

Proquip Spot Removal Guide

Treating stains encompasses **Step 2** of the **7 Steps to Carpet Cleaning Success**.

This simple yet comprehensive reference guide has been designed to help you quickly and easily identify the right products to treat the most common carpet stains.

To use this Spot Removal Guide, identify the cause of the stain to find the correct product/s to use, then follow the basic instructions for preparation of stain removal and important key steps. Full product details and application instructions can be located on the product label and in the product data sheet.

Best practices for Spot Cleaning

1. Act Quickly

99% of all spillages can be removed completely if immediate action is taken.

2. Absorb all liquids and vacuum all solids

Absorb spilt liquids and scrape or vacuum any solids before applying spot treatments.

3. Use lukewarm water

Avoid hot water (especially freshly boiled water) as it may set the stain, making it difficult to remove.

4. Pre-test

ALWAYS pre-test the spotting chemicals on an inconspicuous section of the carpet to ensure they will not negatively affect the dyes in the carpet.

5. What NOT to do

- Do not over-wet the carpet as this could leave ring marks.
- Do not rub or brush the pile as this may result in unsightly fuzzing or other distortion.

6. How to Spot Clean

- Work from the outer edge towards the centre of the stain
- Allow the spot treatment plenty of time to react with the staining material
- 'Feather' around the area by dabbing the edges more lightly than the centre
- After the spotting chemical has released the stain, remove from the carpet by absorbing it into a cloth or absorbant paper.
- Finish by rinsing the area with clean water

7. Dry the carpet thoroughly

- After thorough blotting, apply a thick layer of dry absorbant material and place a weight on this layer. Allow several hours for the area to dry, or use a fan to increase airflow.

7. Care when using solvents

Solvents are flammable and in some cases harmful to skin/eyes, etc. Read the Material Safety Data Sheets and use caution when spot-cleaning carpets with latex or tar backing as these materials may dissolve. Ensure appropriate PPE is worn when handling and follow all safety instructions as laid out in the SDS sheet. Use sparingly.

All Agar product safety data sheets and product data sheets can be downloaded from our website www.proquipnz.co.nz or contact our team at customerservices@proquipnz.co.nz to have them emailed PDF format.

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	Amsolve	Coffee Stain A & B	Cosmex	Cure	G-Solve (ALWAYS RINSE WITH WATER)	Spot-Wiz	Citrus Extra	Neutraliser	Notes
Acids	1								
Adhesive tape marks			1						
Alcohol				1					
Asphalt					1				2. Rinse with warm water
Beer								1	
Beetroot	2							1	
Berry Stain				2				1	3. Rinse in water
Bleach								3	1. Absorb 2. Rinse
Blood	1								2. Rinse with salty water
Butter					1				2. Rinse with warm water
Candle wax					3				1. Scrape off 2. Absorb onto paper with hot iron
Chewing gum					1				Step 1 OR rub with ice in plastic bag/spray with freezing spray, shatter & vacuum
Chocolate/ Cocoa	1	4			3			2	4. Bleach if necessary with COFFEE STAIN REMOVER
Coffee		2						1	2. Rinse in water
Cooking oil	2				1			3	1. Absorb as much as possible 2. Apply CURE. Leave for 30mins 3. Extract & rinse with water 4. Bleach if necessary with COFFEE STAIN REMOVER
Cosmetics	2							3	
Crayon					1				
Dye				1					1. Test each spotter to see which is suitable. Start with CURE
Egg	3				2			4	1. Scrape
Excrement/ faeces							2	1	3. Bleach with COFFEE STAIN REMOVER if necessary at 1:10 after rinsing out all other chemicals
Fanta	2							1	1. 10mins, BLOT, then step 2.
Fruit juice	1								
Furniture polish					1				
Gelatin	1								
Glue (household)	2	1					4	3	
Glue (epoxy, contact or animal base)					2				1. SOLVENT or THINNER as recommended on container
Grape Juice		4		3				2	1. Flush with cool water 4. Bleach if necessary with COFFEE STAIN REMOVER
Grass					1		3		2. Rinse with warm water
Gravy							1		



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Grease & oils					1		2		
Ice Cream	1						2		
Ink (ballpoint)			1				2		
Iodine								2	1. METHYLATED SPIRITS 3. Bleach if necessary with COFFEE STAIN REMOVER
Linseed Oil					1				2. Rinse with warm water
Lipstick			1				2		
Lollies (other than chocolate)	1				2			3	
Mascara			1						
Medicine	2				1			3	
Metal polish					1			2	
Mildew		2	1						2. Bleach with COFFEE STAIN REMOVER
Milk	1								
Mucilage & Mucus	1								2. Rinse with salty water
Mud							2		1. Allow to dry then vacuum
Nail polish			1						
Ointment	2				1				
Paint (oil base)					1				
Paint (water base)					1		2		
Shoe Polish (liquid)					1				3. Bleach if necessary with COFFEE STAIN REMOVER
Shoe Polish (wax/paste)					1				2. Bleach if necessary with COFFEE STAIN REMOVER
Soft drinks				1			2		
Soot					2			3	
Syrup	1								
Tar					1				2. Rinse with warm water
Tea		2			1				2. Bleach if necessary with COFFEE STAIN REMOVER
Tobacco					1		2		
Tomato Juice/ sauce	3						2	1	
Unknown stains						1			
Urine				2					1. Must be treated before dry for successful removal 2. CURE - soak for 30mins 3. Do not rinse. 4. Blot dry
Vomit								1. Soak	2. Rinse with salty water
Water stains								1	2. Steam entire area
Wine		3		2				1. Soak	2. CURE - soak 3. COFFEE STAIN REMOVER if necessary



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