



CARPET Wool Cleaning

INTRODUCTION

Wool is a natural fiber that comes from the fleece of sheep or lambs. It is found in higher-end carpet in homes or commercial properties, and can be in tufted or woven construction. Wool is a very strong and durable fiber but has some limitations in cleaning. You must control your moisture, pH and drying time to avoid problems such as bleeding, browning, wicking and shrinkage (woven carpets).

PROCEDURE

- **STEP 1**
Use the burn test to properly identify the fiber. If found to be a synthetic fiber, refer to the Bridgepoint Fast Track Cleaning Guide for that fiber. If found to be wool, continue with this procedure.
- **STEP 2**
Thoroughly vacuum the carpet to remove as much dry soil as possible. Wool can hide large quantities of soil. The carpet will be more soiled than it appears. Several slow passes with a quality vacuum cleaner will make your cleaning more efficient and produce better final results.
- **STEP 3**
Determine which spots may need extra attention and remove them prior to cleaning, using your **Bridgepoint Spotting Kit**. Refer to spotting brochure for specific spots and stains.
- **STEP 4**
Pre-condition the carpet with **Zone Perfect** and agitate with a soft **Grandi Brush**. **Zone Perfect** is a powerful prespray with a mild pH that is suitable for wool and 5th generation nylon carpets. Adding **Citrus Solv** to your **Zone Perfect** will give a tremendous cleaning boost without raising your pH or damaging the fiber.
- **STEP 5**
Extract – This step is the “rinse cycle” where you wash the dirt away that was loosened in the preconditioning phase. Use **End Zone** in the chemical injection system of the truck-

mount or in the tank of your portable machine. **End Zone** is a mild but powerful emulsifier that will aid in cleaning and is suitable for wool and other delicate carpet fibers.

- **STEP 6**
If you used an alkaline product in your rinse, spray a light mist of **Fab-Set**. This will neutralize any remaining alkaline residue that may be left after cleaning and prepare the carpet for Bridgepoint protector.
- **STEP 7**
Protect the carpet using Bridgepoint **Maxim** or **Teflon Advanced for Wool**.
- **STEP 8**
Groom or set the pile where needed. It is important to groom wool carpet so you do not leave permanent jet streaks or wand marks after cleaning. This will leave a nice finished look and will promote drying. Clean a small section of carpet. Set the pile while it is still damp and warm to avoid permanent wand patterns.
- **STEP 9**
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



Zone Perfect
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.



Citrus Solv
Type: Spotter/Degreaser
Highlights: Easily cuts through gum, grease, tar, cosmetics and more.



Maxim
Type: Fluorochemical Protector
Highlights: Dries very quickly, excellent wicking action and covers up to 2,400 sq. ft. per concentrated gallon.



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



Bridgepoint Spotting Kit
Type: Assorted chemicals and accessories
Highlights: Contains a complete selection of spotting products stored in a SoftSide™ bag.

Accessories Needed



Hydro-Force Injection Sprayer
Description: Injection Sprayer
Purpose: Applies chemicals quickly, evenly and efficiently.



Grandi Groom or Brush
Description: Grooming Tool
Purpose: This tool can be used for agitation of soiled traffic lanes and for the final groom.



TCBS Sprayer
Type: Pump Sprayer
Highlights: Viton fittings, 18” extension, pressure gaged brass trigger.



Foam Blocks
Type: Furniture Protector
Highlights: Protects furniture and carpet from damage.

**Plastic Pads****Type:** Furniture Protector**Highlights:** Protects furniture and carpet from damage.**Skidders****Description:** Furniture Moving Tool**Purpose:** Skidders help you move furniture with little effort and no back pain.**Air Movers****Description:** High volume air mover**Purpose:** Dries carpet and upholstery quickly.**Equipment Needed****Truckmount****Description:** Hot water extraction machine.**Purpose:** Provides necessary heat, pressure and vacuum to obtain desired results.**Olympus Portable Extractor****Description:** Portable Extractor**Purpose:** Portable unit that extracts water and chemical from carpet or upholstery.**HELPFUL HINT** – Wool is not that difficult to clean if you follow the steps above. Follow the three main principles of cleaning by controlling moisture, pH and dry time and you will most likely never have a problem.**CAUTION** – Avoid over aggressive measures when cleaning. Wool is a staple fiber and can have a fuzzing problem if you get carried away with agitation. Avoid excessive of pressure; 300 to 400 psi should be the maximum pressure for cleaning wool in most cases.**Quick Guide****PROCEDURE**

1. Identify fiber using the burn test.
2. Pre-vacuum to remove dry soil.
3. Pre-spot difficult to remove stains prior to cleaning.
4. Pre-condition the carpet with **Zone Perfect** boosted with **Citrus Solv**.
5. Extract with **End Zone**.
6. Neutralize with **Fab Set**, if necessary.
7. Protect with **Maxim**
8. Groom carpet
9. Dry with **air movers**.

**PRODUCTS NEEDED**

- End Zone
- Zone Perfect
- Citrus Solv
- Maxim
- Fab Set
- Bridgepoint Spotting Kit
- Hydro-Force Injection Sprayers
- Grandi Groomer/Brush
- TCBS Sprayer
- Foam Blocks and Plastic Pads
- Skidders
- Air Movers
- Truckmount
- Olympus Portable Extraction

Other Resources

IICRC S001 Standards Reference Guide

IICRC Carpet Cleaning Class

Bridgepoint Fast Track Class and Cleaning Guide

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