

## Carpets

### Carpet Stain Removal Guide – Sheet 2

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Before removing stains from the carpet, make sure any solid dirt is removed from the area. This can be done by using a spatula. Always pre-test an area of carpet with the stain remover and check the carpet for dye transfer. Always be aware that some stains such as food colours and cosmetics can cause permanent colour changes in the fabric of the carpet. Try to remove the stain as soon as possible. The longer the stain is left on the carpet the more difficult it will be to remove. Never use a coloured towel or cloth to remove stains as this could cause colour to be transferred from the towel or cloth to the carpet.

#### Procedure for Removing Stains

If the stain is fresh, blot the area with a clean white towel or tissue until the area is dry. Inspect the area and type of stain before applying any chemicals as chemicals may not be necessary. Spray the area with a spot remover (refer to the guide below for the recommended spot remover). Once the spot remover has been applied to the carpet, blot the stain gently. Always blot the area from the outside in to ensure that the stain does not spread outwards. Never scrub the area as this could cause permanent damage to the carpet. Once the stain has been removed, for best results, spray extract the carpet with C034 Selfoam HE.

#### Chewing Gum Removal

NOTE: Always follow Selden's instructions for use. Test a small inconspicuous area of the carpet for colour fastness before commencing cleaning. Spray liberally over the chewing gum and immediate surrounding area. Wait for a few minutes for the chemical action to take place. Using a blunt edged scraper and/or cloth - gently peel the gum from the carpet, taking care not to damage delicate fabrics. After use rinse out with water or a suitable extraction shampoo using an extraction machine.

Recommended cleaning product:

Product Description	Name of Cleaner	Code
Chewing Gum Remover	D-Bond	T133

#### Spot Removal Guide

Stain	Spot Remover	Contact Time before Blotting
Beer/lager	T012	Immediately
Blood/body spills including vomit,	Refer to hygienic cleaning sheet	
Fat/Butter	T012	2 minutes
Chewing Gum	T133	Immediately
Chocolate	T012	2 minutes
Coffee/Tea	T012	1 minutes
Fruit Juice	T012	Immediately
Furniture Polish	Washing up liquid dilute 1-100	Immediately
Grass	T012	2 minutes
Grease	Washing up liquid dilute 1-100	1 minutes
Hand lotion	T012	1 minute
Ink	T012	2 minutes
Lipstick	T012	5 minutes
Sauces (e.g. tomato sauce,	T012	2 minutes
Milk	T012	2 minutes
Mustard	T012	2 minutes
Oil	Washing up liquid dilute 1-100	1 minute
Gloss paint	White spirit	Immediately
Rust	Descaler H002	Immediately
Tar	White spirit	Immediately
Wine	T012	2 minutes

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