

How To Clean Carpets Using the Extraction Method

Purpose

To maintain and restore the carpet's appearance via wet extraction method.

Supplies & Equipment

- Vacuum Cleaner (Canister, Upright, Backpack or equivalent)
- Self Contained or Conventional style with internal heater (where possible)
- Carpet dryer (recommended)
- Pump up sprayer, portable 2-3 gallon
- Wet floor signs
- White Cotton Cleaning Cloths
- Fiber Clean or Fiber All Plus
- Liquid De-Foamer
- Pre-Treat & Traffic Lane Cleaner
- Unbelievable Pro Stain Remover
- Citrus Spotter (Tar, Grease & Oil)

Procedure

Set out Wet Floor signs, remove obstructions from the area to be cleaned, and vacuum thoroughly.

Place wet floor signs at easy-to-see locations near the entrances into the area being cleaned.

Mix **Traffic Lane Cleaner** at a 1:20 ratio (6 oz. per gallon of water) in a pump-up sprayer and pre-spray heavy traffic areas where heavy soil

is present i.e. customer service area, entrances and stairs. Allow Traffic Lane Cleaner to penetrate and emulsify soil, approximately 5 - 10 minutes.

While Traffic Lane Cleaner is working, use stain removal system on stains. The key to proper stain removal is the technique used. Always BLOT the stain by applying the appropriate stain remover i.e. Unbelievable Pro and place the white cotton towel over the stain. Depress the cloth firmly over the stain and gently use a twisting method with applying pressure to the stain. The concept is to allow the cloth to absorb the stain and not to drive in the fibers further.

Mix 2 oz. of "Fiber Clean" or "Fiber All Plus" extraction cleaner per gallon of hot water in the solution tank of the extractor.

Add the proper amount of De-Foamer to the recovery tank at of rate of 1 oz per 2 gallons of water. The most effective means of dispensing liquid De-Foamer is through the vacuum hose and not directly into the recovery tank. This method will coat the interior lining of the recovery tank and reduce the amount of De-Foamer used.

Plan your work so you extract the carpet away from the electrical outlet with each pass when using a self-contained or conventional style unit.

Operate the self-contained extractor by walking backwards and pulling very slowly while dispensing the detergent and picking it up with the vacuum head.

End each pass by pulling the machine back a few inches after the pressure-spray switch has been released. This will ensure that the end of the pass is well vacuumed.

Overlap each pass by 2-3 inches to ensure thorough cleaning.

Continue to clean 400 square foot sections until all of the assigned area is clean.

Allow carpet to thoroughly dry before removing Wet Floor signs and opening to traffic.

Carpet Blowers will aid in the drying process.

To prevent rust and stains when replacing furniture, use Carpet Tabs under legs.

Key Points

Always vacuum carpet prior to extraction.

It is important to clean at a moderate pace.

Allow carpet to dry thoroughly before foot traffic.

Refer to the Ten Commandments of Carpet Care for additional information.

Recommended

Use of a carpet dryer will reduce the drying time.

Application of a Carpet Protector will reduce the extraction cleaning cycle.

The Choices

Type of Stain	Product Used
Tar, Grease & Oil	Citrus Gel Spotter
Coffee, Tea, Blood, Urine, Pet Stains, Iodine	Unbelievable Pro Stain Remover
Kool Aid, Red Wine	Juice Out
Browning (oxidation)	Carpet Rinse Plus
Rust Stain	Rust Remover
Adhesive, Glue	Citrus Gel Spotter
Ink, Pen, Marker	Ink Out

Carpet Condition	Product Used
Normal soil conditions	Fiber Clean Fiber All Plus
Stain resistant carpet	Fiber Clean Fiber All Plus
Traffic Lane Patterns	PreTreat & Traffic Lane Cleaner
Extreme Shampoo/Residue in carpet.	Carpet Rinse Plus
Ice Melter residue build-up in carpet & mats	Carpet Rinse Plus



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Self Contained Extractor

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