

Contract carpets maintenance



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Spots	Remedies
Particles that are difficult to dissolve or indissoluble. Examples: soot, ash, earth colourings, gypsum, cement.	Most easily removed by thorough vacuuming.
Soluble in water. Examples: soft drinks, fruit juice, sugar, coffee, tea, red wine, jam, gravy browning, liqueur.	Mop up as much as possible with a clean cloth or paper towels. Dissolve the remainder with (plenty of) water and mop up again. Repeat the process until no more colouring can be removed. If the spot has still not been removed use a special carpet cleaning agent.
Soluble in benzine. Examples: animal and vegetable oils and fats, salad oil, fat, tallow, mineral oils such as lubricants, fuel oil, grease, wax.	Dissolve with benzine, household ammonia, chloroethene solvent, or special carpet cleaning agent.
Soluble in butter and benzine. Examples: asphalt, tar.	Remove spots with benzine, chloroethene solvent, or special carpet cleaning agent. Rub butter on dried spots and allow this to work for a couple of hours.
Soluble in water and acidic detergents. Examples: discoloration caused by water, building dust, soapy water.	Dissolve with a solution of one part 25% acetic acid to 20 parts water possibly with the addition of a slightly acidic, synthetic detergent. Do not use shampoo.
Coarse salt	Dissolve the salt in an acidic, synthetic detergent followed by absorption with an extraction machine. Then rinse with a solution of one part 25% acetic acid to 20 parts water and mop up.
Soluble in household ammonia. Examples: milk, cream, ice-cream, blood, egg, mercurochrome.	Soften and dissolve with household ammonia and then mop up. If necessary give a further treatment with a carpet cleaning agent. Mercurochrome is difficult to remove, the best means is shampoo to which household ammonia has been added.
Soluble in a special cleaning agent. Examples: ink, Indian ink, rust.	Dab ink and Indian ink with spirit or 8% household ammonia, or use Indian ink remover. Rust spots can be removed with a rust remover for textiles.

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Iodine	Dab with a 20% solution of fixing salt and water.
Toner	Vacuum carefully. Dissolve with chloroethene solvent, benzine, or a special carpet cleaning agent.
Printing ink.	Difficult to remove. Chloroethene can be used.
Vomit, faeces, urine	Dilute the spot with water and 10% citric acid and allow this to work for ten minutes. Rinse with water and mop up. Then rinse with a solution of one part liquid detergent to 100 parts water and mop up.
Stearin	Allow stearin to dry fully. Then scrape as much as possible off with a knife and vacuum loose remnants. Dissolve with acetone (be careful as this may bleach).
Odours	Any odours from faeces, vomit, or urine can be removed with an odour remover that does not contain chlorine, such as Rodalon.