



# CARPET BERBER

## INTRODUCTION

The original BERBER carpets were hand made of wool in northern Africa. Now designers apply "BERBER" to any light colored carpet with large untwisted loops and speckles of color. Even some cut-pile carpet have been called BERBERS. BERBERS have become increasingly popular but they have some characteristics that can create problems if not addressed during cleaning.

## PROCEDURE

- **STEP 1**  
Use the burn test to identify the fibers. BERBER is currently being made of olefin, nylon, blends of olefin and nylon, and wool. If testing shows it to be wool, refer to the wool carpet cleaning brochure. The directions below are for olefin and nylon.
- **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**  
Dampen a **Microfiber** or **cotton bonnet** with your cleaning solution.
- **STEP 4**  
Precondition the carpet with **Traffic Slam** for olefin or **Zone Perfect** for Nylon. Agitate with a **Grandi Groomer** or **brush**. Adding **Citrus Solv** to your prespray will give a tremendous cleaning boost and help with deodorization. **Boost All** is another excellent prespray additive. This will brighten colors and dull dingy traffic areas that are common with olefin BERBERS.
- **STEP 5**  
Extract the carpet with **End Zone** or **Power Point**, a mild but powerful emulsifier that will aid in cleaning and is suitable for any synthetic fiber. You may elect to extract with **Fab Set** to eliminate potential wicking problems that can occur, especially in glue down situations.

- **STEP 6**  
Spray a light mist of **Fab Set** after cleaning (if you did not extract with it already). This will neutralize any remaining alkaline residue that may be left behind after cleaning.
- **STEP 7**  
Take all steps necessary to dry the carpet quickly. This includes extra vacuum only strokes, using ceiling fans and/or HVAC and the use of an **air mover**.

## Chemicals Needed - Synthetic Fibers



**Traffic Slam**  
**Type:** Traffic Lane Cleaner  
**Highlights:** Powerful prespray that will quickly dissolve the most difficult soils.



**Power Point**  
**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.



**Fab-Set**  
**Type:** Conditioner/neutralizer  
**Highlights:** Prevents soil wicking, browning and yellowing. Removes alkaline residue.

## Chemicals Needed - Nylon



**Hydro Break**  
**Type:** Liquid Traffic Lane Prespray  
**Highlights:** All-purpose prespray for residential and commercial carpets and for oriental rugs.



**End Zone**  
**Type:** All-Purpose Powder Extraction  
**Highlights:** Emulsifier with a low pH so it can be used on virtually any fiber that can be safely cleaned with water.



**Maxim**  
**Type:** Protector  
**Highlights:** Dries quickly with excellent wicking action. Contains acid dye resistors and is freeze/thaw stable.



**Fiber Plus**  
**Type:** Powdered Extraction Formula  
**Highlights:** With its low pH, it can be used on virtually any fiber that can be safely cleaned with water.



**Citrus Solv**  
**Type:** Degreaser/Spotter  
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**Fab Set**  
**Type:** Conditioner/neutralizer  
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## 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.

**Airmovers**

**Description:** High volume air mover

**Purpose:** Dries carpet, upholstery and structure quickly.

**Skidders**

**Description:** Furniture movers

**Purpose:** Allows anyone to move heavy furniture with little effort.

**Safe Connects**

**Description:** Hose connectors

**Purpose:** Allows cleaner to connect hoses without touching hot metal.

**Corner Guards**

**Description:** Plastic protectors

**Purpose:** Protects wall corners from damage caused by hoses and cords.

**Equipment Needed****Truckmount**

**Description:** Hot water extraction machine

**Purpose:** Provides heat, pressure and vacuum for the cleaner.

**Olympus Portable**

**Description:** Portable Extractor

**Purpose:** Portable unit that extracts water and chemical from carpet or upholstery.

**Rotary Machine**

**Description:** Rotational agitation/bonneting

**Purpose:** Dries carpet faster to avoid soil wicking. Helps promote even and deep coverage of Fab-Set.

**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 wand or RX20. 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.

**Quick Guide****PROCEDURE**

- 1 Identify fiber using burn test.
- 2 Pre-vacuum the carpet.
- 3 Pre-spot difficult spots using, **Bridgepoint Spotting Kit**.
- 4 Pre-spray with **Zone Perfect** or **Traffic Slam** oosted with **Citrus Solv** and **Boost All**.
- 5 Extract with **End Zone**, **Power Point** or **Fab Set**.
- 6 Quick dry with **air movers**.

**PRODUCTS NEEDED**

- Traffic Slam
- Hydro-Force Sprayer
- Power Point
- TCBS Pump Sprayer
- Boost All
- Skidders
- Citrus Solv
- Air Mover
- Fab Set
- Safe Connects
- Hydro Break
- Corner Guards
- Fiber Plus
- Truckmount
- Boost All
- Olympus Portable
- Maxim
- Rotary Machine

**Other Resources**

**Bridgepoint Fast Track Manual and Cleaning Guides**

**Bridgepoint Catalog**

**IICRC S-100 Standard Reference Guide**

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