

Random Orbital Sanding Guide Abrasive Discs and System Solutions

3M Abrasive Systems Division

In Random Orbital Sanding, it's all about putting together the optimal system.

Here's how it's done:

Find the best abrasive disc for the job

Match with the right backup pad to enhance sanding disc performance

Choose the random orbital sander to optimize the system

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Always have these in your bag

Film backing

Rest for a	uniform consis	stant finish					
Good tear	resistance, go	ood durability					
Longer life	e than paper						
Best applications: aluminum, paint, primer, gelcoat, wood and solid surface							
		Thick	ness (mil)				
2	3	4	5				

3M[™] Cubitron[™] II

Lead with



3M[™] Cubitron[™] II Film Disc 775L

- Starting point for all applications
 Precision-shaped ceramic grain
- Precision-snaped ceramic grain and aluminum oxide blend
- 3 mil film
- 80+-400+ grades



General Purpose

Alternative Options

3M[™] Film Disc 375L

- Widest film grade range
- Aluminum oxide
- 5 mil film (60 P400 grades)
- ► 3 mil film (>P400 grades)
- ▶ 60 P1500 grades

360L

3M[™] Film Disc 360L

- For finishing applications
- Aluminum oxide
- 3 mil film
- ▶ P220 P1000 grades

202DZ

3M[™] Cloth Disc 202DZ

Durable disc with

Aluminum oxide

80 – P220 grades

J-weight cloth

antistatic coating

Paper backing

Most versatility and most common backing type Good flexibility

Performance can range from value to top tier

Best applications: light sanding to heavy stock removal, multi-purpose

				Thickness (wt	.)
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Cloth backing



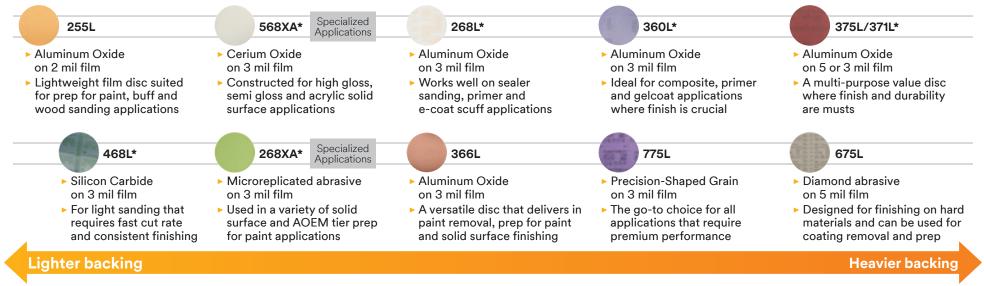


Film/Paper Backed
 Cloth Backed/Non-woven

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Film backed sanding discs



Paper backed sanding discs

216U/210U*	401Q*/431Q*	732U	363i*
Aluminum Oxide on A-weight paper For light sanding and prep work on primers, paints, gelcoats and sealers	 Silicon Carbide on A or C-weight paper Can be run wet or dry in prep for buff or paint and in polishing applications 	 Precision-Shaped Grain on C-weight paper A premium choice for all applications that require fast cut and long life 	 Aluminum Oxide on F-weight paper A value disc designed for demanding applications on wood, composite and metal
426U	236U	752i*	763U*
Silicon Carbide on A-weight paper A value product for wood sanding and applications where finish is critical	 Aluminum Oxide on C-weight paper The multi-purpose, multi-application value disc 	 Aluminum Oxide and Ceramic blend on E-weight paper A great option for prep for paint in metal or deflashing/ surface prep on composites 	 Aluminum Oxide and Ceramic blend on F-weight Paper A robust disc ideal for heavy stock removal and refining metal scratches

*Stearate-free

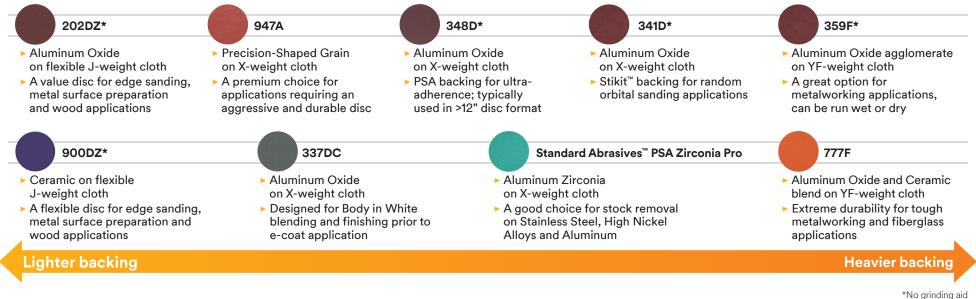
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Cloth backed sanding discs



Non-woven finishing discs

Use on irregular, rounded work surfaces requiring a highly conformable abrasive. Load resistant and good for imparting a bright final finish.

3M [™] Finesse-it [™] Refining Disc 3000	Scotch-Brite [™] Hookit [™] 7448 PRO	Scotch-Brite [™] Hookit [™] 7447 PRO	Scotch-Brite [™] Hookit [™] Cut & Polish
Non-woven with Silicon Carbide	Non-woven with Silicon Carbide	Non-woven with Aluminum Oxide	Non-woven with Aluminum Oxide
 For refining 1200/1500 scratch marks in prep for buff and large area repair 	 For light cleaning, blending and scratch refinement on metal and solid surfaces 	 For cleaning, scuffing, and finishing on metals and plastic substrates 	 For heavier non-woven blending applications where fast scratch removal is required
	Scotch-Brite [™] Hookit [™] Clean & Finish	Scotch-Brite [™] Hookit [™] Production Clean & Finish	
	Non-woven with Silicon Carbide	Non-woven with Aluminum Oxide	
	 For light cleaning and blending on metal substrates 	 For a uniform finish prior to coating primer, metal and solid surfaces 	
Fine			Coars

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 Tool/Backup Pad Orbit

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Select the right backup pad.



Select the right tool.

- ► Available in 3", 5" and 6" diameters
- ► Can be used with Hookit[™] and Stikit[™] backup pads



3M[™] Elite Non-Vacuum Random Orbital Sanders For work environments where dust extraction is not required



3M[™] Elite Central-Vacuum-Ready Random Orbital Sanders Attaches to existing central vacuum systems for dust extraction



3M[™] Elite Self-Generated Vacuum Random Orbital Sanders Featuring 3M patented Clean Sanding System and 3M Filter Bag

Factors affecting performance checklist.

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- Follow basic sanding technique
- Frequently inspect discs for tears, folds or loading
- Make sure work surface is debris-free before moving on to finer grade disc

Backup Pad

- Match backup pad to the job (i.e., low profile for stock removal)
- Confirm that tool and disc pad are the same diameter
- Inspect for damaged pad adhesion loss, worn foam
- If increased conformability is needed attach a 3M foam interface pad

Tool

- Check tool lubrication schedule (1–3 drops of tool lubricant daily is recommended)
- Ensure that the speed control adjusted to 3/MAX
- Test that the lever is undamaged and muffler is not clogged

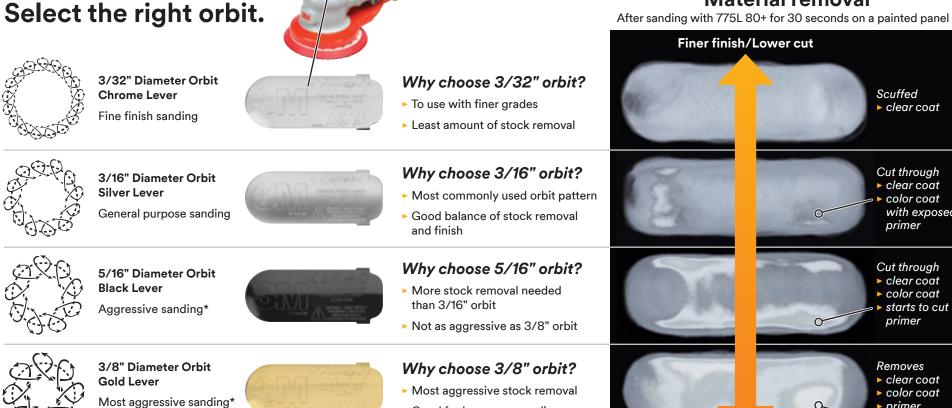
Air Pressure

- Check your gauge to make sure tools is running at 90 PSI
- Use minimum length of air hose necessary — no more than 25 ft.
- Ensure inside air line diameter is at a minimum 3/8"
- Check airline fittings: 9/32" is best, 3/16" is marginal

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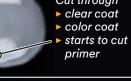
Material removal

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Good for large area sanding or if high cut rate is needed





Scuffed



Coarser finish/Increased cut

*Not recommended for woodworking applications

Basic sanding technique.



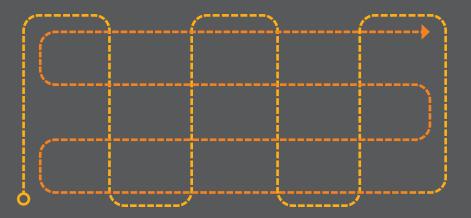
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Start the sander ON the surface and stop OFF the surface. This will help to avoid swirl marks.

Apply light hand pressure on the tool and allow the backup pad to orbit freely. Let the tool do the work.

Run the tool flat on the work piece to prevent gouging.

Follow a set pattern when sanding. This ensures that previous scratches are removed and a uniform finish is reached.



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Applicatior		e sure to conduct		re starting points for the ideal s right system for the applicatio	n.	
Application	Recommended Disc	Alternative Disc	Common Grades	Suggested Backup Pad	Suggested Tool Orbit	Process
Primer Sanding	775L	375L	180 – 400	Low Profile Finishing	3/16"	Sanding workpiece for consiste scratch prior to paint
Coating Removal	775L	236U	80-240	Red Low Profile	3/8"	Removing coatings from workpiece prior to application of primers and paints
Surface Refining/ Flattening	7320	202DZ	80 - 220	Red Low Profile	3/16"	Smoothing and leveling workpiece prior to paint for consistent paint adhesion
Deflashing Plastic	947A	202DZ	60 - 120	Red Low Profile	3/16"	Removing excessive plastic fla by knocking off sharp edges
Gelcoat Sanding	775L	360L	240 - 1000	Low Profile Finishing	3/16"	Flattening or removing defects gelcoat while refining for follow buff and polish or paint step
Removing Parting Lines	775L	2360	180 - 320	Red Low Profile	3/16"	Removing raised lines in manufacturing to blend surface geometry
Shaping	947A	341D	36 - 220	Yellow Standard	5/16"	Incremental steps of cutting and shaping refinement for composite fabrication
Whitewood Sanding	7320	426U	150 – 220	Red Low Profile	3/16"	Leveling or smoothing wood surface and removing machinin marks from saw cuts or routers
Sealer Sanding	775L	426U	320-400	Low Profile Finishing	3/32"	Leveling orange peel and scuffing for adhesion of next layer of coatings or finish
Prep for Paint on Steel	775L	202DZ	80 - 120	Red Low Profile	3/16"	Refining a fiber disc scratch used in stock removal for an even scratch prior to paint
Removing Handling Scratches	7320	375L	80 - 120	Red Low Profile	5/16"	Identifying defects in metal pa caused by upstream handling
Edge Deburring	947A	341D	60 - 120	Yellow Standard	5/16"	Removing sharp edges on sheared metal

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For applications needing a bright final finish, follow up with a Scotch-Brite[™] Non-woven finishing disc.

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Optimize your sanding system with 3M[™] Cubitron[™] II and 3M[™] Clean Sanding Systems

Create a Safer and Cleaner Workspace

Sanding debris is removed directly from the workpiece as an operator sands with the system. With a convenient and efficient dust free system, the work environment is cleaner and more comfortable for all workers.

Improve Sanding Disc Performance

A disc loads less when the dust it generates is vacuumed away. Less loading means more of the disc's abrasive surface is in direct contact with the workpiece. More direct disc contact provides better cut rate and less disc loading equals longer life.

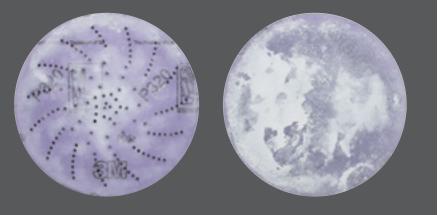
Save \$\$\$ on Abrasives and Improve Productivity

With longer life and a faster cut rate, less discs are used to complete a job. Not only can disc consumption be reduced, each job can be done faster, improving a shop's overall productivity.

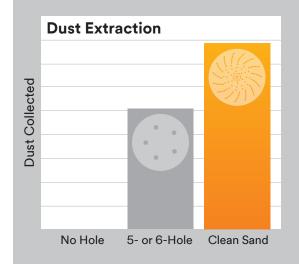


Clean Sand vs. No Hole

After sanding on cured gelcoat for 30 seconds. The clean sand disc has not loaded. This means a longer abrasive disc life.



Clean sanding discs remove more dust and last longer than 5- and 6-hole discs of a similar diameter.





Test results are based on dry sanding applications. Results will vary by application, material being sanded and tool used.

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	360L		Dust Free											Р	Р	Р	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		
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Backing	3M ID	Mineral	Attachment	Scotch-Brite [™] Grade
	3M [™] Finesse-it [™] Refining 3000	AO		3000
	Scotch-Brite [™] 7448 PRO	SC		Ultra Fine
Non-	Scotch-Brite [™] Clean & Finish	AO	 Hookit [™]	Oltra Fine
woven	Scotch-Brite [™] 7447 PRO	SC	HOOKIL	Very Fine
	Scotch-Brite [™] Production Clean & Finish	SC		very Fille
	Scotch-Brite [™] Cut & Polish	AO		Medium

Mineral

- AO = Aluminum Oxide
- AZ = Aluminum Zirconia
- C = Ceramic
- CO = Cerium Oxide
- D = Diamond
- PSG = Precision-Shaped Grain
- SC = Silicon Carbide

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