



# CLEANING & MAINTENANCE OF FAUX SILK CARPET

YOUR GUIDE TO A SIMPLE  
MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME



A simple maintenance programme including regular, interim and periodic cleaning will keep your faux silk carpet looking good.

---

## 100% FAUX SILK CARPET

Thank you for purchasing one of our premium faux silk carpets.

To help maintain the appearance of your new carpet, please note the following:

### VACUUMING

To maintain your carpets appearance, it is recommended to vacuum regularly. As every household is different, the frequency of vacuuming should be based on how many people live in your home. For example, four people living in the house = vacuuming a minimum four times per week, especially in high traffic areas, using a good quality upright vacuum cleaner with a rotating brush is recommended. Fibre shedding is a normal characteristic of new carpets, which reduces after time. Vacuuming regularly and thoroughly will prevent soil and dirt becoming embedded in the fibres. It will also help prevent premature wear.

1. Old vacuum cleaners might not be suitable for your new premium carpets.
2. Investment in a new cleaner will ensure your new carpet stays looking good for longer.

Features of the correct type of cleaner to use are:

1. Adjustable height
2. Rotating brush heads
3. Strong air flow to lift dirt from deep down in the carpet fibres

The height of the rotating brush head should just skim the surface of the carpet. Vacuum slowly to leave "clean tracks".

Sandringham recommend the use of a Sebo vacuum (model X7 PET e-power). A dealer in your area can be found on their website <https://sebo.co.uk>.

### GREAT REASONS FOR CHOOSING A PREMIUM FAUX SILK CARPET

1. The fibre is strong and retains its shape more readily than other fibres, allowing it to maintain its original appearance for longer - providing it is correctly vacuumed - see above.
2. Faux silk carpets are staining resistant, as the fibre is better at resisting the absorption of fluids and dirt, thus making cleaning easier.



## PLEASE BE AWARE

Whilst our faux silk carpets are thoroughly tested, site conditions must prevail on any installation. Different on-site conditions such as areas where there is a risk of food and beverages being spilt, must be taken into consideration. Hot beverages such as tea, coffee, soup and chocolate will cause staining which will be more prominent on light plain colours.

It is still important, as with other fibres, to ensure stains, however caused, are dealt with as quickly as possible and the carpet is vacuumed regularly.

## SPOT CLEANING SPILLAGES

Tackle spills and stains immediately, as quick action will minimise any stains becoming fixed.

As a rule, the steps to take are:

1. Scoop up any solids.
2. Blot up as much of the spilt liquid as possible, using a clean white absorbent towel.
3. Clean with water or a diluted non-biological cleaning agent. Do not put a cleaning agent directly on to the carpet but apply to a clean white towel. Change towel regularly to prevent spreading the stain.
4. Before using any cleaning agent, it is recommended that a non-visible test area is done to ensure the cleaning agent does not harm the colour of the carpet.
5. Always work from the outer edges of the stain towards the centre to prevent spreading. (Do not rub the pile, since this can cause permanent damage to the pile fibre).
6. Rinse with cool water and blot using an absorbent towel.
7. Avoid using the treated area until thoroughly dry.

**Do not rub or scrub a faux silk carpet as this will lead to permanent pile distortion.**

There are many proprietary faux silk carpet cleaners on the market such as powder or foam aerosol sprays. It is important to rigorously follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning.

## PERIODIC CLEANING

Over a period, even with rigorous and regular vacuuming, your carpet may well have an accumulation of debris, deep in the pile that requires a thorough clean. We would always recommend the services of a professional cleaning company to undertake the shampooing or steam cleaning work for you. For example:

Highgrade Cleaning: <http://www.highgradecleaning.co.uk/>

Ace Carpet Cleaning: <http://www.acecarpetcleaners.co.uk/>



# STAIN REMOVAL GUIDE FOR FAUX SILK CARPETS

Many stains are easily and quickly tackled, by the simple use of a few household products.

<i>Stain</i>	<i>Treatments (see key below) in order of cleaning sequence</i>				
<i>Asphalt/Tar</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>		
<i>Beverages</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>	
<i>Blood</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>H</i>	
<i>Butter</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>		
<i>Chewing Gum</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>K</i>		
<i>Chocolate</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>	
<i>Cooking Oils</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>		
<i>Cough Syrup</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>
<i>Dirt/Mud</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>	
<i>Dye (blue, green, red, black)</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>N</i>	
<i>Egg</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>	
<i>Excrement</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>	
<i>Fruit Juice/Berries</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>	
<i>Furniture Polish</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>		
<i>Glue (hobby)</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>		
<i>Glue (white)</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>	
<i>Gravy</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>		
<i>Ink (ballpoint, felt)</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>		
<i>Ink (fountain pen)</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>G</i>	
<i>Ink (permanent)</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>		
<i>Lipstick</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>		
<i>Make Up (mascara, foundation)</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>		
<i>Mayonnaise</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>	
<i>Milk or Ice Cream</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G</i>	
<i>Nail Polish</i>	<i>O</i>				



Stain	Treatments (see key below) in order of cleaning sequence				
Oil & Grease	F	D	G		
Paint (latex)	D	B	A	G	
Paint (oil based)	F	D	G		
Rust	D	A	D	G	
Sauce	D	B	D	G	
Shoe Polish	F	D	G		
Starch	D	B	D	G	
Sweets	D	A	D	G	
Toothpaste	D	B	D	G	
Urine (fresh)	G	B	D	G	
Urine (dry)	D	A	B	D	G
Varnish/Lacquer	F	D	G		
Vomit	P	D	B	D	G
Wax (candle)	L	J			
Wine (red)	D	M	A	D	G
Wine (white)	D	A	D	G	

## KEY

- A** **Vinegar** - undiluted white vinegar
- B** **Ammonia** - 1 tablespoon ammonia in 1 cup of warm water. Sponge and let dry
- C** **Hydrogen Peroxide** - 4 parts hydrogen peroxide 3% strength (10 vol.), 1 part household ammonia foaming type. Use within 2 hours after mixing
- D** **Detergent** - 1 teaspoon clear dishwashing detergent with 1 cup warm water (3-5 minutes)
- E** **Nail Polish Remover** - should not include lanolin or be of a greasy nature
- F** **Dry Cleaning Solvent**
- G** **Water**
- H** **Cold Water**
- I** Freeze with ice cube, shatter with blunt object and vacuum clean
- J** **Dry Cleaning Solvent** (3-5 minutes)
- K** Repeat prior steps as necessary
- L** Cover with brown paper and apply warm iron or freeze with ice cube
- M** **Hydrogen Peroxide** (20-30 minutes) - repeat until removed
- N** Consult specialist
- O** **Nail Polish Remover**
- P** **Baking Soda** - scrape and vacuum clean

