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Chadd Padd Diesel Catcher

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Preventing diesel and gas spills with the Chadd Padd

Here's a simple answer to a frequent problem — you can keep diesel and gas from running over into the water with the Chadd Padd, an oil absorbing pad with a hole cut out so you can put the nozzle through at the fuel dock.



Developed by a guy actually named Chadd, the Chadd Padd is like a bib for when you're fueling and it will not only catch any dribs that are headed for the waterway, it'll keep diesel and gas off your gelcoat too. The offset, pre-perforated hole remains loosely attached when fueling to catch any extra spill — like a hanging chad, get it?

Each 10" x 10" pad is anti-static treated and can hold up to 4.5 oz. of petroleum products. Made of the same material marinas are required to have for Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) requirements, the pad may save owners fines and the hassle of clean up. You can also get these in 15" x 20" if you plan on being extra messy. And of course, you can use them in the bilge like any other absorbing mat.

The Chadd Padd can be used repeatedly — until it's too greasy to work with. With a perforated, partial hole design, it accommodates most filler ports for refueling or adding oil. A Chadd Padd retails for \$9.95 for a 6-pack, while a roll of 36 pads is \$34.95.

If you're so inclined, you can even order these pads with an imprinted message or logo. I'm not sure you'll want to put your boat name on one but you if you own a waterfront restaurant or marina, it's another way to advertise by providing these pads at the fuel dock free of charge from an optional dispenser.

Sure you could wrap a regular pad around the nozzle and hold it there but here's a gift for the boater that has everything. And hey, father's day is coming and it beats a tie. Besides, ties don't absorb much...

Check out chaddpadd.com for more information.

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