

## Introduction

Berber carpets have fiber tufts designed in a loop manner rather than a cut pile. The loops of a berber are large and bulky, versus the short tight loops of standard commercial carpet. Commercial quality carpet is often of the level-loop configuration with high density but low pile. Multi-level loop pile is a looped pile of varying heights, (also known as “high-low” pile) Berbers have become increasingly popular but have become inherent problems that if not addressed, can create problems in the cleaning process, (see helpful hints and cautions on last page)

## Procedure

### Step 1

Use the burn test to properly identify the fiber. Berber can be made of synthetic or wool fibers. If testing shows it to be wool or nylon, refer to wool carpet cleaning section. If it is a synthetic fiber other than nylon, follow the directions below.

### Step 2

Thoroughly vacuum the carpet to remove as much dry soil as possible to ensure the most efficient cleaning possible. Berber’s loop pile holds onto and hides soil

### Step 3

Determine which spots may need extra attention and remove them prior to cleaning, using a spotting kit. Refer to spotting brochures for specific spots and stains.

### Step 4

Pre-condition the carpet with **DOMINATOR** and agitate with a [Grandi-Groomer](#) or [brush](#). **DOMINATOR** is a powerful prespray that will cut through the toughest soils and oils to shorten the dwell time. Adding **CITRUS SOLV** to your prespray will give a tremendous cleaning boost and offer a powerful pairing agent to help with deodorization. **BOOST ALL** is another excellent prespray additive. This will enhance color, and brighten dull dingy traffic areas that are especially common on olefin berbers.

### Step 5

Extract the carpet with **GOLD LX**, a mild but powerful emulsifier that will aid in cleaning and is suitable for any synthetic fiber. You may elect to extract with **POWER RINSE** to eliminate potential wicking problems that can occur, especially in glue down situations.

### Step 6

Spray a light mist of **POWER RINSE** after cleaning (if you did not extract with it already). This will neutralize any remaining alkaline residue that may be left behind after cleaning and will also aid in drying.

### Step 7

Groom or set the pile where needed. It is important to groom the carpet so you do not leave permanent jet streaks or wand marks after cleaning. This will leave a nice finished look and will promote drying.

### Step 8

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 - Synthetic Fibers



### DOMINATOR

**Type:** Traffic Lane Cleaner

**Highlights:** Powerful prespray that will quickly dissolve the most difficult soils



### GOLD LX

**Type:** Extraction Chemical

**Highlights:** Liquid formula that leaves no soil-attracting residue



### BOOST ALL

**Type:** Cleaning Additive

**Highlights:** Brightens dingy traffic lanes, removes water marks, corrects browning



### 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.

## CHEMICALS NEEDED - Wool or Nylon



### HYDRO BREAK

**Type:** Liquid Traffic Lane Prespray

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



### 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.



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### MAXIM WOOL

**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** - Loop pile can hold more moisture than cut pile in some instances. DO NOT be in a hurry. Perform proper cleaning and dry passes with a wand. Overlap frequently to avoid possible streaking and DO NOT allow chemicals to puddle.

**CAUTION** - Watch for loose seams and fibers. Use caution with cleaning tools where these may be present as the loose fibers can unravel and cause a significant problem. Watch for hoses and HOT quick connects on olefin berbers as they can be damaged due to a low melting point.

## OVERVIEW

### Procedure:

1. Identify fiber using burn test.
2. Pre-vacuum carpet
3. Pre-spot difficult spots using a spotting kit
4. Pre-spray with Dominator boosted with Citrus Solv and Boost All.
5. Extract with Gold LX or Power Rinse
6. Groom carpet where needed
7. Quick dry with air movers.

### Products Needed

- [Dominator](#)
- [Gold LX](#)
- [Boost All](#)
- [Citrus Solv](#)
- [Power Rinse](#)
- [Hydro Break](#)
- [Flex Ice](#)
- [Maxim Wool](#)
- [Hydro-Force Sprayer](#)
- [Pump Sprayer](#)
- [Air Mover](#)
  - [Dri Pod](#)
  - [Velo Pro](#)
- [Truckmount](#)
- [Portable](#)