

Spot Removal Guide

Wool carpet is naturally soil and stain resistant. The scaly structure of the fiber holds dirt high on the pile where it can easily be cleaned. Even wet spills can be blotted up quickly thanks to a thin, natural protective membrane which readily prevents penetration. The key to spot cleaning wool is quick response with the proper cleaning materials.

When accidents happen:

Blot up liquids with white paper towels or absorbent cloth; scoop up solids with the end of a knife or spoon. Apply spot removal agent to clean towel or cloth, not directly to the spot. Use small quantities at a time. Always work inwards from the edge to prevent spreading. Do not rub, as this may cause the spot to spread or distort the pile. Do not over-wet the carpet pile. Afterwards, blot as dry as possible with a clean towel.

Type of Treatment

Treat the spot according to the cleaning instruction chart

1. Add cold water and blot
2. Detergent solution *
3. Methylated mineral spirits, or turpentine
4. Chill with aerosol freezing agent or ice cubes in a plastic bag. Pick or scrape off gum.
5. Warm water
6. Clean nail polish remover (preferably acetone)
7. Isopropyl alcohol
8. Rust remover
9. Absorbent powder (e.g., salt or talc)
10. Absorbent cleaner (Host®, Capture® or Dri-Matic®)

*Detergent Solution

Mix one teaspoon of clear dish washing liquid or detergent powder (containing no bleaches or strong alkaline) with a cup of warm (not hot) water. This solution must be well rinsed with clear water.

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	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Alcoholic Beverages	1	2	-
Bleach	1	3	-
Blood	1	2	-
Butter	4	2	-
Candle Wax	5	4	-
Chewing Gum	5	4	-
Chocolate	2	3	6
Coffee	1	2	4
Colas and Soft Drinks	7	2	-
Cooking Oils	4	2	-
Cream	2	4	-
Egg	2	-	-
Felt Tip Pen	7	2	8
Floor Wax	4	-	-
Fruit Juice	1	2	-
Furniture Polish	4	2	3
Gravy and Sauces	7	2	-
Ink (Fountain Pen)	1	2	-
Ink (Ball Point)	4	9	2
Ketchup	7	2	-
Mercurochrome	2	3	6
Milk	7	4	2
Mustard	2	-	-
Nail Polish	8	4	-
Oil and Grease	4	2	-
Paint (Latex)	2	3	4
Paint (Oil)	9	4	2
Rust	4	2	10
Salad Dressing	2	4	-
Shoe Polish	4	2	-
Soot	4	2	3
Tar	4	-	-
Tea	1	2	4
Urine (Fresh)	1	2	-
Urine (Old)	2	3	6
Vomit	2	-	-
Wine	11	1	2
Unkown Material	4	12	2