



CLEANING & MAINTENANCE OF NYLON CARPET

YOUR GUIDE TO A SIMPLE
MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME


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CARPETS



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

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF NYLON CARPET

Nylon carpet is a great choice for any area that has to cope with heavy footfall, as the fibre is strong and retains its shape more readily than other fibres, allowing it to maintain its original appearance for longer. Nylon carpets are more stain resistant than other types of carpet, as the fibre is better at resisting the absorption of fluids and dirt, thus making cleaning a lot easier. Unlike pure silk or viscose, nylon is water resistant with excellent fibre retention, making it an outstanding carpet for all luxury living. Whether for superyachts, hotels, offices or high end residential, nylon is the ideal product. Good quality nylon carpet looks and feels just like silk, but with all the advantages of being a strong, durable and stain resistant fibre.

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

VACUUMING

Regular and thorough vacuuming once a week (more often in heavy traffic areas) is an economical and effective way to remove soil and dirt particles before they become embedded in the pile of the carpet. For best results, empty your cleaner frequently. An upright vacuum with a beater bar/brush is best for cut pile and loop pile carpets and is the only type of cleaner Sandringham recommends.

SPOT CLEANING SPILLAGES

Tackle spots, spills and stains immediately as quick action will minimise any stains becoming fixed. As a general 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 or a wet vacuum cleaner.
3. Clean with water or a cleaning agent, but do not put a cleaning agent directly onto the carpet, but apply to a clean white towel.
4. Always work from the outer edges of the stain towards the centre to prevent spreading. Do not rub the pile.
5. Rinse with cool water and blot using an absorbent towel.
6. Avoid using the treated area until thoroughly dry.

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

There are many proprietary nylon 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 of time, 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.



STAIN REMOVAL GUIDE FOR NYLON CARPETS

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



Stain	Treatments (see key below) in order of cleaning sequence				
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 - undiluted household ammonia, foaming type containing detergent

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

