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FLOORCOVERINGS

Before applying any special treatment it is important to remove as much as the spillage as possible. In the case of liquids absorbent paper towels should be used. Semi-solids and greasy materials should be removed with a spoon or back of a knife. Residual stains can be treated by either one or a combination of the following methods. Method One is based on dry cleaning solvents and method Two on synthetic detergents.

### Method One

This method uses a dry cleaning solvent such as perchlorethylene. The solvent should be applied with a clean absorbent cloth, the solvent **MUST** not be applied directly to the stain.

Starting at the outer edge of the stain rub gently and work gradually towards the centre of the stain. Change and remoisten the cloth frequently and mop and blot well between each application.

Care should be taken when using dry cleaning solvents, especially with rubber or plastic backed carpets. It is important when working with solvents to avoid breathing in the fumes and to ensure that there is adequate ventilation in the room.

### Method Two

This method uses synthetic detergents. Prepare a luke warm solution of a non-alkaline detergent according to the manufacturers instructions and add one teaspoonful of white vinegar per pint of solution. Apply the foam with a sponge or absorbent cloth to the stain and then mop and blot off. Repeat this procedure until the stain has been removed. After treatment the carpet should be dried. If possible lift the carpet to assist drying. The use of a hair dryer or similar device will help with this process.

*Note:* Always leave the pile sloping in the correct direction after treatment and do not replace any furniture until the carpet has dried completely.

### Weekly cleaning

All carpeted areas should be given a thorough vacuum cleaning at least once a week. In certain heavy traffic areas e.g. near doorways some surface maintenance to remove visible soil may be necessary. There are several products available for improving the surface of a soiled carpet:

- \* Biodegradable synthetic detergents containing dry cleaning solvents and applied with a simple applicator
- \* Mop-on products applied with a sponge type mop
- \* Aerosol sprays which apply a foam solution

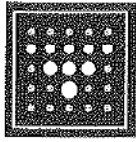
It should be noted that these treatments only remove surface soil and not embedded soil.

### Seasonal cleaning

There are a number of cleaning systems which have been designed to clean carpets in-situ however the method recommended for cleaning VEBE products is the spray extraction method. It is recommended that this type of cleaning is undertaken by a specialist professional cleaning company.

### Periodic maintenance

This is the general repair of the carpet caused by wear and tear including the restoration of stained areas, burn marks, loose ends, sprouting tufts repair of broken seams and correction of loose and ruck carpets etc.



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## **DIRTCATCHING CARPETS      CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE**

### **The principle**

80% of all dirt in buildings is brought in from outside.

This dirt diminishes the lifetime of all floorcoverings by its rubbing effect and causes high cleaning costs.

Protect yourself against this.

Dirtcatching carpets at all entrances and side entrances prevent 90% of this dirt!

### **The function**

Dirtcatching carpets, laid in a respectively large area, have a strong cleaning effect.

The "cleaning of the soles of a shoe" takes place automatically, when stepping on the upper surface of the dirtcatching carpet.

Dirt and moisture are brushed off and absorbed by the pile material.

As a result the connecting floorcoverings are protected from early wear and remain clean - the dirt is kept in the dirtcatching carpet.

### **Maintenance**

As with a swarf collector, the absorbed dirt has to be treated regularly, so that the function of the dirtcatching carpet remains active.

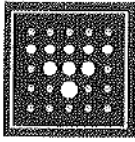
This guarantees an equal appearance and lengthens the lifetime of the dirtcatching carpet.

### **Maintenance cleaning**

According to the visitor frequency, daily cleaning is recommended.

This should take place with a brush/suction machine. 1 or 2 rolls' brush/suction machines remove the dirt down to the bottom of the carrying material.

In addition, the brushes lift up the pile material again and keep the dirtcatching carpet receptive for dirt.



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## Important

Prior to all three methods of basic cleaning, a thorough cleaning with a brush/suction machine should take place.

Based on nylon yarns with special fibre cross-sections and based on the wear resistance of the carrying material, which is waterproof, a basic cleaning does not give a degeneration of the dirtcatching carpet.

## Practice - experience

- \* After basic cleaning with water, the dirtcatching carpet must be completely dry, before walking on it again.
- \* Use cleaning chemicals as little as possible.  
The agents used should not contain any chlorohydrocarbon.
- \* The water temperature should not be over 60 degrees centigrade.