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## Product Data Sheet

### Smoke Sponge (ACP2 / ACP3)

#### Specification

The unique pore size and configuration of our special vulcanised soft rubber sponges helps to trap and actively remove soot, dirt and smoke damage from a wide variety of substrates. A minuscule amount of mild soap (just 30 gm per 500 kilos of vulcanised rubber sponge) is used to impregnate the sponges during the manufacturing process to help aid the penetrative properties of the vulcanised rubber sponge.

#### Application

Ideally use the sponge by applying a light, even, sweeping 'motion in one direction over the surface to be cleansed. Avoid using excessive pressure, do not scrub and *always* use the sponges completely dry.

Some users prefer to cut the sponges into smaller, more manageable slithers for more localised cleansing, particularly on particularly friable grimy surfaces.

Several book conservators have found these smoke sponges especially useful for removing mould and foreign debris from cloth bound bindings, many prefer to cut the sponge into more manageable pieces to localise the cleansing motion of the surface to be treated. Smoke sponges have also been used to cleanse lampshades, marble fireplaces and smoke covered walls.

#### Storage

Prolonged exposure to heat or sunlight may cause the sponge to yellow and will reduce its active power.

#### Health and Safety

No special hazards or precautions known, smoke sponges are not classified as being hazardous. Sponges may be disposed of with conventional waste dependant of course upon what they have been used to cleanse.