

# Carpet Care Card

Carpets constructed with Zeftron®nylon contain built-in soil hiding properties which help to resist dirt and stains. Following are some guidelines for proper care and stain removal which will help the yarns to maintain their original beauty and luster throughout the life of the carpet.

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## Walk-Off Mats

These should be present at all outside entry ways and changed regularly to prevent their becoming a source of soil.

## Vacuuming

Regular vacuuming is essential. Too much is better than not enough. A heavy duty vacuum cleaner with beater bar/brush combination for carpets over pad, and brush only for direct glue down should be used.

## Stain Removal

Don't depend on periodic shampooing to remove stains; routine spot removal is essential to keep the carpet looking its best. Most stains will respond to detergent/water solutions. More difficult stains require specialized treatments such as those listed in the chart. Remember, immediate attention gives best results.

## Unknown Stain

Try volatile solvent first by placing small amount on white absorbent cloth and blot. Check for stain transfer. If none, try detergent -- sometimes both are needed.

## Liquid Spills

Blotting, or the use of a wet/dry vacuum, will help to remove most of the spill. Treatment with the prescribed solutions will help to remove any remaining stain.

## Food or Condiment Spills

Spoon or scrape up, blot dry and for immediate spills, blot with water. Detergent/water may be needed later.

## Periodic Cleanings

Carpets constructed with Zeftron®nylon have proven to be readily cleaned by all conventional types of cleaning systems. When selecting a cleaning system, choose the method that best suits your individual needs.

## Detergents

Avoid detergents that can result in rapid resoil. Check the detergent by drying a small amount in a saucer. The residue left should be a powder or similar substance that can be vacuumed away. Do not use detergents that remain sticky.

## General Procedure for Spot Removal

1. Absorb wet spills with tissue, white absorbent cloth or paper towels, or a clean sponge. A weighted pad of tissue or cloth left in place for a short time is often very effective for liquid spills.

2. If possible, identify the stain and follow the procedure, recommended in the chart provided. Stains of unknown composition should be treated first with a dry cleaning fluid, followed by other agents as required. If uncertain about the effects of an agent on the carpet fibers or dyes, test first on an inconspicuous area. Apply a small amount, press an absorbent tissue to the stain for ten seconds, and see if there is any dye transfer or fiber damage.

3. Work from outside the center to prevent spread of the stain or formation of a ring. Apply a small amount of the cleaning agent and press absorbent tissue into the dissolved stain. Avoid rubbing, which only spreads the stain and distorts the pile. Do not rush the job, as many stains will require time to respond, and may even call for repeated cleanings.

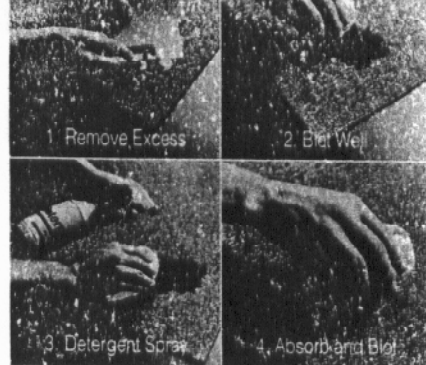
4. If the stain is hard or crusty, tap it with a brush to work the cleaning agent into the pile and help break up the staining material.

5. Repeat applications of small amount of agent and absorption of dissolved material until the stain is satisfactorily removed.

6. Absorbent towels, weighted with a book, placed over the cleaned area will help to absorb moisture and remove the remaining stain as it wicks to the carpet's surface.

7. Remember, immediate attention results in the best chances for complete removal.

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Stain	Remedy
Acetone or ethyl alcohol	Absorb
Asphalt	Volatile solvent, detergent, water
Beer	Detergent, water
Berry stain	Detergent, water
Bleach	Detergent, water
Blood (dried)	Warm detergent, water
Blood (wet)	Detergent, water
Butter	Volatile solvent
Calcium chloride (powder/liquid)	Vacuum or absorb, detergent, water
Carbon black	Vacuum, detergent, water
Catsup or mustard	Detergent, water
Chewing gum	Volatile solvent
Chocolate	Detergent, water
Coffee	White vinegar, volatile solvent, detergent, water
Cola drink	Detergent, water
Crayon (red)	Paint, oil or grease remover, volatile solvent
Creme de Menthe	Detergent, water
Duco® cement	Paint, oil or grease remover, volatile solvent
Egg (raw)	Detergent, water
Ether	Detergent, water
Food dye	Detergent, water
Furniture dye or polish	Paint oil or grease remover, volatile solvent, detergent, water
Gentian violet	Alcohol, detergent, water
Grape juice	Detergent, water
Gravy	Detergent, water
Grease (car)	Volatile solvent
Ink	Paint remover, volatile solvent, detergent, water
(permanent/india/balpoint)	Detergent, water
Ink (washable)	Detergent, water
Iodine	Alcohol, sodium thiosulfate and ammonia, detergent, water
Iron rust	Oxalic or citric acids, detergent, water
Jute stain	White vinegar
Linseed oil	Volatile solvent
Lipstick	Paint, oil or grease remover, volatile solvent
"Lysol"	Paint remover, volatile solvent, detergent, water
Mascara	Paint remover, volatile solvent, detergent, water
"Merthiolate"	Alcohol, detergent, water
Milk	Detergent, water
Mucilage	Detergent, water
Nail polish	Volatile solvent
Oil	Volatile solvent
Orange drink	Detergent, water
Paint (latex), wet	Detergent, water
Paint (latex) dried	Paint, oil or grease remover, volatile solvent
Paint (oil or lacquer)	Paint, oil or grease remover, volatile solvent
Phenol, 1%	Detergent, water
Rubber cement	Volatile solvent, detergent, water
Shoe Polish (liquid)	Volatile solvent, detergent, water
Shoe Polish (wax)	Heated iron into towel, volatile solvent
Tea	White vinegar, detergent, water
Tomato juice	Detergent, water
Urine	White vinegar, detergent, water
Vesphene	Detergent, water
Vomit	Warm detergent, water, white vinegar
Water color	Detergent, water
Wax (candle)	Heated iron into towel, volatile solvent
Wine	Detergent, water
"Zephiran" (tincture)	Detergent, water

