

Residential Carpet



Introduction

We limit our discussion of residential carpet cleaning to the most common types of carpet found in homes and refer you to other brochures and resources for the carpets that we consider “specialty” carpets. The most common types of residential carpet are synthetic (man-made) fibers in a cut-pile formation. By far the most common fiber is nylon but polyester and olefin are making some headway in the residential market. Specialty carpets include wool or cotton fibers along with woven carpets, both wall to wall and loose rugs. We will confine this discussion to tufted carpet made of nylon or polyester.

Procedure

Virtually every residential nylon carpet that you see will be protected with stain resist technology. This keeps the carpet from being soiled and stained easily, but no carpet is completely stain proof. In order to maintain the effectiveness of the stain and soil resistance you should follow certain guidelines. Going outside these guidelines can cause damage to the protective coating and even result in warranties being voided. The recommendations that follow will keep you within these parameters and produce excellent results.

Step 1 DRY SOIL REMOVAL

Begin by vacuuming the carpet to remove dry soil. It is easier to remove many soils before they are mixed with cleaning solutions.

Step 2 SPOTTING

Determine which spots will need extra attention prior to cleaning and go to work with a spotting kit (see spotting)

Step 3 PRESPRAY

Apply **DOMINATOR** to the carpet using a quality sprayer. A quality prespray will soften and loosen the soil for a quicker more thorough cleaning. Although optional, it is often a good idea to agitate the carpet with a grandi-groomer. This will work the solution into the carpet and the physical agitation will loosen the soil. For heavily soiled carpet add **CITRUS SOLV** to your prespray to enhance your cleaning action.

Step 4 EXTRACT

This step is the “rinse cycle” where you wash the dirt away that was loosened in the preconditioning phase. Use **GOLD LX** in the chemical injection system of the truckmount or in the solution tank of your portable machine.

Step 5 NEUTRALIZE

Spray the carpet with a dilute solution of **POWER RINSE**. This will neutralize any alkaline residue left from the prespray or emulsifier in the rinse stage.

Step 6 PROTECT

Apply **STAIN BLASTER 5:1** to the cleaned area.

Step 7 PILE SETTING

Groom the carpet in one direction to remove wand marks and footprints. This creates a good visual impression but more importantly it aids drying by straightening and separating the fibers.

Step 8 DRYING

Take all steps necessary to dry the carpet quickly. This would include using ceiling fans, opening windows, or preferably the use of an [AIR MOVER](#).

CHEMICALS NEEDED



DOMINATOR

Type: Liquid Traffic Lane Prespray
Highlights: All purpose prespray for residential & commercial carpets and for oriental rugs.



GOLD LX

Type: Extraction Chemical
Highlights: Liquid formula that leaves no soil-attracting residue



CITRUS SOLV

Type: Degreaser/ Spotter
Highlights: Cuts grease, oil or heavy soil in carpet or upholstery



POWER RINSE

Type: Conditioner/ Neutralizer
Highlights: Prevents wicking, browning and yellowing. Removes alkaline residue.



SPOTTING KIT

Type: Assorted chemicals and accessories
Highlights: Contains a complete selection of spotting products stored in a SoftSide bag



FLEX ICE

Type: Powdered Extraction Chemical
Highlights: With it's low pH, it can be used on virtually any fiber that can be safely cleaned with water.



STAIN BLOCKER 5:1

Type: Protector
Highlights: Dries quickly with excellent wicking action.

ACCESSORIES NEEDED



HYDRO-FORCE SPRAYER

Description: Injection Sprayer

Purpose: Applies chemical quickly, evenly and efficiently



PUMP SPRAYER

Description: Pump Sprayer

Purpose: Applies chemical evenly over carpet and upholstery



DRI POD

Description: High volume air mover

Purpose: Dries carpet, upholstery & structures quickly



VELO PRO

Description: High volume air mover

Purpose: Dries carpet, upholstery & structures quickly

EQUIPMENT NEEDED



TRUCKMOUNT

Description: Hot water extraction machine

Purpose: All purpose prespray for residential & commercial carpets and for oriental rugs.



PORTABLE

Description: Portable extractor

Purpose: Portable unit that extracts water and chemical from carpet or upholstery.



HELPFUL HINTS

1. Furniture moving- When moving furniture for your customers be sure to use foam blocks or plastic pads to protect both the furniture from the damp carpet and the carpet from absorbing stain or rust from the bottom of furniture. In general, furniture should be moved first, cleaned under and returned to original position before cleaning traffic areas.
2. Protect the customer's home and furnishings by using protective accessories such as corner guards, safe connects and door jams.
3. A great marketing tool is to leave something behind with your name on it that the customer will use regularly. [Avenge Spot Remover](#) or [Avenge Pro](#) are excellent for this purpose.

CAUTION -

1. On extremely dirty carpets you may need to use chemicals with a pH over 10. These can neutralize the stain resistance of carpet. Correct it by applying Power Rinse then apply Stain Blocker 5:1.
2. Be sure that your equipment vacuum system is working well to avoid extended drying times

OVERVIEW

Procedure:

1. Pre-vacuum carpet
2. Pre-spot difficult spots using a spotting kit
3. Pre-spray with Dominator boosted with Citrus Solv
4. Extract with Gold LX
5. Neutralize with Power Rinse
6. Apply Stain Blocker 5:1
7. Groom carpet where needed
8. Quick dry with air movers

Products Needed

- [Dominator](#)
- [Gold LX](#)
- [Citrus Solv](#)
- [Power Rinse](#)
- [Spot Kit](#)
- [Flex Ice](#)
- [Stain Blocker 5:1](#)
- [Hydro-Force Sprayer](#)
- [Pump Sprayer](#)
- [Air Mover](#)
 - [Dri Pod](#)
 - [Velo Pro](#)
- [Truckmount](#)
- [Portable](#)