

Polypropylene Carpet Factsheet

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Polypropylene carpets are the carpet of today!

They are soft to the touch, incredibly difficult to stain, the colours can be earthy like wool, and most people can't tell the difference between polyprop carpets and wool. Whilst wool is still recognised as one of the finest fibres used in carpet making, polyprop carpets are the most "sensible" fibre for most households in the UK due to their durability and colour fastness. Polypropylene is so stain fast because the colour is locked in during the manufacturing process.

Pro's

Polyprop carpets are:

- Hard wearing
- Incredibly stain resistant (almost stain proof, unlike wool which is highly absorbent)
- Very easy to clean
- Excellent colour fastness
- The cheapest carpets available
- Great results after a top quality deep clean by Great Choice
- Static shocks are certainly not an issue!



BUT ...

- Polyprop carpets can scorch if furniture or other heavy object is dragged quickly across the carpet.
- A luxurious long pile polyprop carpet may quickly flatten in heavy use areas, though better brands produce it with two-ply fibres to compensate. As a rule I don't sell massively long pile carpets for this reason (better to have a thicker underlay than a thicker carpet!)
- Great prices but prone to exchange rate fluctuations, especially during unsettled times
- Polypropylene very resistant to pet stains, food & drink stains etc but may stain with oil or petrol.



Maintaining Your Polypropylene Carpet

As with most things, maintenance plays a huge part for how long it will retain its looks, and how well your new polyprop carpet will wear. By doing the following you will extend the life of your carpet.

- Vacuum regularly.
- Use mats and runners in areas that get a lot of traffic.
- Change the layout of your room occasionally to spread the load and reduce excessive wear.
- Clean up liquid spills quickly. See Stain Removal Procedure below.
- Wine, spaghetti bolognese, gravy, marmalade, butter, motor oil, paint, solvents - any substance that will damage and stain - just keep them away!
- Book GREAT CHOICE FLOORING every 12 to 24 months for a deep clean of your carpets.

Stain Removal Procedure

In the event of a spillage, by following the simple stain removal procedure below you will get out the vast majority of stains. If you don't have any special Great Choice stain remover, call us on 01202 377 577. It costs under a fiver for a big bottle but may save you money in early replacement costs.

- NEVER RUB OR SCRUB AT A SPILLAGE. ALWAYS BLOT.
- If it's a LIQUID spillage, blot up excess using plain white towels and skip to step 4 below.
- If it's SOLID or PARTIALLY SOLID, scrape up solids and blot liquid if required as per step 2.
- Pre-test Great Choice Spotting Solution on an inconspicuous area. If you don't have any, use really hot water and a dash of washing up liquid.
- Spray spotting solution onto any remaining spot. Press down hard with white towelling, or stand on the cloth, and repeat as required.
- If stain is not removed after several attempts, spray spotter solution until stain is damp, cover with white towelling and weigh down with a HEAVY object and leave overnight. Repeat x 2.
- Call Great Choice Carpet Cleaning on 01202 377 577 if the stain is not completely removed in 2/3 days. Or call us anytime for some advice! We really do welcome your calls. It costs nothing but could save you hundreds!

REMEMBER. DOING THE WRONG THING IS USUALLY WORSE THAN DOING NOTHING!