

# Carpet Extraction

Required Supplies & Equipment:	
· Carpet Extractor Machine	· Air Mover
· Carpet Extractor Shampoo	· Defoamer
· Traffic Lane Spotting Solution	· Carpet Deodorizer
· Empty/Refill Bucket	· Measuring Cup
· Clean Rags and Wipers	

**Carpet Extraction Purpose:** To deep clean embedded soil and preserve an attractive carpet.

**1. Preparation** - Remove all obstructions from the area to be cleaned. If possible, remove the furniture. Vacuum the area prior to cleaning with an extractor. Assemble all the equipment and supplies and take them to the area to be cleaned. Fill solution tanks or portable buckets and add the properly measured extraction solution to the water.

**2. Carpet Extraction Procedure** - Move carpet extractor machine to area to be cleaned.

Place the vacuum tool on the carpet.

Turn the pump/sprayer and vacuum switches to the "on" position.

Move the machine at a gradual, steady pace. Be sure that the pickup tool is moving while the pump and sprayer are on.

When you have made a complete pass over the area to be cleaned, turn off the pump/sprayer. Continue to pick up with the vacuum shoe until you have extracted the area between the sprayer nozzles and the vacuum shoe (this space varies from machine to machine).

Repeat this procedure on the next section of carpet. Be sure to overlap 2 or 3 inches on each pass.

When the area is clean, allow the carpet to dry before replacing furniture. Wet carpet can cause rust or indentations from furniture. Air Mover Machines speed drying times considerably. Also foil or cardboard squares may be used under the legs of furniture if the room must be put back into service before the carpet is dry.

**3. Clean Up** - Empty all unclean solution from the extraction tanks. Thoroughly flush out and rinse both tanks. Wash recovery tanks until there is no soil residue remaining inside. Wipe with a clean, lint free wiper. Repeat this procedure in the clean solution tank. Run clean solution through all vacuum hoses before transporting them to other areas. Thoroughly wash and wipe down all domes and lids. Clean the outside of the machine

before transporting to other areas. Wash and wipe the vacuum shoe and spray nozzle areas.

In order to control cross-infection, hands should be washed after performing cleaning duties. Before continuing on to the next area wash your hands.

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