

SPOTTING

ID Spots and Stains

INTRODUCTION

The procedure that worked great to remove one stain can set another stain. Knowing what you are trying to remove will make your spot removal endeavors easier and faster. This Technical Resource Guide will present some ideas on identifying those mystery spots and advice on how to proceed if the stain can not be identified.

ASK – The home-owner, family members or in the case of commercial cleaning the people who work nearby may be helpful in identifying what was spilled.

BE A DETECTIVE – The location of a stain may be a clue. Is it near the laundry room? Perhaps this is color loss from bleach. Black stains near the door from the garage or driveway could be tracked in oil or grease. Drips around the table or likely food or beverage spills.

USE YOUR SENSES – The color or odor of a stain may provide further clues about the cause. A slick feel may indicate oil or grease. A sticky feel could come from the sugar in a soft drink spill.

There is one limitation on using your senses. Don't try to identify a mystery spot with your sense of taste.

Should I pre-spot or Post-spot? Many stains will come out with normal cleaning or just a little extra prespray worked in with the bottom of your shoe. There is no need to take the time to treat each of these spots individually.

However, there will be a few stains that are best treated before heat or moisture are applied. Pre-spot is best for food dye stains like Kool-Aid Trade Mark, inks, and furniture stains. Pretreatment is also recommended for color loss situations. With experience you will learn more about which stains respond best to pre-spotting. Many stains can remain untreated until after cleaning. This will reduce the number of stains that need special treatment.

If you have identified the spot or at least the general category of the spot, select the appropriate stain removal product and go to work. Other Technical Resource Guides from Bridgepoint provide the specific procedures for a variety of different spills, spots and stains.

MYSTERY SPOTS – If you are unable to identify the stain, it is usually best to start by applying a volatile dry solvent (VDS) either Solvent Clean or All-Solv.



BRIDGEPOINT SPOTTING KIT

1–Gel Break

Type: Gelled citrus spotter

Highlights: Ideal for all types of oil-based stains, especially gum. In gel form to allow more time on spot.

2–T.C.U.

Type: Acid spotter

Highlights: Removes tannin-type stains, water marks and alkaline salt residue caused by urine.

3–Solvent Clean

Type: Dry solvent

Highlights: VDS used on oil, tar, gum, cosmetics and other greasy soils.

4–T-Rust

Type: Rust Remover

Highlights: Removes rust without using harsh acids or other corrosive products.

5–Gum Getter

Purpose: Scrapes up stuck-on gum and other spots with ease when used with the appropriate spotting chemical.

6–All Solv

Type: Dry solvent

Highlights: The most aggressive VDS on the market. Ideal for paint, ink, grease, lipstick, nail polish, glue, oil and grease.

7–Laminated Spotting Guide

Purpose: A step-by-step guide to spotting using Bridgepoint products.

8–P.I.G.

Type: Solvent spotter

Highlights: Ideal for pigmented oil-base stains like ink or nail polish. Out-performs any NVDS on the market.

9–Protein Spotter

Type: Alkaline spotter

Highlights: Protein base stain such as blood, chocolate, egg, etc.

10–Coffee Stain Remover

Type: Powdered stain remover

Highlights: Removes coffee, tea and some tannin stains thought to be impossible.

11–Avenge

Type: Neutral spotter

Highlights: The ultimate spotting chemical. Removes most water-based stains and many oil-based stains.

12–Trigger Sprayer

Purpose: Applies spotting chemicals quickly and easily without overwetting.

13–Spotting Brush

Purpose: Agitates chemical into spot without damage or distortion.

14–SoftSide™ Bag

Purpose: Easily contains all chemicals and tools needed. Lightweight and has a shoulder strap.

15–Spotting Towels

Purpose: Aids in spot removal by absorbing chemical and staining residue.

Equipment Needed

Power X Spotter

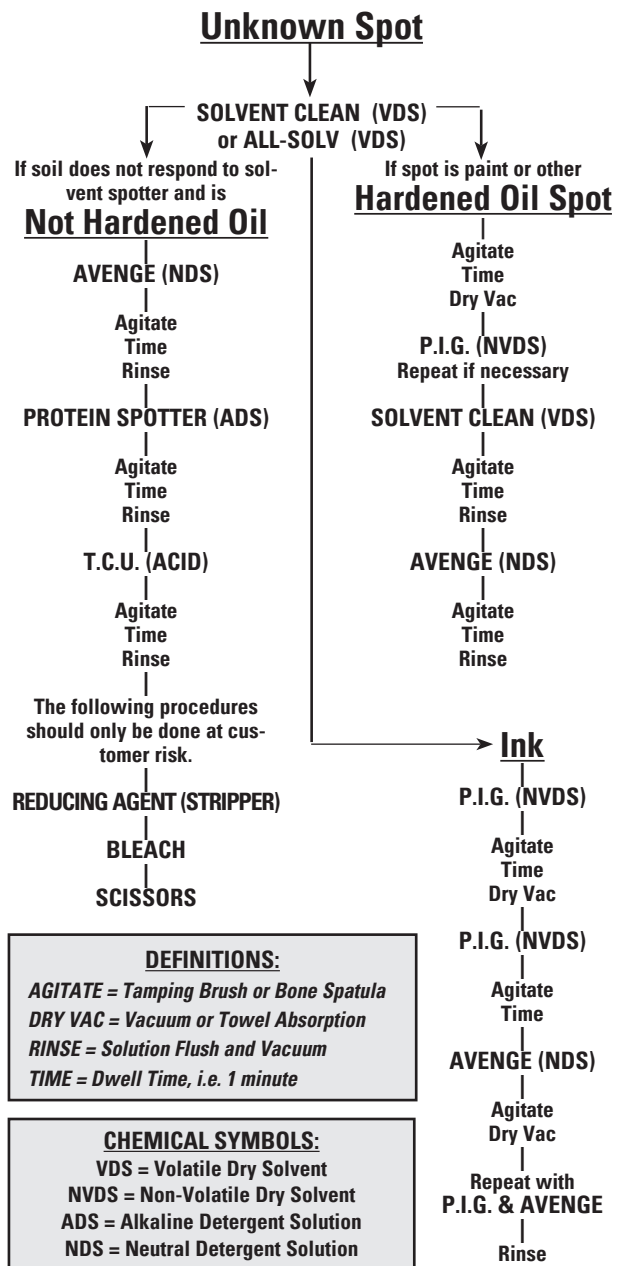
Description: Portable spotting machine

Purpose: Compact, lightweight, easy to use extractor for all spotting jobs, has slide out handle and wheels for mobility.

SPOT	CHEMICAL	REMOVAL PROCEDURE
ADHESIVES		
Elmers Glue	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Time - Rinse - Repeat
Rubber Cement	All Solv (VDS)	Agitate - Time - Dry Vac - Repeat
Most other adhesives	Citrus Solv (NVDS)	Agitate - Time - Rinse
BEVERAGES		
Beer	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Time - Rinse
Coffee	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Time - Rinse
Soft Drinks	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Time - Rinse
Creme de Menthe	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Time - Rinse
Grape Juice	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Time - Rinse
Milk	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Time - Rinse
Prune Juice	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Time - Rinse
Tea	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Time - Rinse
Tomato Juice	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Time - Rinse
COSMETICS		
Lipstick	P.I.G. (NVDS) Solvent Clean (VDS) All Solv (VDS)	Agitate - Blot Dry Vac Dry Vac
Nail Polish	P.I.G. (NVDS) All Solv (VDS)	Agitate - Blot Agitate - Time - Dry Vac - Repeat as Necessary
PAINTS		
Acrylic	Solvent Clean (VDS) P.I.G. (NVDS) Solvent Clean (VDS) AVENGE (NDS)	Time - Agitate Dry Vac - Repeat
Latex Varnish	Same as Acrylic	Same as Acrylic
Oil Stain	Same as Acrylic	Same as Acrylic
DYES		
Food Dye (not fresh)	AVENGE (NDS) Protein Spotter (ADS) Red Stain Remover (HR)	Agitate - Rinse Agitate - Rinse Rinse
Red Dye Stains	Red Stain Remover (HR)	Rinse
Furniture Dye	Same as Food Dye	Same as Food Dye
Shoe Polish	Solvent Clean (VDS) All Solv (VDS) P.I.G. (NVDS) Protein Spotter (ADS)	Dry Vac Dry Vac Agitate - Rinse
FOODS		
Catsup	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Rinse
Chocolate	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Rinse
Egg	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Rinse
Gravy	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Rinse
Ice Cream	AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate - Rinse
Mustard	AVENGE (NDS) Protein Spotter (ADS)	Agitate - Rinse Rinse
INKS		
Ball Point	P.I.G. (NVDS) P.I.G. (NVDS) AVENGE (NDS)	Agitate-Time-Dry Vac Agitate Agitate - Dry Vac - Repeat with P.I.G. then AVENGE Rinse
	Solvent Clean (VDS)	
Magic Marker	Same as Ball Point	Same as Ball Point
Other	Same as Ball Point	Same as Ball Point
MISCELLANEOUS		
Asphalt	Solvent Clean (VDS) AVENGE (NDS)	Dry Vac Rinse
Carbon Black	Solvent Clean (VDS) AVENGE (NDS)	Dry Vac Rinse
Chewing Gum	Citrus Solv (NVDS)	Agitate - Time - Repeat - Scrape off w/Gum Getter - Rinse
Crayon	Solvent Clean (VDS) AVENGE (NDS)	Dry Vac - Repeat Rinse
Grease	Solvent Clean (VDS) AVENGE (NDS)	Dry Vac Rinse
Rust	T-Rust	Time - Rinse
Oil	Solvent Clean (VDS) AVENGE (NDS)	Dry Vac Rinse
Wax	Dry Heat Release Citrus Solv (NVDS)	Damp Towel or dry paper - Heat with iron Agitate - Time - Repeat - Rinse

SPOTTING MAP BEGINS HERE

If spots don't respond to the procedures in the spotting chart or if you don't know what the spot is, follow this "map." It will take you from the safest to the most aggressive procedure in a logical progression.



Quick Guide

PROCEDURE

- 1 Identify spot.
- 2 Remove residue.
- 3 Test spot.
- 4 Remove all excess with chemical and towel.
- 5 Agitate with **Spotting Brush**.
- 6 Dry extract.
- 7 Rinse, neutralize and dry.

PRODUCTS NEEDED

- Bridgepoint Spotting Kit
- Power X Spotter

NOTE: Some stains require special products and procedures. See specific Technical Resources Guides for instructions on Food Coloring & Dye stains, Furniture stains, Gum, Ink, Mustard, Urine, Wax and other difficult stains.

Other Resources

- Bridgepoint Fast Track Manual
- Bridgepoint Carpet Manual
- Bridgepoint Upholstery Manual
- Bridgepoint Catalog
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