

Choosing the Right Spill Kit

What is a Spill Kit?

We always say there are two types: a spill kit and a good spill kit!

A spill kit is designed to give the user the ability to contain and clean-up a hazardous substance spill. A good spill kit will do that but will also give the user the confidence that the contents are applicable for the substances in question (i.e. won't react) and will work rapidly when put into action. The contents of a 'good spill kit' will always be action-ready because they won't break down or go off when stored over time.

For a detailed overview of Spill Kits click [here](#).

How do I pick the right sized Spill Kit?

Picking the right size spill kit for your situation is very important. While there is no specific guide for what capacity your kit should be, relevant to the amount of liquid you have, you need to prepare for a spill coming from the largest container in a specific area.

Below are three situations and our recommendations on the right sized Spill Kit.

Situation One	Situation Two	Situation Three
An automotive workshop has oil in 200L drums which are stored in one area, and cleaning chemicals, in 4L and 20L containers in another area. Recommendation: 1 x 200L Mobile Spill Kit for the oil storage, and a 20L Workshop Spill Kit for the chemical storage area.	A food production facility with a large chemical store with 5,000L of varying size containers, and a separate store holding 1 x 1,000L of oxidizing chemical. Recommendation: 3 x 200L Mobile Spill Kits , spread out across the large store, and 1 x 100L Mobile Spill Kit kept near the 1,000L unit.	A transport company with 12 delivery trucks, operating from sites in 3 locations often delivering oils and other chemicals between them. Recommendation: 12 x Vehicle Spill Kits (one for each truck) and at least one 200L Mobile Spill Kit for each of the sites, for responding to unloading incidents.

The Hazero team are available to discuss your particular situation and make a recommendation - contact our helpful team [here](#).

Always remember, a Spill Kit will not always be sufficient to contain a large spill. If you store large amounts of hazardous substances you will need **secondary containment** to keep the spill from spreading and help recover the spilled substance. To view our range of Containment options click [here](#).

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