

Absorene[®] Manufacturing Company

Sponge Producers Division Gulf & West Indies Division

You may know us by several names: Absorene, Sponge Producers, or Gulf & West Indies. But we are one company with one purpose: to provide top quality cleaning products.

This brochure shows you the range of products we carry, which include:

- Natural and synthetic sponges for industrial cleaning
- Absorene dry cleaner
- Cosmetic applicators
- Cosmetic cleansing sponges
- Natural and synthetic bath sponges
- Bath accessories

Many of these products can be custom cut and packaged for your application. If you have questions or requests, be sure to give us a call at (800) 662-7399.



COPAL POLY SPONGES

The Copal is our highest quality industrial sponge. The combination of small cell size and hydrophilic nature make it the most absorbent and durable polyester sponge available. A Copal sponge can hold more than ten times its weight in water and is extremely resistant to grease and chemicals. Test results show Copal sponges are nonallergenic and nontoxic. Their texture is soft and gentle to the skin. Copal sponges are popular with industrial customers such as:

- Car washes and automotive supply stores
- Ceramic, pottery, and china manufacturers
- Tile setters
- Janitorial supply houses
- Paint and hardware stores

COPAL POLY SPONGES

ITEM	DIMENSIONS	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
201	4-7/8" x 3" x 2"	340	12 pounds
301	5-7/8" x 3-3/4" x 2-1/8"	200	12
401	6-1/4" x 4-3/4" x 2-1/2"	140	12
500	7-3/4" x 5-1/2" x 2-1/2"	100	12

INDUSTRIAL CLEANING PRODUCTS



NATURAL SEA WOOL SPONGES

Mediterranean and Rock Island sponges are strong, absorbent natural sponges, and very good for general cleaning jobs, wallpaper hanging, and window washing.

NATURAL SEA WOOL SPONGE

ITEM	DIMENSIONS	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
W04	4" diam	24	2 pounds
W06	6" diam	24	2
W08	8" diam	12	2
W09	9" diam	12	2



MARVEL POLY SPONGES

Marvel sponges, our more economical product, are not reticulated but are very absorbent and remain soft-- wet or dry. These sponges have heavy foaming action, are resistant to chemicals and grease, and retain their shape after repeated use. Marvel sponges are used in automotive, paint & hardware, and janitorial applications and are also popular in saddlery shops. We have a size to fit the palm of every horse owner.

MARVEL POLY SPONGES

ITEM	DIMENSIONS	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
50MV	5-3/4" x 2-1/2" x 8"	86	13 pounds
201MV	4-7/8" x 3" x 2"	340	12
301MV	5-7/8" x 3-3/4" x 2-1/8"	200	12
401MV	6-1/4" x 4-3/4" x 2-1/2"	140	12
500MV	7-3/4" x 5-1/2" x 2-1/2"	100	13
100T	4-3/4" x 4" x 2-1/4" oval	100	12
200T	5-1/2" x 4-1/2" x 2-1/2" oval	80	12
300T	8-3/4" x 5" x 3-1/2" turtleback	55	13



DRY CLEANING/SOOT REMOVAL SPONGES

Use these sponges dry to clean surfaces without getting them wet. Wipe away any kind of particulate matter: dust, pet hair, soot, mold, and other stubborn dirt. Made of vulcanized natural rubber they are non-greasy, leave no residue, and are completely safe for use on delicate fabrics.

These dry sponges are ideal for cleaning smoke-covered walls, window blinds, lamp shades, wallpaper, fan blades, air vents, wood-burning stoves, and pet hair removal. They are especially effective at cleaning television and computer screens.

Available in standard thicknesses of 3/4", 1-1/2", and 1-3/4" these outstanding sponges can be custom cut, packaged, and labeled to your specifications. Call for information.

DRY CLEANING AND SOOT REMOVAL SPONGES

ITEM	DIMENSIONS	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
215	1-3/4" x 3" x 6"	36	12 pounds
016	3/4" x 3" x 6"	120	20



COMPRESSED CELLULOSE SPONGES

Compressed cellulose sponges are just as absorbent as the standard cellulose sponges but are compacted to remove air and save space. A compressed sponge at 1/8 inch quickly expands to wet thickness of 5/8 inch.

Compressed sponges are very popular with crafters who easily cut designs and use for painting and stenciling.

Available in standard size or cut to your specifications. Colors: white or tan. Let us print your logo on compressed sponges for a great advertising tool.

CELLULOSE COMPRESSED SPONGES

ITEM	DIMENSIONS	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
43CC	4-3/4" x 3" x 5/8"	144	10 pounds

ABSORENE

Absorene is the original dry cleaner that works like an eraser by drawing dust and dirt from surfaces.

Absorene Wallpaper Cleaner effectively cleans ceiling tile, smoke film, paintings, window shades, blinds, lamp shades, tapestries, felt hats, painted surfaces, and fire restoration cleanup.

Absorene Paper and Book Cleaner is used by museum curators, archival restoration experts, and libraries to clean old manuscripts, prints, oil paintings, books, papers, and tapestries.

ABSORENE WALLPAPER CLEANER

ITEM	SIZE	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
233	15 oz	12	14 pounds

ABSORENE PAPER AND BOOK CLEANER

ITEM	SIZE	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
PB	11 oz	24	26 pounds



CELLULOSE SPONGES

Cellulose sponges are made from wood fiber and are naturally very absorbent. They are economical and ideal for general duty cleaning. Items 14CS and 16DS have nylon scrubbing surfaces. Available as individual packages or bulk.

CELLULOSE SPONGES

ITEM	DIMENSIONS	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
4C	4" x 3" x 1"	72	12 pounds
6C	6-1/4" x 3-1/2" x 1"	72	14
8C	6" x 4" x 1-1/2"	48	14
10C	7-1/2" x 4-1/4" x 2"	120	38
11C	7-1/2" x 4-1/4" x 2"	12	4
12C	7-1/2" x 3-3/4" x 3-1/2" turtleback	100	30
14CS	5" x 3" x 7/8" single scrub	100	12
16DS	6" x 3-1/2" x 1" double scrub	100	14

COSMETIC APPLICATOR SPONGES



NATURAL SILK COSMETIC SPONGES

Softly textured natural sponges are very popular for applying cosmetics. These are the softest of the natural sponges, soft as silk when wet.

Available in sizes from 2 to 5 inches.

NATURAL SILK COSMETIC SPONGES

ITEM	SIZE	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
22	2" to 2-1/2"	12	1 pound
23	3" to 3-1/2"	12	1
25	5" to 6"	6	1



LATEX SPONGE APPLICATORS

Latex wedges and puffs are ideal applicators for all types of cosmetics, creams, and lotions. The extra fine cell structure makes these sponges soft and pliable.

Items 56 (wheel shape) and 57 (hexagon shape) separate into wedges for easy application.

LATEX SPONGE APPLICATORS

ITEM	DIMENSIONS	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
53	2-1/3" diam x 3/8"	12	1 pound
56	3" diam x 1" (8-wedge)	12	1
57	3" x 1" (6-wedge)	12	1
60	2" x 1"	100	1

COSMETIC CLEANSING SPONGES

CELLULOSE DISCS

These discs are a great value in makeup removal products. Soft and pliable when moistened.

We also carry an extremely fine grade of cellulose for sensitive skin. Call for information.



CELLULOSE DISCS

ITEM	SIZE	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
80	3" x 5/8" (12 per pack)	48	3 pounds
81	3-1/2" x 5/8" (12 per pack)	24	3



COMPRESSED CELLULOSE

Compressed Cellulose sponges come in a variety of shapes for those hard to reach areas. Discs, ovals, and teardrops are great space savers that become soft and pliable when moistened.

COMPRESSED CELLULOSE

ITEM	SIZE	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
82	2-1/4" round	144	1 pound
83	2-1/2" oval	144	1
84	3" round	144	1
85	3-1/2" round	144	1
86	3-3/4" x 2-1/2" teardrop	144	1

COSMETIC CLEANSING SPONGES



SKIN SPONGEYS

Skin spongeys are pink and blue discs made of super absorbent PVA. Moisten and use to remove masks, makeup, and cleansers.

These spongeys are ultra soft when moistened and can be sterilized to prevent bacterial growth.

Imported from France.

SKIN SPONGEYS

ITEM	SIZE	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
6808P	2-1/2" x 1/2"	48	2 pounds
6810B	2-1/2" x 1/2"	48	2

RED RUBBER DISCS

These very soft natural rubber discs are ideal for removal of makeup. Made of all natural sponge rubber, they are soft, lightweight, and nontoxic. These discs absorb facial oils and foundation makeup.

RED RUBBER DISCS

ITEM	SIZE	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
6938	3" x 3/8"	600	23 pounds
6975	3" x 3/4"	400	24

BATH SPONGES

NATURAL BATH SPONGES

Soft and absorbent when wet. A light-colored natural sponge is ideal for body cleansing.



NATURAL BATH SPONGES

ITEM	SIZE	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
4002	small, 2 - 4"	12	2 pounds
4004	large, 5 - 6"	12	2

SYNTHETIC BATH SPONGES



Synthetic bath sponges are soft, squeezable, and a delight to use. Durable and highly absorbent, they are available in beige, tan, and cocoa.

SYNTHETIC BATH SPONGES

ITEM	SIZE	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
4124	4-7/8" x 3" x 2"	12	2 pounds
4125	5" x 3-1/2" x 2"	12	2
4126	4-3/4" x 4" x 2-1/4" oval	12	2
4127	5-1/2" x 4-1/2" x 2-1/2" oval	12	2

BATH ACCESSORIES



ACCESSORIES FOR THE BATH

Super soft puffs, colorful gloves, facial cleanser, and natural wood handle brushes and mirror are perfect accessories for the complete bath.

- **EXFOLIATING GLOVES**

One-size-fits-all gloves in a variety of pastel colors.

- **FACIAL AND BATH PUFFS**

Soft, hygienic nylon sponges available in an assortment of colors. Perfect for face and body cleansing.

- **WOODEN HANDLE BRUSHES AND MIRROR**

Soft all-natural boar bristles (or boar-nylon blend for durability) make these nail, bath, and back brushes ideal for personal cleansing. The bath brush easily slides on the handle and becomes a back scrub. The mirror matches the brushes and together make an attractive assortment of accessories.

- **FACIAL CLEANSER BRUSH**

Ultra soft nylon bristles and a snap-on cap for protection make this facial brush a favorite with beauticians.

ACCESSORIES FOR THE BATH

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
104	exfoliating gloves	12	1 pound
111	small facial puff	12	1
112	large bath puff	12	1
4112	wooden handle mirror	6	1
4114	wooden handle nail brush	6	1
4118	wooden bath brush w/detachable handle	6	2
4120	wooden back brush	6	2
4121	facial brush plastic handle w/cap	6	2

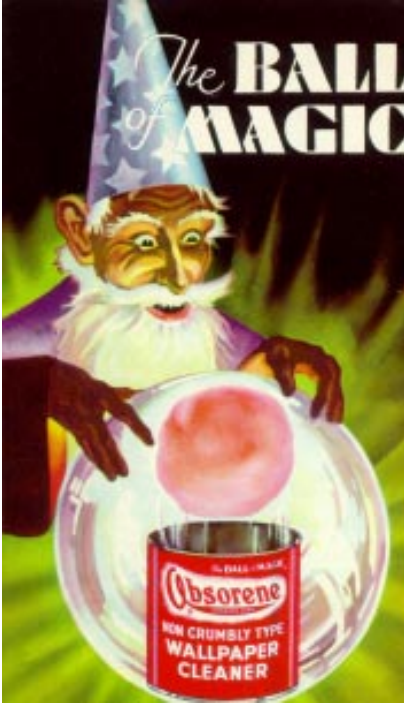
NATURAL LOOFAH

Vegetable loofah sponges are great for stimulating circulation, removing dead skin cells, and breaking up cellulite.

Mitts and pads are available with assorted terry cloth fashion colors.

NATURAL LOOFAH PRODUCTS

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	CASE PACK	SHIPPING WT
4100	loofah/terry mitt	12	2 pounds
4101	loofah/terry pad	12	2
4102	loofah on a stick	12	2
4103	loofah/terry back belt	12	2
4104	3-inch loofah log	24	2
4105	5-inch loofah log	24	2
4106	8-inch loofah log	24	2

Since 1891 . . .

An early advertising poster for Absorene Wallpaper Cleaner, circa 1891.

Absorene Manufacturing Company has been making the wallpaper cleaner that bears its name. Absorene wallpaper cleaner is a pink putty-like material that picks up dirt and absorbs it without streaking, crumbling, or ever wetting the wall surface. Like modeling clay it can be shaped to fit in all those little corners and niches that attract dust and dirt. It earned the title "Pink Ball of Magic" for its easy and effective method of cleaning.

The company was founded in St. Louis by H.R. Henderson and in 1900 the business moved into a factory that previously housed the Mullanphy Emigrant Home.

During the early part of the century the Absorene business grew by adding new cleaning products and expanding sales across the country. By the mid 1940s Absorene was the largest manufacturer of wallpaper cleaner in the U.S.

In 1954 the company was purchased by Harry Shear and he extended the product line to include children's modeling dough made and packaged for many national accounts under private label.

Ralph W. Coldewe, Jr. acquired the Absorene Company in 1976 and greatly expanded the business. In 1989 Absorene acquired **Sponge Producers Co.**, a converter of cellulose and synthetic sponges. And in 1998 the **Gulf & West Indies Co.**, importer of natural sponges, became part of the Absorene Company.

Today Absorene remains the premier cleaner for wallpaper, books, paper products, and art work. Our product line covers the full range of natural and synthetic sponges for industrial cleaning, cosmetic application, cleansing sponges, and bath accessories.



The original Absorene building at 14th and Howard in the late 1930s.

OUR COMMITMENT to our customers: We will always strive to serve your needs.

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