aggressive or Sorbent Socks - Aggressive
Mall / Supermarket	Body fluid	Body Fluid Powder
	Other (or chemical) spill	Sorbent Pads - Universal or Sorbent Socks - Universal
Marina	Oil, fuel on water	Sorbent Pads - Oil Only, Sorbent Socks - Oil Only, Enviropeat or Absorbent W
	Oil, fuel on land	Enviropeat or Mineral Sponge
Restaurant or Public Venue	Body fluid	Body Fluid Powder
Service Station (smooth surface)	Fuel, oils	Sorbent Pads - Universal or Sorbent Socks - Universal
	Chemicals	Sorbent Pads - Aggressive or Sorbent Socks - Aggressive

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