



PUSH BROOM SELECTION GUIDE

Today there are endless choices and types of brooms. Getting your work, shop or home area in shape starts with selecting the right tool for the job. For instance, you wouldn't use the same broom in your oily garage as you would on polished wood floors. You also don't want a natural fiber broom that's susceptible to mildew used in a wet environment. We've compiled some tips and facts below to help you decide which broom is best for you.

Broom Tips

- A wide push broom is best used for large areas, but don't forget about corners and small areas that are best swept with a flexible softer bristle broom.
- It's a good practice to keep your brooms clean. Simply use a mild detergent followed by brisk shaking and you'll have a dust-free broom for the next project.
- Keep in mind that using a sturdy dustpan will efficiently collect debris from your broom. Be sure to keep the dustpan clean to avoid unsightly stains, clumps and dirt from contaminating other areas.
- For indoor use, consider synthetic brooms like polypropylene which is resistant to mildew and stands up to harsh chemicals.

Flagged vs. Unflagged Bristles

Flagged - Also known as feathered bristles, flagged bristles have split ends that easily sweep up fine dust particles and other light debris. Recommended for dry environments.

Unflagged - For use on rough or moist surfaces, unflagged bristles have straight ends that won't get matted together, even while sweeping grease and grime.

Common Fibers



Horse Hair - Derived from either the mane or tail of a horse, these fibers are thick in texture and have a high resilience to harsh chemical products. Horse hair is often used on highly polished wood floors or to smooth newly poured concrete.



Tampico - Made from the wild-growing Agave Lechuguilla plant, which is native to Northern Mexico, tampico is unique because of its water retention abilities; it absorbs 65% more liquid than synthetic fibers. In addition, calcium oxalate crystals are embedded in the surface of each fiber, which adds to its effectiveness for sweeping and scrubbing. Tampico is a great choice for most environments and offers long-lasting effectiveness.



Palmyra - Harvested from Palm Trees in India and Africa, this medium-stiff vegetable fiber is resistant to water and is useful as a scrub brush for use in the barn, garage or even streets and sidewalks. Fibers stand up to heavy-duty use but some of its scrubbing power is lost when wet.



Polypropylene - These fibers are lightweight and resistant to solvents, oils, acids and detergents. This is a go-to broom type for sweeping dock areas, shop floors or sidewalks covered with moist or dry dirt, leaves and debris. Polypropylene stands up to intense scrubbing and its crimped bristles hold moisture, avoiding trails of dirt. Most commonly used in street sweepers.

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