

Polishing Pads

Polishing pads are used as carrier of polishing slurries and are considered as alternative materials for polishing pitches. In dependence on glasses or crystals that should be polished as well as on the surface characteristics that should be achieved one distinguishes a few polishing pad materials based on polyurethane, felt, and suede. The polyurethane polishing pads are **hard** and help to achieve very good surface flatness (below $\lambda/300$ per inch), but usually at the expense of surface smoothness (increasing of surface roughness up to 0.5-1nm). The felt polishing pads are less hard (**intermediate**) and are recommended as compromise materials to achieve standard optical flatness ($\lambda/10$ per inch) along with standard optical roughness (0.1-0.5nm). The suede polishing pads are **soft** and serve first of all to achieve the maximal possible surface smoothness (roughness below 0.1nm), but at the expense of surface flatness. The suede polishing pads should be used only for finishing for a few minutes to improve the surface smoothness and not to lose much surface flatness. Certainly the surrounding conditions as well as the quality of polishing slurries influence the final result of the polishing.

OXAPA polishing pads hard

name and size	density (g/cm ³)	compression (%)	hardness Shore A	special proceeding	price (EUR/pc)
OXAPA polishing pad hard 03 1524 x 1524 x 2.29mm	1.1	0.3	99	Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite with OXAPA D5,D05 or OXAPA AL1, Al03	1,262
				glass ceramics, fused silica, standard optical glasses with OXAPA ... SP, OXAPA ... 69, OXAPA ... N	
OXAPA polishing pad hard 1 1524 x 1524 x 1.27mm	0.9	1	98	Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite with OXAPA D5,D05 or OXAPA AL1, Al03	1.017
				glass ceramics, fused silica, standard optical glasses with OXAPA ... SP, OXAPA ... 69, OXAPA ... N	
OXAPA polishing pad hard 2 610 x 610 x 1.60mm	0.9	1	97	Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite with OXAPA D5,D05 or OXAPA AL1, Al03	147
				glass ceramics, fused silica, standard optical glasses with OXAPA ... SP, OXAPA ... 69, OXAPA ... N, OXAPA ... PLUS	
OXAPA polishing pad hard 2 thin 610 x 610 x 0.65mm	0.9	1	96	Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite with OXAPA D5,D05 or OXAPA AL1, Al03	80
				glass ceramics, fused silica, standard optical glasses with OXAPA ... SP, OXAPA ... 69, OXAPA ... N, OXAPA ... PLUS	
OXAPA polishing pad hard 2 thin PERFORATED 610 x 610 x 0.65mm	0.9	1	96	Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite with OXAPA D5,D05 or OXAPA AL1, Al03	111
				glass ceramics, fused silica, standard optical glasses with OXAPA ... SP, OXAPA ... 69, OXAPA ... N, OXAPA ... PLUS	

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name and size	density (g/cm ³)	compression (%)	hardness Shore A	special proceeding	price (EUR/pc)	
OXAPA polishing pad hard 4 635 x 635 x 1.27mm	0.6	4	93		ZnS, ZnSe, BaF2, CaF2, LiF, MgF2, IKS glasses, Ge, Si with OXAPA D5, D05	
OXAPA polishing pad hard 8 with cerium oxide 1016 x 1016 x 1.27mm	0.5	8	90		glass ceramics, fused silica, standard optical glasses with OXAPA ... SP, OXAPA ... 69, OXAPA ... N	506

OXAPA polishing pads intermediate

name and size	density (g/cm ³)	compression (%)	hardness Shore A	special proceeding	price (EUR/pc)	
OXAPA polishing pad intermediate 5 1524 x 1524 x 2.29mm	0.4	5	40		standard optical glasses with OXAPA ... SP, OXAPA ... 69 OXAPA ... N, OXAPA ... PLUS	893
OXAPA polishing pad intermediate 10 1440 x 1440 x 3.00mm	0.4	10	60		standard optical glasses with OXAPA ... SP, OXAPA ... 69 OXAPA ... N, OXAPA ... PLUS Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite with OXAPA D5,D05 or OXAPA AL1, AL03	593
OXAPA polishing pad intermediate 11 1524 x 1524 x 1.27mm	0.3	11	60		Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite with OXAPA D5,D05 or OXAPA AL1, AL03	850
OXAPA polishing pad intermediate 12 1524 x 1524 x 1.27mm	0.4	12	55		Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite with OXAPA D5,D05 or OXAPA AL1, AL03	1,145

OXAPA polishing pads soft

name and size	density (g/cm ³)	compression (%)	hardness Shore A	special proceeding	price (EUR/pc)
OXAPA polishing pad soft 4 1346 x 1346 x 1.65mm	0.4	4	68	glass ceramics, fused silica standard optical glasses with OXAPA ... PLUS, OXAPA ... NANO Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite, IKS glasses BaF ₂ , CaF ₂ , LiF, MgF ₂ , Ge, Si with OXAPA SOL, OXAPA D01	1,108
OXAPA polishing pad soft 19 1380 x 1380 x 1.5mm	0.4	19	63	ZnSe, ZnS, Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite with OXAPA AL 015	234
OXAPA polishing pad soft 19 RASTER 1380 x 1380 x 1.5mm	0.4	19	63	glass ceramics, fused silica standard optical glasses with OXAPA ... PLUS, OXAPA ... NANO Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite, IKS glasses BaF ₂ , CaF ₂ , LiF, MgF ₂ , Ge, Si with OXAPA SOL, OXAPA D01	350
OXAPA polishing pad soft 19 PERFORATED 1380 x 1380 x 1.5mm	0.4	19	63	ZnSe, ZnS, Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite with OXAPA AL 015	258
OXAPA polishing pad soft 19 thin 1380 x 1380 x 1.2mm	0.4	19	65	glass ceramics, fused silica standard optical glasses with OXAPA ... PLUS, OXAPA ... NANO Sitall, Zerodur, Cleaceram, Spinel, crystalline quartz, sapphire, YAG, Forsterite, Alexandrite, IKS glasses BaF ₂ , CaF ₂ , LiF, MgF ₂ , Ge, Si with OXAPA SOL, OXAPA D01	231