

Non exhausted list of recommended sands:

Reptile sands:

Komodo natural sand:

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/dp/B071L2JTX9/ref=cm_sw_r_awdo_navT_g_4FGESZQZ1JFE195RWH14

Repti sand desert white:

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0002DIZKC/ref=cm_sw_r_awdo_navT_g_7XP6AWGRSZ2A3530HP61

Pettex reptile desert sand:

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/dp/B01MPZB95D/ref=cm_sw_r_awdo_navT_g_8C0AGZBK99ZR2TGG1KHB

Eco Terra desert sand:

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0017JG1IS/ref=cm_sw_r_awdo_navT_g_QYCG26VEW2AG91TGX7K9

Pro rep desert sand:

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/dp/B009NCPMWC/ref=cm_sw_r_awdo_navT_g_11SNKRPADJH SV41F5N1N

Other:

Children's play sand may be used if sanitised or sold as heat treated.

E.g. <https://www.argos.co.uk/product/3650574>

How to Sterilise sand:

To sterilise sand, spread it in metal baking sheets (maximum of 4 inches thick), cover it in foil and bake it in the oven at 200 degrees Fahrenheit (90-100 degrees celcius) for a minimum 60 minutes. If possible check centre is at baking temperature.

If it is still wet, continuing baking until completely dry.

How Much?

Some species require more sand area coverage. Robovoroski hamsters require 1/3 of their cage to be sand due to their natural habitat requirements and frequent cleaning routines. Syrians and Dwarfs (Campbells/ Russian/ Hybrid) can make do with a large container where they can roll over without constriction. However, all hamsters are keen diggers in sand and thrive with large sand bath areas where they can flip, roll and dig in it.

It is also recommended to add a hide inside the area to make them feel more secure.

Non-exhausted list of recommended containers:

Re-use old 28cm+ wheels, oven dishes (glass and ceramic), a large sandwich container, custom built sand baths (etsy), rodipet sand baths, niteangel sand baths.
Alternatively section of an area of your cage and have no container!