







3M™ Perfect-It™ Random Orbital Polishing System Pad Selection Guide

Pad	Key Features	Cut	Finish	Use	Who for/ when?
Coarse Wool Pad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best cut • Short pile fibres • Stiff backing • White wool/white foam backing 	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compounding only • Ideal for large and small areas • Ideal for fresh and aged paint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Techs new to random orbital polishing • Paint that is 24 hours old or older • Hard to polish clear coats • Use over 3M™ Trizact™ 3000 (with compound) • Can also be used on OEM/factory paint
Medium Wool Pad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great cut/finish trade off • Long pile fibres • Most versatile • Flexible foam backing • White wool/black foam backing 	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compounding and polishing ability • Ideal for medium/small areas • Can be used as 1-Step (with Polish) • Ideal for soft fresh paint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh paint - less than 4 hours old • Soft/easy to polish clear coats • Use over Trizact™ 3000 (with compound) or use over Trizact™ 8000 (with polish) • Can also be used on OEM/factory paint
Foam Compounding Pad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only non wool cutting pad • Tough foam to aid cut (different to rotary) • Lowest cut • White foam 	■ ■	■ ■ ■ ■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compounding only • Suitable for those not wanting to use wool pads (wool pads advised for optimal performance) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technicians who do not want to use wool • If cut speed is less critical • Can also be used on OEM/factory paint
Foam Polishing Pad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent finish • Soft foam to aid finish • Purple foam 	■	■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polishing only • Use as second step after compounding • Can be used as 1-Step (with Polish) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable for all paints/coatings • Second step after compound to remove haze • Can be used as 1-Step on easy to polish clear coat after Trizact™ 8000 • Can also be used on OEM/factory paint

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