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## MOP GUIDE

### When floors need mopping, it's twine time

Understanding the different types of mops and when to use them ensures your floors are cleaned properly. American Paper & Twine has the mop you need to give your floors the best care possible.





## Dust Mops

A dust mop is used dry to pick up dirt, dust and other particulate soil that is not wet, oily, or sticky. It is designed with conventional fibers or microfiber that collect debris as it is pushed across the floor. A dust mop is a better alternative to a broom and should be used prior to using a wet mop.

### DUST MOP TYPES



**Launderable** – Designed for heavy use with repeated cleaning. Made with either 4-ply cotton or synthetic yarn and comes in a variety of backings.



**Disposable** – Economical and generally used when laundering is not possible.

### PROPER USE

A dust mop is not a push broom and should not be used like one. Keep dust mops on the floor at all times while cleaning. This will ensure no missed spots and that the mop is capturing all the various types of soils. In tight areas with smaller dust mops, using a figure-eight pattern works well.

In heavy soil applications like school hallways, remember to bring the correct tools for sweeping the collected soils off the floor at the drop points.





## PARTS OF A DUST MOP

Dust mops require a wire frame and a snap-on handle. The mop head fits over the frame and then the frame attaches to the handle. Wire mop frames are built to withstand heavy use and are designed to work with a swivel snap handle, which allows for maneuverability when cleaning.



**Frames**

Dust mop frames are usually made from steel or stainless steel and should match the size of the dust mop you have.



**Handles**

The main type of dust mop handle is the quick clip end handle. Most handles are made from wood with a metal clip end.



**Heads**

A mop head is the part of the mop that comes in contact with the floor. It is made from materials such as cotton, cotton-blends, or microfiber.

## DUST MOP BACKING TYPES

Backing type refers to the part of the mop head attaching to the mop frame. Each backing style should coordinate with the mop frame being used.



**Slot Pocket**

Fits a standard dust mop frame, allowing it to slide into place quickly and easily.



**Break Away**

Designed for collapsible hinged frames.



**Open Back**

For use with standard and collapsible frames.



**Keyhole**

Fits one piece, slip-on or quick-change type frames.



**Flat Mop**

Sticks to the mop frame using Velcro.

# Wet Mops

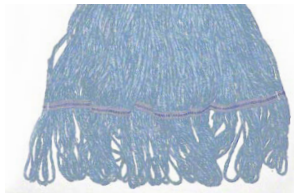
A wet mop is used with water and a cleaning solution to remove built-up debris and spills while cleaning or disinfecting. Wet mopping is done after dry mopping and is generally reserved for the end of the day when floors will not present a risk of injury to people in the vicinity.

When choosing a mop for industrial use, it is important to consider the job it will be doing and the surface area it will be covering. Looped-end and cut-end mops are sized in ounces, and the higher the ounce rating, the larger the mop head will be.

## WET MOP TYPES



**Cut-end** – The most popular style of mop. Features cut strands that are highly absorbent. Cannot be laundered but is economical and convenient.

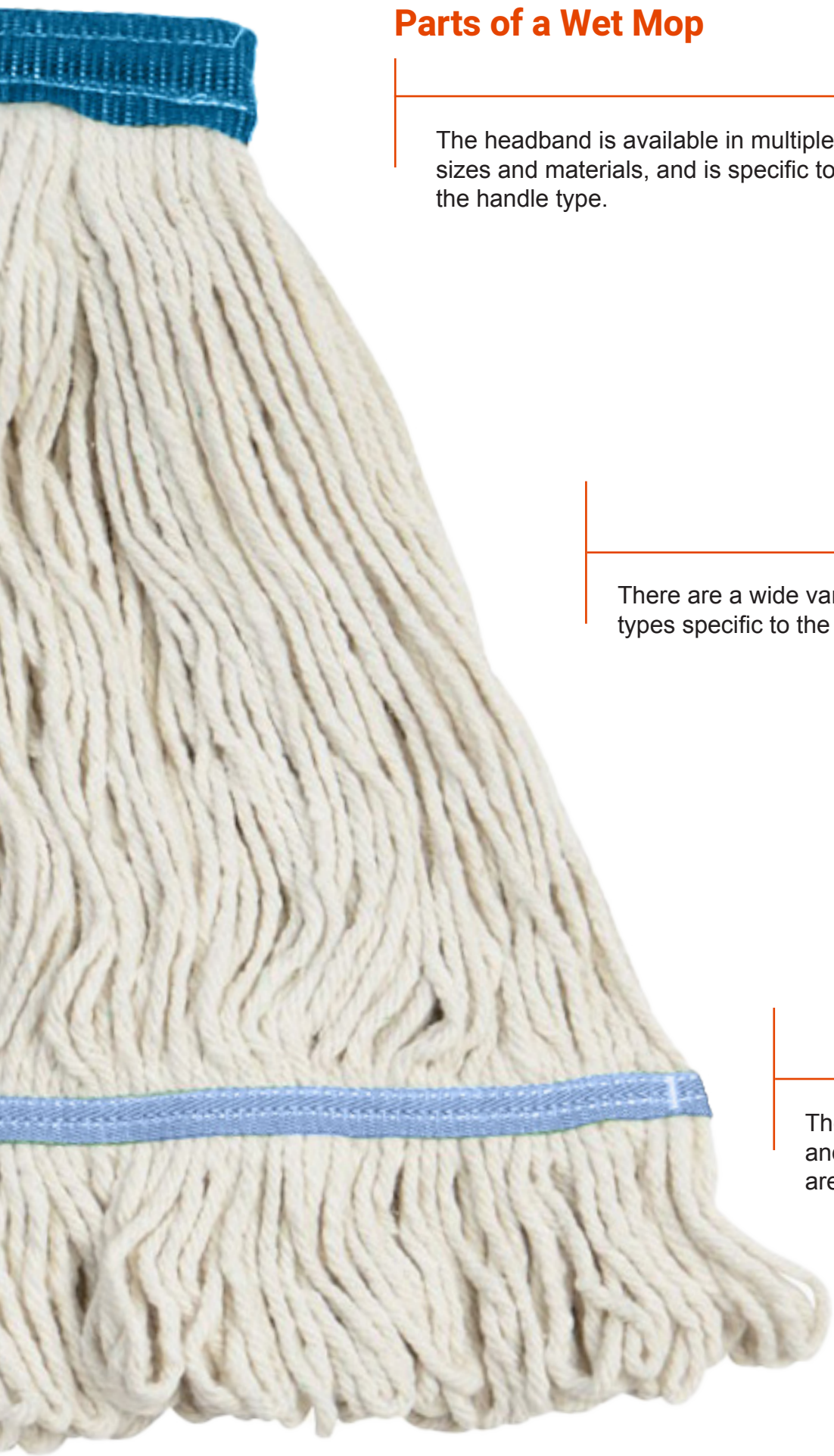


**Looped-end** – Made with looped strands that are ideal for cleaning large areas. Offers superior performance and lasts longer than cut-end mops. Looped ends prevent fraying so there are reduced labor costs and lower replacement costs.



**Tube** – Strands are comprised of material made into a tube-like shape with looped ends. Reduces tangling and absorbs seven times its weight in liquid.

MOP TYPE	YARN TYPES	INDUSTRIES	FEATURES	BEST USES
<b>Cut-End</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% Cotton</li> <li>• Cotton Blend</li> <li>• Rayon</li> <li>• Rayon Blend</li> <li>• Microfiber</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Service</li> <li>• Retail/Professional</li> <li>• Janitorial/Sanitation</li> <li>• Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economical</li> <li>• Absorbent</li> <li>• Disposable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Spills</li> </ul>
<b>Looped-End</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% Cotton</li> <li>• Cotton Blend</li> <li>• Rayon</li> <li>• Rayon Blend</li> <li>• Microfiber</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janitorial/Sanitation</li> <li>• Hospitality</li> <li>• Healthcare</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Food Service</li> <li>• Warehouse/Distribution</li> <li>• Sports Facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-Priced</li> <li>• Durable</li> <li>• Absorbent</li> <li>• Wide Spread</li> <li>• No Tangling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large Spills</li> <li>• Large Surface Areas</li> <li>• Applying Disinfectant &amp; Finishes</li> </ul>
<b>Tube</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microfiber</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Processing</li> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Distribution</li> <li>• Healthcare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longest Lasting</li> <li>• Highest Performing</li> <li>• Hypoallergenic</li> <li>• Non-Abrasive</li> <li>• Eco-Friendly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heavy Traffic Areas</li> <li>• Healthcare Applications</li> <li>• Deep Cleaning</li> </ul>



## Parts of a Wet Mop

### HEADBAND

The headband is available in multiple sizes and materials, and is specific to the handle type.

### YARN

There are a wide variety of yarn types specific to the application.

### TAIL BAND

The tail band prevents tangling and increases the mop surface area.

### END

The end of the mop helps to determine the mop quality.





## WET MOP YARN TYPES

Yarn type refers to the material used to make the mop head component of a wet mop. The choice of yarn type can significantly affect a wet mop's cleaning performance and durability. Different yarn types have unique characteristics that make them suitable for specific cleaning tasks and environments.

### Cotton:

Cotton yarn is a traditional choice for wet mops. It is absorbent, making it effective for picking up liquids and dirt.

### Cotton Blend:

Cotton blend yarns offer good absorbency and durability, and balance the characteristics of the individual materials for improved performance.

### Rayon:

Rayon yarn is made from regenerated cellulose fibers, and is usually used for applying floor finish.

### Rayon Blend:

Rayon blend yarns are durable and long-lasting, making them suitable for heavy-duty cleaning and applying floor finish. These materials are resistant to mildew and bacterial growth, which can be a concern with natural fibers like cotton. While less absorbent than cotton or rayon, they are better suited for tasks where moisture control is important.

### Microfiber:

Microfiber yarn is made from ultra-fine synthetic fibers. It is highly effective at trapping and removing dirt, dust, and bacteria. It is known for its superior cleaning performance, as it can clean surfaces without the need for chemical cleaners in some cases, and is often used in healthcare and critical cleaning environments.

## WET MOP HEADBAND TYPES



### Narrow

About 1" Wide  
Used with Stirrup & Quick  
Release handles



### Wide

5" Wide  
Used with Jaw/Clamp handles



### Screw-On

Screws onto  
Threaded handles

## WET MOP HANDLE TYPES



### Jaw/Clamp

Provides an extra-strong grip on the mop head. Made from lightweight plastic and works with a wide band mop head.



### Quick Release

Features a convenient side release gate to remove mop head without handling contaminated mop strands. For use with narrow headband mop heads.



### Stirrup

Has a durable metal head and grips the mop head securely. Works with a narrow band mop head.





### Threaded


Has a metal connector that allows the handle to be used with screw-on style mop heads.


## COLOR-CODED MOP HEADS

Color-coded mop heads are a practical and widely used system in commercial and institutional cleaning, such as in hospitals, schools, restaurants, and hotels. This system involves assigning specific colors to mop heads to help prevent cross-contamination, improve hygiene, and enhance the overall cleaning process.

 May be used for cleaning restrooms and other high-risk areas to avoid spreading potentially harmful bacteria.

 Designated for general cleaning in low-risk, non-food contact areas.

 Used for areas such as in-house laundry or isolation rooms in healthcare facilities.

 Used for cleaning kitchen and food preparation areas.



## WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT MOP HEAD ABSORBENCIES?

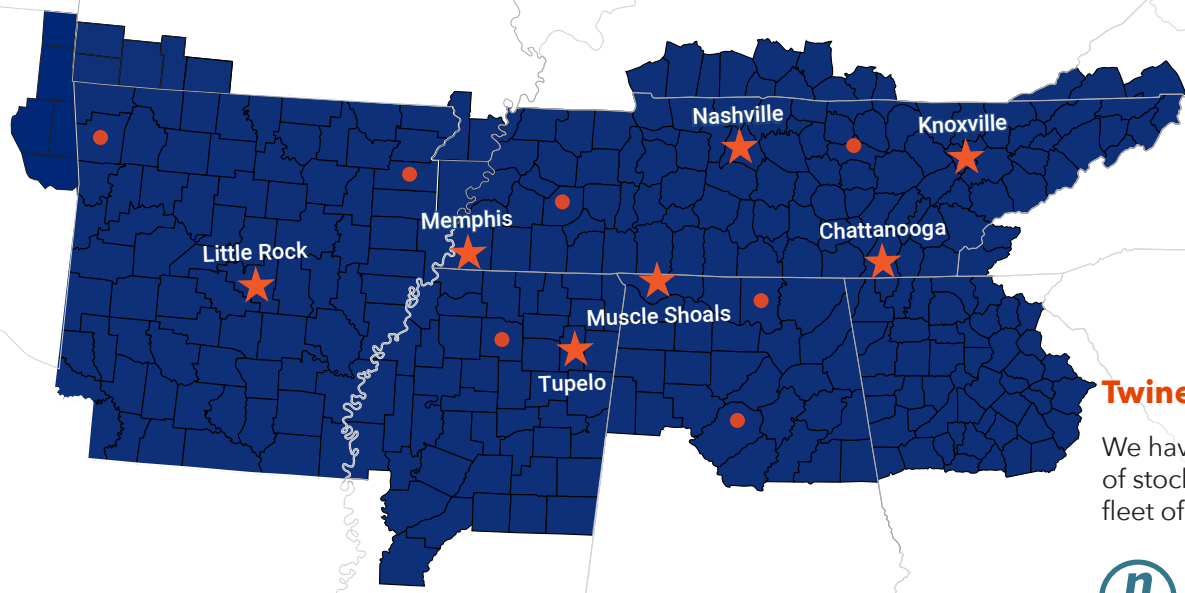
Mop head descriptions are labeled with either ounces or a # sign to distinguish the size. A mop head with a specified ounce will weigh that exact number of ounces. A mop head with a # in the description will vary in weight, typically a few ounces less than the number indicated. This is an easy way to determine how much liquid a mop head will hold and decide which one is best for your desired application.

**Small**  
8 oz to 10 oz

**Medium**  
16 oz to 20 oz

**Large**  
24 oz to 32 oz

**Extra Large**  
32 oz to 40 oz



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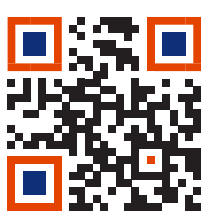
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