Mathews&Parlo
Carpet Wholesalers

Carpet Care Guide

Spot Cleaning

A. WATER SOLUBLE STAINS

First, blot thoroughly with a white cotton cloth or paper towel. Next, apply a solution of liquid dishwashing detergent to one quart of water. A spray bottle works well. Repeat until the stain is removed; if stain still exists then proceed to H. STUBBORN STAINS.

B. WATER SOLUBLE STAINS WITH ODOR

Same as A, but treat with a white vinegar before using detergent.

C. WATER SOLUBLE STAINS WITH HEAVY COLORS

Same as A, but treat with a household ammonia before using detergent.

D. GREASE

Blot as much as possible with a white cloth or paper towels. Apply a volatile solvent such as Perchloroethane (dry cleaning fluid), or citrus-based solvent to a white cotton cloth. CAUTION: Do not apply the solvent directly to the carpet pile as permanent damage WILL result. Use with rubber gloves and adequate ventilation.

E. WAXES & GUMS

Freeze with ice or a commercially available product in a spray can. Shatter with blunt object and vacuum immediately. Repeat as necessary.

G. RUST

Most can be removed with a 10% solution of citric acid or use of professional rust remover. More stubborn stains will require professional cleaning as restricted chemicals may be needed.

H. STUBBORN STAINS

Use a 25% solution of bleach to water (1 part bleach to 3 parts water) and spray the discolored area. Do not saturate the carpet as the backing can be affected by over wetting. Allow the solution to dwell for 15 minutes and rinse with water to remove any residue. Extract or blot the area to assist in drying. If the discoloration remains, repeat this step. Test an inconspicuous area to determined if the material will resist color change to the bleach (use only on Mathews & Parlo PureColor ™ products.

Alcoholic Beverage	**A then H**
Asphalt	**D**
Beer	**A then H**
Betadine	**F**
Berries	**A then H**
Blood (Wet)	**A then H**
Blood (Dry)	**C then H**
Butter	**A then H**
Chewing Gum	**E**
Chocolate	**C then H**
Coffee	**B then H**
Cola Drinks	**A then H**
Cosmetics	**A then H**
Crayon Markers	**D**
Excrement	**A then H**
Food Dyes	**A then H**
Furniture Polish	**D, A then H**
Grease (auto)	**D**
Crease (food)	**A then H**
Ink (ball point)	**D**
Ink (washable)	**A then H**
Lipstick	**D**
Milk	**A then H**
Mustard	**A then H**
Nail Polish	**Nail Polish Remover**
Paint Latex (wet)	**A then H**
Paint Latex (dry)	**D**
Point (oil)	**D**
Rust	**G**
Tea	**A then H**
Urine	**B then H**
Vomit	**B then H**
Wax	**E**
Wine	**C then H**

Carpet Care Checklist

- ☑ Only install your Mathews & Parlo carpet in appropriate areas of your home.
- ☑ Use a professional installer for best results.
- ☑ Use a quality carpet pad at the correct thickness.
- ☑ Always have clean walk-off mats at all entrances to capture outside soil before it's tracked in.
- ☑ Purchase enough carpet so protective mats can be available for critical areas, i.e. pivot areas, in front of your favorite chair, coming out of the kitchen…
- ☑ Vacuum regularly with a Seal of Approval vacuum cleaner.
- ☑ Have your carpet professionally cleaned using deep cleaning extraction every 12 to 18 months by a Seal of Approval professional.
- ☑ Always attend to accidents and spills immediately by blotting the spill with a damp, white absorbent towel.
- ☑ Have professionals remove stains caused by markers.
- ☑ Only use Seal of Approval spot cleaners.
- ☑ See "Spot Cleaning Guide" (opposite page) for more tips or visit www.carpet-rug.org.