

# AusSpill Spill Kit Industry Standard

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Is it an Australian Standard?

- a. No, it's an Industry Standard, developed and adopted by the AusSpill Association and its members in March 2016. It's our intention to develop an Australian Standard in the future, based on this industry standard.

### 2. Why use the Lime Green bins – what's wrong with yellow or blue or red?

- a. The Lime Green colour was selected because it's a unique colour for the bin base and, it's highly visible and recognisable. In some industries, the primary coloured bins already have specific uses that aren't for spill kits, or the colour cannot be used for safety reasons – such as a red bin in the rail industry.

### 3. Why were the lid colours selected?

- a. The lid colours were selected to match the standard industry colours of the absorbent they refer to, specifically:
  - i. White – Oil & Fuel only
  - ii. Grey – General Purpose
  - iii. Yellow – Hazardous (or aggressive) chemicals
- b. These colours also match the absorbent colour types used by the British Standard BS 7959-3:2007 Materials used for the control of liquid spillages – Part3 Colour coding of sorbent materials

### 4. What if I want a mixture of absorbent types in my kit?

- a. The mixture of absorbents and the kit itself should reflect the liquid spills that it will be used to absorb, which will fall into one of the three (3) standard categories

### 5. Do I have to use the Lime Green coloured spill kits now?

- a. It's not compulsory to use the Lime Green coloured spill kits, however the AusSpill Association members have agreed to adopt this colour as the standard spill kit colouring. Each member has agreed to phase this in before the end of 2017.

### 6. What do I do with my existing spill kits; do I need to change them?

- a. There is no urgent need to change your existing spill kit colours unless you require consistency across the site. Existing spill kit bins can be reused for other purposes, such as to store the spent absorbents. Alternatively, they may be able to be recycled. Please contact your current supplier for more details.

### 7. What about spill kits that aren't in wheelie bins, will those colours be changing too?

- a. The AusSpill Association will be promoting a similar colour coding system for spill kits which aren't wheelie bins. We will be releasing information on these changes in the near future.