

Safety, handling and disposal

Oil-only absorbent socks and pillows · polypropylene nonwoven

NOT A SAFETY DATA SHEET
See section 1

1 – REGULATORY STATUS

These products are **articles** under REACH Article 3(3) — objects whose function is determined by form rather than chemical composition. A safety data sheet is required for substances and mixtures under Article 31 and is therefore **not required** here, under either UK REACH or EU REACH.

On the basis of our raw material inputs, and to the best of our knowledge, the products contain no ECHA Candidate List substance of very high concern above 0.1% by weight; no Article 33 notification applies. They are not classified as hazardous under CLP in the form supplied. This document is issued in place of a safety data sheet and may be filed as such.

2 – COMPOSITION

Fill	Polypropylene, meltblown nonwoven, including recycled process material
Sleeve	Polypropylene, spunbond nonwoven, 50 g/m ²
Additives	None added for the oil-only grade. No surfactant, no binder, no adhesive.
Metal parts	None

3 – HANDLING, AS SUPPLIED

- 01 No respiratory or skin hazard is known from the product as supplied. General industrial hygiene is sufficient.
- 02 Polypropylene is **combustible** and softens at approximately 160 °C. Store away from ignition sources, hot work and naked flame.
- 03 **Not antistatic.** Do not use where static discharge is a hazard, including aviation fuel service.
- 04 Store dry, indoors, out of direct sunlight. Prolonged UV exposure degrades polypropylene.

4 – HANDLING, ONCE USED

A used sorbent takes on the hazard properties of the liquid it has absorbed. A sock saturated with diesel is a flammable, potentially hazardous waste, and must be assessed, stored, transported and disposed of on that basis — not on the basis of this document.

- 01 Consult the safety data sheet of the **absorbed liquid** for personal protective equipment, exposure limits and first aid.
- 02 Place used sorbent in closed, labelled, chemically compatible containers. Keep away from ignition sources.
- 03 Do not wring out or reuse. Do not place in general or recycling waste streams.
- 04 Never allow recovered liquid or used sorbent to enter drains, surface water or ground.

5 – WASTE CLASSIFICATION AND DISPOSAL

Unused product	Non-hazardous. Plastics waste stream.
Used, contaminated with dangerous substances	EWC 15 02 02* — absorbents, filter materials, wiping cloths and protective clothing contaminated by dangerous substances. Hazardous.
Used, not so contaminated	EWC 15 02 03 — as above, other than those mentioned in 15 02 02*. Non-hazardous.
Preferred route	Incineration with energy recovery. Polypropylene has a net calorific value of approximately 44 MJ/kg , comparable with fuel oil.
Not suitable	Landfill where an energy recovery route is available

In the UK the waste producer holds the duty of care: correct classification, a registered carrier, and a consignment note where the waste is hazardous. Classify by reference to the absorbed liquid and confirm the code with your waste contractor.

6 – WHY THIS MATTERS COMMERCIALY

Disposal is charged by mass. A sorbent holding 9.3 g of oil per gram sends far less carrier material to disposal per litre recovered than mineral granulate or clay — and unlike them it can be incinerated with energy recovery, not landfilled.

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