

Carpet Browning & Spot Removal



Photo of Carpet Browning.

You can see the carpet next to the wall is beige, the remaining carpet has a yellow look. This is the phenomenon called Carpet Browning. It can be caused by a number of different situations including carpet cleaning solution residue.

For example, it is coffee, soda, Kool-Aid, grease, etc. you would use a solvent based carpet spotter such as Dymon's Eliminator. Follow manufacturer's directions for complete removal of the spot/stain. Remember to always test the colorfastness of the fabric or carpet by using the product on a small, inconspicuous place.

Also, if the spot is coffee or tea, you may also need a tannin remover to completely remove the remnants of the stain.

Carpet browning is a phenomenon in which, after the carpet or rug is cleaned and has dried, the fiber tips turn dark. Carpet browning may be caused by slow drying, overwetting or be related to the type of backing on the carpet such as jute. To remove the browning, use a product called Brown Out or Carpet Brightener. This product will neutralize carpet cleaner residue not only preventing browning, but actually leaving the carpet cleaner and brighter.

Additionally, the use of Brown Out or Carpet Brightener on wet-cleaned upholstery and rugs will reduce the likelihood of dye bleeding by setting the dyes.

Carpet spots are a fact of life. To remove spots from your carpet, first determine what type of spot it is. The type of spot determines the product you will use.



Photo of Kool-Aid Carpet Stain.



Photo of Organic Matter Stains. In this case it is pet urine.

If the spot is blood, urine, food, or other organic matter you would use a carpet spotter than contains enzyme's such as Dymon's Liquid Alive Enzyme Spotter. Follow manufacturer's directions for complete removal of spot/stain. Remember to always test the colorfastness of the fabric or carpet by using the product on a small, inconspicuous place.

Dymon's Liquid Alive Enzymes is also available in gallon and quart and safe for use in washing machines or household drains.

If you cannot determine the type of spot, begin with a general use spot cleaner.

Once you have determined the type of spot, apply the appropriate spot cleaner as per manufacturers directions.

DO NOT rub the spot back and forth. Instead use a small brush and working from the outside edges in toward the center, gently brush the spot toward it's center. Periodically lay a damp towel or cloth on the spot to remove as much residue as possible. Continue with this process until the spot is removed.

For more information on carpet browning or spot cleaners, please contact our offices at (352) 521-5643 or (800) 749-4959.



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