



## Product Guide: Choosing the Best Value in Wet Mops

Because there are a variety of cleaning needs, we offer a wide variety of yarns as well as new products to help users do their job more efficiently. We want to help you in choosing which mops are right for you.

Yarn	Advantages	Disadvantages	Uses
Cotton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Good absorption &amp; retention</li> <li>▪ Low initial cost</li> <li>▪ Limited shrinkage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Requires break-in</li> <li>▪ Lints &amp; dries slow</li> <li>▪ Promotes mildew &amp; deterioration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General use</li> <li>▪ Picking up liquids</li> <li>▪ Scrubbing</li> </ul>
Rayon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Quick absorption &amp; release</li> <li>▪ Dries fast, mildew resistant</li> <li>▪ Cleaner yarn, lints less</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shrinks when laundered</li> <li>▪ Less liquid retention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applying liquids (finishes, disinfectants)</li> </ul>
Synthetic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Long staple fiber for superior tensile strength</li> <li>▪ No lint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Higher cost</li> <li>▪ Poor absorption</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clean rooms</li> <li>▪ Rough surfaces</li> </ul>
Blends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ideal balance for price, performance &amp; durability</li> <li>▪ Synthetic fibers, durability, &amp; color</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ May shrink</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Professionals who require better &amp; longer lasting mops</li> </ul>

### Yarn Ply

Yarn's ply indicates the number of strands twisted together to make a single yarn strand. More plies give added strength, though higher ply numbers do not necessarily mean higher quality yarn. More strands may add durability but they also decrease absorbency. It's much better and more cost effective to choose a higher quality yarn than a high ply, low quality yarn.

### Twist

A yarn's twist is a result of how tightly the fiber strands are wound together. While a tightly twisted yarn might be stronger and last longer, its absorbency may be decreased. Like yarn ply, the best value isn't determined by the yarn's twist, but by the type and quality of the yarn and the mop's construction. A mop with looped-end construction enables the yarn to have a loose twist while eliminating fraying.

### Sizes

A mop's size should be in relation to the job to be performed, the mop wringer being used and the user's size. Cut-end mops are sized by their approximate weight in ounces. Looped-end mops are sized by industry standards since they absorb and retain much more while also covering a greater surface area than a cut-end mop of comparable weight.

## **Cut-End**

The cut- end is the standard; most popular and economical (initially) mop style. Cut- end mops fray and unravel, increasing the lint factor and leaving loose strands behind. In addition, without tailbands, cut- end mops cover less area per pass. Since cut- end mops cannot be laundered, they are often considered “disposable” and thrown away before their useful life is over.

## **Looped-End**

The looped- end is a premium style mop designed for superior performance and extended life. There are no ends to fray or unravel as the mop sweeps over the floor surface in a wide, even path. Looped- end mops can be laundered for longer life and cleaner appearance. The initial investment is soon compensated with lower replacement, reduced labor and increased performance.

## **Headbands**

One and fourth headbands are available for stirrup- type handles and are useful on finishing type mops such as our FastTrack looped- end mop. The 5” width headbands are compatible with clamp and stirrup- type handles. The synthetic mesh material provides nonabrasive scrubbing to help dislodge dirt and to allow quick drying of yarns. Abrasive scrubbing pads can also be included.

## **Microblocker™**

Locked into the yarn are fibers containing a registered antimicrobial additive. The additive protects the mop head from deterioration by inhibiting the growth of stain and odor causing bacteria, mold, mildew, and yeast in and on the mop head.