

HOW TO KEEP YOUR WOOL CARPET LOOKING GREAT

1. Vacuum regularly
2. Remove spills immediately
3. Professionally clean as required, usually not more than once every one or two years. We recommend a “Woolcare Specialist” certified by the RIA. Call 800 272 7012 for a professional cleaner near you, or visit www.restorationindustry.org

Vacuuming

The most important maintenance step is proper vacuuming. Regular and thorough vacuuming at least once a week, and more often in heavy traffic areas will remove soil and dirt particles before they become embedded into the pile of the carpet. Remember, you cannot over-vacuum and vacuuming should begin the day the carpet is installed.

Spot and Spill Removal

One of the most crucial areas of carpet maintenance is removal of spots and spills. Acting quickly when anything is dropped or spilled, and always having the necessary cleaning material at hand are of the utmost importance.

The recommended method is to blot up liquids with a white paper towel, absorbent cloth or **Absorb-It**. Scoop up solids with the end of a knife or spoon, and then treat the spot according to the cleaning instructions guide. Apply spot removal agent to a clean towel or cloth - not directly to the spot. Use small quantities at a time. Always work inwards from the edge to prevent spreading. Do not rub, as this may cause the spot to spread or distort the pile. Do not over-wet the carpet pile. Afterwards, blot as dry as possible with a clean towel and then cover with Absorb-It or paper towels and let dry.

WOOL WISDOM

Frequent vacuuming is a wool carpet's best friend.

An upright or canister, suction-only vacuum is best for wool carpet. Fabrica does not recommend vacuums with beater bars, as they can cause pile distortion and affect the long-term appearance of the carpet surface. The vacuum cleaner dust bag should be emptied when full.

Exercise preventive maintenance by placing absorbent mats at the most frequently used entrances to your home. Change or launder these mats when they become dirty. Filters in your heating and air conditioning systems should be changed regularly.

Clean traffic lanes and in front of frequently used chairs periodically with an absorbent powder (such as Host®, Capture® and Dri-Matic®).

Keep a **WoolClean Carpet Spot Removal Kit** on hand for quick response to spills and accidents.

When having your wool carpet professionally cleaned, use a reputable company and check references.

HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR FABRICA WOOL RUGS & CARPETS

Recommended Cleaning Procedures

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SPOT REMOVAL CHART

SPOT	ORDER OF TREATMENT		
	STEP	1	2
Alcoholic Beverages	1	2	-
Bleach	1	2	-
Blood	1	2	-
Butter	3	2	-
Candle Wax **	-	-	-
Chewing Gum	4	3	-
Chocolate	2	3	-
Coffee	1	2	3
Colas & Soft Drinks	1	2	1
Cooking Oils	3	2	-
Cream	2	3	-
Egg	2	-	-
Floor Wax	3	2	-
Fruit Juice	1	2	-
Furniture Polish	3	2	-
Gravy & Sauces	5	2	3
Ink (Fountain Pen)	1	2	-
Ink (Ballpoint)	3	7	2
Ink (Felt Tip)	5	2	6
Ketchup	5	2	-
Lipstick	3	2	-
Merurochrome	2	10	-
Milk	5	3	2
Mustard	2	-	-
Nail Polish	6	3	-
Oil & Grease	3	2	-

SPOT REMOVAL CHART

SPOT	ORDER OF TREATMENT		
	STEP	1	2
Paint (Latex)	1	2	3
Paint (Oil)	9	3	2
Rust	3	2	8
Salad Dressing	2	3	-
Shoe Polish	3	2	-
Soot †	3	2	-
Tar	3	-	-
Tea	1	2	3
Urine (Fresh)	1	2	-
Urine (Old)	1	2	10
Vomit	2	-	-
Wine	9	1	2
Unknown Material	3	10	2

** Absorbent paper and hot iron

† Dry Vacuum first

To obtain a WoolClean Spot Removal Kit, locate a Wools of New Zealand Partner retailer on their website at www.woolsnz.com or call 800 452 8864 to place an order.

Type of Treatment

1. Add cold water and blot.
2. Detergent solution or **WoolClean Dry Spot Remover #1.***
3. Mentholated mineral spirits, turpentine or **WoolClean Dry Spot Removal #2.***
4. Chill with aerosol freezing agent or ice cubes in a plastic bag. Pick or scrape off gum.
5. Warm water.
6. Clean nail polish remover (preferably acetone).
7. Isopropyl alcohol.
8. Rust remover.
9. Absorbent powder (e.g. salt, talc or **Absorb-It***).
10. Absorbent cleaner (Host®, Capture® or Dri-Matic®).

Cleaning Agents for Spot Removal

DETERGENT SOLUTION

Mix one teaspoon of clear dishwashing liquid or detergent powder (containing no bleaches or strong alkalies) with a cup of warm (not hot) water. This solution must be rinsed well with clear water. **WoolClean Dry Spot Remover #1** is part of the **WoolClean Dry Spot Removal Kit.***

ABSORBENT CLEANERS

Host®, Capture® or Dri-Matic®

WARNINGS

Some chemicals are hazardous (corrosive, flammable, toxic, etc.) and should be used with great care, strictly in accordance with their use and safety instructions.

DO NOT apply solvent-containing products or WoolClean Dry Spot Remover #2 to bonded carpets (carpets that are not tufted or woven, but where the pile is bonded to the backing). When applying WoolClean Dry Spot Remover #2 or other solvent-containing products, have the work area well ventilated.

DO NOT apply stain repellent treatments which contain any silicone because they tend to accelerate carpet soiling. (Fabrica does not accept responsibility for complaints where such treatments have been used.)

Always pre-test a cleaning agent in an inconspicuous place, such as under a piece of furniture or in the corner of the room, to insure that it does not remove color.