

Lexmark Carpet Mills, Inc. Lextron Solution Dyed Nylon Carpet Maintenance Guide

A comprehensive carpet maintenance program should always be followed which will also improve texture retention, appearance, wear life and reduce soiling of carpet.

A thorough vacuuming program is essential to the maintenance of commercial carpet. Frequent vacuuming is the most effective way to dispose of dry soil particles, sand, etc., that can damage carpet fibers.

Suggested Hospitality Carpet Maintenance Schedule

Moderate traffic (room)		Heavy corridor/public area		Extra Heavy	
Vacuum	Daily	Vacuum	Daily	Vacuum	Daily
Spot Removal	Daily	Spot Removal	Daily	Spot Removal	Daily
Interim Cleaning	2 Months	Interim Cleaning	1 Month	Interim Cleaning	15 Days
Deep Cleaning	6 Months	Deep Cleaning	4 Months	Deep Cleaning	3 Months

Spot Cleaning Information

Cleaning equipment such as wet/dry vacuum or portable extraction unit that is used for general carpet maintenance-or is designed specifically for spot cleaning-often is the most effective and efficient way of removing spills.

Note: Wicking, which is the recurrence of stains after spot cleaning, is not uncommon for a concentrated spill. If wicking occurs after a carpet has been cleaned, simply reclean the area using the previously used procedure(s).

Dry Stains

Gently remove as much of the substance as possible using a small, soft hand brush or spatula to break up any crusted material. Vacuum thoroughly to remove loosened particles.

Wet Stains

Blot with absorbent white cloth or paper towel, or use spatula to remove excess, then blot. For larger spills, a portable extraction unit or wet/dry vacuum is most effective for removing spilled liquids.

Suggested Cleaning Agents

- * Detergent solution - Commercially available general carpet cleaning or spot-removal detergent.
- * Ammonia solution - Mix 1 tablespoon non-bleaching household ammonia with one cup of warm water. (Note: Do not mix ammonia with chlorine bleach. Follow manufacturer's warnings on mixing ammonia with other chemicals.)
- * Vinegar solution - White vinegar
- * Clear alcohol - Rubbing or Denatured. Use as is.
- * Dry cleaning fluid - Any non-flammable brand, used according to manufacturer's directions.

Helpful Spotting Tips

1. Quick action.
2. Always pretest in a inconspicuous area of the carpet or on an uninstalled piece of carpet.
3. Use drip-spout bottles; do not pour spotters onto the carpet.
4. Use clean, white, absorbent towels.
5. Work from the outside toward the center to avoid spreading the stain.
6. Blot; do not rub. Or use an extractor to flush out the contamination.
7. Expedite drying.

Frequently Encountered Spills or Stains and Suggested Removal Procedures

STAIN	CATEGORY	STAIN	CATEGORY	STAIN	CATEGORY	STAIN	CATEGORY
Asphalt *	B	Furniture Dye *	B	Medicines	A	Soy Sauce	B
Barium Sulphate	A	Furniture Polish	B	Merthiolate	B	Steak Sauce	B
Beer	A	Gentian Polish	B	Methylene Blue	B	Tea	C
Berry Stain	A	Gentian violet	B	Milk	A	Tomato Juice	A
Betadine	B	Glue	B	Motor Oil	B	Toothpaste	A
Bleach	A	Grape Juice	A	Mouthwash	A	Urine	C
Blood	A	Gravy	A	Mustard	C	Vomit	C
Butter	B	Grease	B	Nail Polish	B	Water Colors	C
Carbon Black	B	Ice Cream	A	Oil	B	Wax (candle)	B
Chalk	A	Ink (washable)	A	Ointment	B	Whiskey	A
Chocolate	B	Ink (india)	B	Orange Drink	A	Wine	A
Clay (Red)	A	Ink (permanent)	B	Paint (oil base)	B		
Coffee	C	Insecticides	B	Paint (water base)	A		
Copy Mach Toner	A	Iodine	B	Petroleum Jelly	B		
Cough Syrup	A	Iron Rust *	A	Plant Food	A		
Cranberry Juice	A	IV Solution	A	Pyridium	A		
Crayon	B	Ketchup	A	Rubber Cement	B		
Feces	A	Lipstick	B	Salad Dressing	B		
Felt tip Marker	B	Liquor	B	Shoe Polish	B		
Fruit Drink	A	Mascara	B	Soft Drinks	A		
Fruit Juice	A	Mayonnaise	B	Soup	B		

* Very difficult stain which requires immediate treatment or stain will not be removed.

Stain Category A

Step 1

Apply carpet detergent sparingly, agitating the stain area gently. Blot to remove substance and rinse thoroughly with clear water to remove detergent residue. Blot dry. Note: On acid toilet bowl cleaners or other highly alkaline substances, do not proceed past step 1. Follow the cleaning with a thorough, clear water rinse. Blot dry.

Step 2

Follow the detergent/rinse procedure with the recommended ammonia solution. Blot the stained area to remove the substance. Rinse thoroughly with clear water. Blot dry.

Step 3

Apply the suggested white vinegar solution to the entire area that has been cleaned. Blot to remove the cleaning solution. Rinse thoroughly with clear water. Blot dry.

Stain Category B

Step 1

Apply only enough dry cleaning fluid or alcohol to dampen the stain. Blot dry. Repeat as long as the stain continues to transfer.

Step 2

If stain is still visible, apply carpet detergent sparingly, agitating the stained area gently. Blot to remove substance and rinse thoroughly with clear water to remove detergent residue. Blot dry.

Step 3

Apply the suggested white vinegar solution to the entire area that has been cleaned. Rinse thoroughly with clear water. Blot dry.

Stain Category C

Step 1

Apply carpet detergent sparingly, agitating the cleaned area gently. Blot to remove substance and rinse thoroughly with clear water to remove detergent residue. Blot dry.

Step 2

Apply the suggested white vinegar solution to the entire area that has been cleaned. Blot to remove the cleaning solution. Rinse thoroughly with clear water. Blot dry.

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