



AREA RUGS

Synthetic

INTRODUCTION

Not all area rugs are made with natural fibers. It is common to find area rugs that are made of synthetic fibers such as olefin, nylon or acrylic. If you encounter a synthetic area rug, it is usually no more difficult to clean than standard wall to wall carpeting. This brochure will explain how to treat rugs made from one of these fibers.

PROCEDURE

- **STEP 1**
Identify the fiber or fibers prior to taking the rug out of the home. Be sure to test carefully to make sure there are no natural fibers present.
- **STEP 2**
Vacuum both sides of the rug thoroughly.
- **STEP 3**
Pre-treat the fringes of the rug. (See brochure on cleaning fringes of area rugs).
- **STEP 4**
Pre-spray the rug with **Traffic Slam** boosted with **Citrus Solv** and **Boost-All**.
- **STEP 5**
Extract the rug with **Point Blue** in your extraction machine. In some cases you may wish to run **Fab-Set** through the machine during the extraction step but you may lose some clean-ability in extreme soil situations.
- **STEP 6**
Spray a light mist of **Fab-Set** on the rug, (if you did not extract with it already), and extract the fringes with **Fab-Set**, using an upholstery tool.
- **STEP 7**
Dry quickly with air movers.

NOTE:

If the rug is made of nylon, you should pre-spray with **Hydro Break** and extract with **Fiber Plus**. It is also recommended that you protect the rug with **Bridgepoint Maxim**.

Chemicals Needed



Traffic Slam

Type: Traffic Lane Cleaner

Highlights: Powerful prespray that will quickly dissolve the most difficult soils.



Citrus Solv

Type: Spotter/Degreaser

Highlights: Easily cuts through gum, grease, tar, cosmetics and more.



Boost All

Type: Oxygen Bleach

Highlights: Increases soil suspension. Dissolves oils.



Point Blue

Type: Extraction Chemical

Highlights: Best-selling powdered formula that's economical and strong.



Fab-Set

Type: Conditioner/neutralizer

Highlights: Prevents soil wicking, browning and yellowing. Removes alkaline residue.



Hydro Break

Type: Liquid Traffic Lane Prespray

Highlights: All purpose prespray for residential and commercial carpets and for oriental rugs.



Fiber Plus

Type: All-Purpose Powder Extraction Agent

Highlights: Emulsifier with a low pH so it can be used on virtually any fiber that can be safely cleaned with water.



Maxim Protector

Type: Fluorochemical Protector with acid dye resisters

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

Accessories Needed



Nap Brush

Description: Groomer / Brush

Purpose: Can be used to agitate traffic lanes, and for final grooming of carpet and rugs.



Handi-Groomer

Description: Hand-held groomer

Purpose: Combs out and de-tangles fringes on rugs.



Air Mover

Description: High volume air mover

Purpose: Dries carpet and upholstery quickly.



2-quart Pump Sprayer

Description: Pump Sprayer

Purpose: Applies chemicals quickly and efficiently.

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 and upholstery.

HELPFUL HINT – It may be appropriate to have a separate pricing structure for synthetic rugs than for wool and silk rugs. You do not have nearly the risk, and the rugs are not as difficult to clean.



CAUTION – If you have a crushed pile or furniture indentations on an olefin or acrylic rug, point it out to the customer prior to leaving the home. This is not something that can be corrected with cleaning.



Quick Guide



PROCEDURE

- 1 Identify fiber or fibers.
- 2 Vacuum rug thoroughly.
- 3 Pre-treat fringes.
- 4 Pre-spray rug with **Traffic Slam** boosted with **Citrus Solv** and **Boost All**.
- 5 Extract with **Point Blue**.
- 6 Neutralize rug and extract fringes with **Fab-Set**.
- 7 Dry quickly with **Air Movers**.

PRODUCTS NEEDED

- Traffic Slam
- Boost All
- Citrus Solv
- Point Blue
- Fab-Set
- Air Movers
- Nap Brush
- Handi Groomer
- 2-Quart Pump Sprayer
- Lancer/Saber Truckmount
- Olympus Portable

Other Resources

Bridgepoint Oriental Rug Cleaning
Manual and Course
www.InterlinkSupply.com
To locate your nearest Interlink Supply
Call 1-800-660-5803