

NATURAL WOOL CARE GUIDE

MOTH PREVENTION

Regular vacuuming will go a long way in preventing pest problems. Since this weave has not been treated with a chemical moth repellent, moths may be attracted to the fibers. Weekly vacuuming and brushing will remove moth eggs and larvae, thereby preventing future infestations. Moths tend to lay eggs in secluded areas, so be sure to vacuum under furniture and keep your living areas well ventilated. Check the undersides and edges of your carpet regularly for signs of infestation, like threadbare patches or loose fibers.

We do not recommend the use of moth balls because the chemicals used are toxic to humans and leave an unpleasant scent. Natural moth repellents, like cedar, essential oils (lavender or lemon) or plant sachets (with dried rosemary, thyme, cloves, lavender or bay leaves), may help to repel adult moths but unfortunately will not get rid of larvae.

If you do discover a moth infestation, we recommend that you consult with a professional carpet cleaning company or pest company.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Preventative and maintenance measures will ensure your quality purchase will repay you by keeping its beauty for many years.

- Vacuum regularly. Frequent vacuuming is a carpet's best friend. A suction only canister vacuum is best to prevent excess pilling, fuzzing and pulls. However, if this type is not available, set vacuum so that the brush is furthest away from the surface of the carpet.
- The vacuum cleaner dust bag should be changed when half full.
- Remove spills immediately and have the necessary cleaning materials at hand.
- Keep doormats clean. Exercise preventative maintenance by placing absorbent mats at the most frequently used entrances to your home. Change or launder when these mats become soiled. In most cases, the extra carpet from your installation can be fashioned into a mat so the overall look of the flooring is not altered. Regular cleaning of these mats will help insure that embedded dirt does not get tracked into the rest of the building.
- Filters in your heating and air conditioning systems should be changed regularly.
- Professionally clean as needed. Do not apply stain repellent treatments that contain silicone because they tend to accelerate carpet soiling.

SPOT REMOVAL

One of the most crucial areas of carpet maintenance is the timely removal of spots and spills. Acting quickly when anything is spilled or dropped, and always having the necessary cleaning materials at hand are of the utmost importance. Keeping a bottle of this economical mixture at hand for those unexpected spills will be helpful:

DETERGENT SOLUTION
1 teaspoon of Woolite
1 teaspoon of white vinegar
Quart of warm water

TREATMENT TYPE	
1	Add cold water and blot
2	Detergent solution or WoolCleanDry Spot Remover
3	Methylated mineral spirits, turpentine, or WoolClean Dry Spot Remover
4	Chill with aerosol freezing agent or ice cubes in a plastic bag; follow by picking or scraping off gum
5	Warm water
6	Clean nail polish remover (preferably acetone)
7	Isopropyl alcohol
8	Rust remover
9	Absorbent powder (ex: salt, talc , or Absorb-It)
10	Absorbent Cleaner (WoolClean Spot Dry Remover, Host, Capture)

STAIN TREATMENT CHART							
SPOT	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	SPOT	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
Alcoholic Beverages	2	-	-	Mercurochrome	2	10	-
Blood	1	2	-	Mustard	2	-	-
Butter	3	2	-	Milk	5	3	2
Candle Wax	6	4	-	Nail Polish	6	3	-
Chewing Gum	4	3	-	Oil & Grease	3	2	-
Coffee	1	2	3	Paint (Latex)	1	2	3
Colas & Soft Drinks	1	2	-	Paint (Oil)	9	3	2
Cream	2	3	-	Rust	3	2	8
Egg	2	-	-	Salad Dressing	2	3	-
Floor Wax	3	2	-	Shoe Polish	3	2	-
Fruit Juices	1	2	-	Soot	3	2	-
Furniture Polish	3	2	-	Tar	3	-	-
Gravy & Sauces	5	2	3	Tea	1	2	3
Ink (Fountain Pen)	2	2	-	Urine (fresh)	2	-	-
Ink (Ball Point)	4	7	2	Urine (old)	1	2	10
Ink (Felt Tip)	5	2	6	Vomit	2	-	-
Ketchup	5	2	-	Wine	9	1	2
Lipstick	3	2	-	Unknown Material	3	10	2

RECOMMENDED PROFESSIONAL CLEANING

The natural soil repellent properties of the wool fiber do not require a lot of special cleaning. You should have your carpet professionally cleaned once every 1 to 2 years or as needed. We highly recommend finding a cleaner who is experienced cleaning wool carpets as some solvents used to clean nylon carpets might not be suitable for wool. Finding a reputable wool carpet specialist by checking references is worth the time, but is worth it to help keep your carpet clean and healthy. For example, your professional cleaner should not apply any stain repellent treatments that contain silicone because they tend to accelerate carpet soiling. As always have the cleaner test the cleaning agent on a small inconspicuous area before proceeding to the entire room. Always vent your rooms out thoroughly both during and after a professional cleaning to freshen your air and to help the carpet dry thoroughly which helps prevent mold.

- Dry cleaning systems such as Capture®; Host®; Dri-Mate®; WoolClean by Wools of New Zealand and Chem-Dry
- Truck-Mounted steam extraction is acceptable for tackless wall to wall installations. We do not recommend steam cleaning for loose lay rugs
- We do not recommend any portable units; nor any Bonnet systems or Rug Doctor systems