



Introduction

tretford cord carpet does not easily attract or hold dirt and is cleaned under normal conditions with a vacuum cleaner. Thorough daily vacuuming will extend the carpet's life because accelerated wear occurs when traffic grinds embedded soil into the carpet fibre. Regular vacuuming will also enhance in-door air quality.

Upright vacuum cleaners with motor driven brushes are the most effective at lifting pile and removing soil particles.

Almost every carpet is a victim of spills from time to time. Many of these accidents can be looked after with minimum care, if a few simple rules are followed

Planned maintenance

- A planned maintenance program will ensure maximum appearance retention and performance from your purchase of quality carpet.
- Dry vacuuming should be carried out in the direction of the tretford cords. To address spillages and keep the daily appearance of your tretford cord carpet, obtain a spot removal kit, which contains the appropriate spot remover liquid and sponges or dry carpet cleaner. Using this dry cleaning system for spots and spills leaves the carpet uniformly clean – no evidence of spot removal.
- If a spot or spill does not come out with a second or third application of spot removal kit, contact your local professional carpet cleaner today. Quick action may prevent a permanent stain setting.
- If in doubt do not attempt to use other chemicals which could remain active in your carpet or could react with the bonding material which secures the face of the carpet to the backing. The use of inappropriate chemicals may cause permanent damage to the carpet. Be cautious also about using off-the-shelf carpet cleaning detergents. Many can leave a sticky residue in the carpet that will result in premature re-soiling.

Regardless of the system you use, please note the following important points:

- Always install and maintain adequate barrier/entrance matting
- Do not use shampoos and cleaners with a spirit base.
- If spillages occur and you do not have an approved spotting kit to-hand, please observe the following rules:

spot removal guidelines

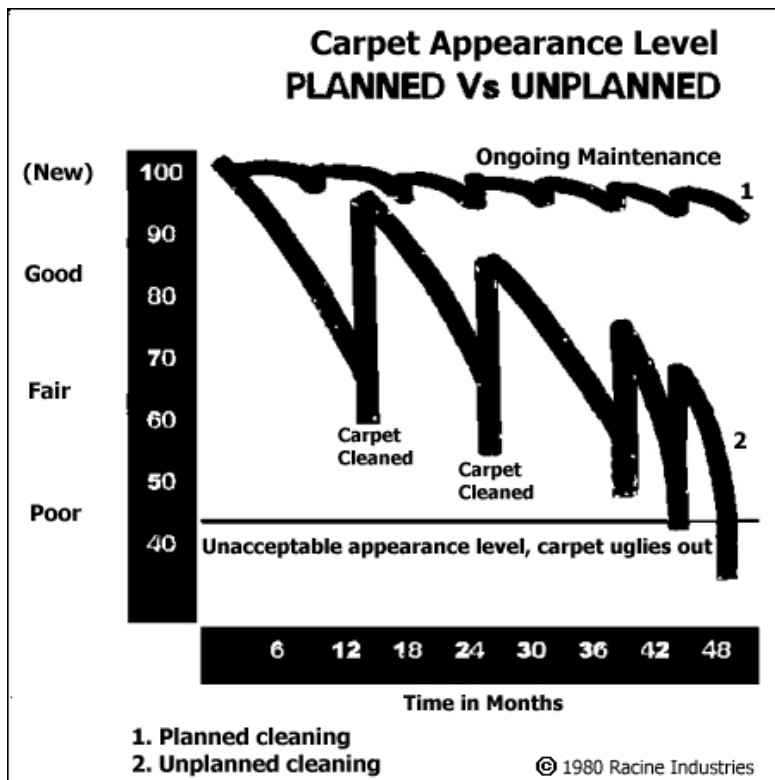
Blood	J	Fruit	D	Mascara	A	Tea	D
Butter	A	Furniture Polish	A	Mayonnaise	B	Toothpaste	B
Chewing Gum	G	Garden Soil	B	Milk	B	Type Ribbon	A
Cheese	B	Glue (White)	B	Nail Polish	A	Urine (Fresh)	H
Chocolate	B	Grease	A	Paint, Latex	A	Urine (Dry)	C
Cocktails	D	Hair Spray	A	Rust	D	Vomit	E
Coffee	D	Ice Cream	B	Shoe Polish	A	Wax, Candle	G
Crayon	A	Ink, Biro/Felt	A	Soft Drinks	D	Wax, Paste	A
Egg	B	Ink, Permanent	E	Soya Sauce	B	Wine	D
Excrement	B	Ketchup	B	Tar	A		

- A** Solvent, blot, detergent, blot, water, blot.
- B** Detergent, blot, ammonia, blot, detergent, blot, water, blot
- C** Detergent, blot, vinegar, blot, ammonia, blot, detergent, blot, water, blot
- D** Detergent, blot, vinegar, blot, detergent, blot, water, blot
- E** Detergent, blot, ammonia, blot, vinegar, blot, water, blot
- F** Detergent, blot, vinegar, blot, ammonia, blot, water, blot
- G** Freeze with ice cubes, shatter with blunt objects, vacuum, solvent, wait, blot, repeat if necessary
- H** Blot, water, blot, ammonia, blot, detergent, blot, water, blot
- J** Use cold ingredients: water, blot, detergent, blot, ammonia, blot, detergent, blot, Water, blot

maintenance programme

A planned maintenance programme should be put in place. The objective of a planned maintenance programme is *clean carpet all year round at a reasonable cost.*

Planned Cleaning	Unplanned Cleaning
Preventative and cost effective	Reactive and costly
Extends carpet life	Leads to premature wear and replacement
Focus is on keeping clean carpet clean	Focus is on cleaning visibly dirty carpet
Program driven	Product driven
Results driven	Activity driven
Keeps carpet looking good, longer – protects asset value	Leads to early loss of appearance and need for asset replacement



Irregular Maintenance -> Accelerated wear