Synthetic Area Rugs

Introduction

Not all area rugs are made with natural fibers. It is common to find area rugs that are made of synthetic fibers such as Olefin, nylon or acrylic. If you encounter a synthetic area rug it is usually no more difficult to clean than standard wall to wall carpeting. The following will explain how to treat rugs made from one of these fibers.

Procedure

1. Identify the fiber or fibers before removing the rug from the property. Be sure to test carefully to make sure there are no natural fibers present.
2. Thoroughly vacuum both the front and back of the rug.
3. Pre-treat fringes with **Power Rinse**
4. Prespray the rug with **Dominator** boosted with **Citrus Solv**.
5. Extract the rug with **Super Powder** in your extraction machine. In some cases you may wish to run **Power Rinse** through the machine during the extraction step but you may lose some cleanability in extreme soil situations
6. Mist **Power Rinse** over the rug and extract the fringes with **Power Rinse**
7. Protect the rug with **Stain Blocker 5:1**. Groom the fibers to lay in the same direction after you have protected the rug.
8. Dry quickly with an **Air Mover**.

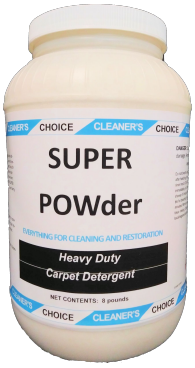
Helpful Hint - It may be appropriate to have a separate pricing structure for synthetic rugs than for wool & silk rugs. You do not have nearly the same risk, and the rugs are not as difficult to clean.

Caution - If you have a crushed pile or furniture indentations on an olefin or acrylic rug, point it out to the customer prior to leaving the home. This is not something that can be corrected with cleaning.

CHEMICALS NEEDED

DOMINATOR

Type: Traffic Lane Cleaner
Highlights: Powerful pre-spray that will quickly dissolve the most difficult soils



SUPER POWDER

Type: Powdered Extraction Chemical
Highlights: Powdered formula that's economical and strong

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

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.

OVERVIEW

Procedure:

1. Identify fiber or fibers
2. Pre-vacuum thoroughly on both sides
3. Pre-treat fringes
4. Pre-spray rug with Dominator boosted with Citrus Solv
5. Extract with Super Powder
6. Neutralize rug & extract fringes with Power Rinse
7. Apply Stain Blocker 5:1 protector & groom carpet
8. Dry quickly with air movers

Products Needed

- Dominator
- Citrus Solv
- Power Rinse
- Spot Kit
- Super Powder
- Stain Blocker 5:1
- Hydro-Force Sprayer
- Pump Sprayer
- Air Mover
  - Dri Pod
  - Velo Pro
- Truckmount
- Portable