

# West Coast Maintenance Materials Co.

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## Cleaning Carpet Using the Bonnet Method

### Tools & Materials Needed:

- A. Floor machine equipped with "bonnet" pad holder
- B. Bonnets or carpet pads
- C. Vacuum, with beater brush if appropriate
- D. Pump up sprayer E. Two mop buckets and wringers
- F. Clean rags
- G. Carpet rake
- H. Putty knife
- I. Protective pads for furniture legs
- J. "Wet floor" signs
- K. Gloves and goggles

### Products:

- 1. Carpet spotter(s)
- 2. Gum remover
- 3. Bonnet Cleaning Detergent

### Procedures:

#### I. Bonnet Cleaning

- A. Bonnet cleaning provides a good method of surface cleaning the carpet.
- B. This method allows the cleaned carpet to be back in service after a very short drying time.
- C. Bonnet cleaning can lengthen the time between extraction cleaning.
- D. Remove or move as much furniture as possible from the area to be bonnet cleaned.
- E. Vacuum the carpet to be cleaned using a beater vacuum, if appropriate to the installation method.
- F. Spot clean carpet stains using your bonnet cleaner or carpet stain remover.
  - 1. Remove any gum found on the carpet using the gum remover and a putty knife.
- G. Place "wet floor" signs around area.

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1. Using a pump up sprayer filled with diluted bonnet cleaner, spray an area of carpet 10' by 10'.
  - a. Let set 5-10 minutes.
  - b. Spray an adjoining area 10' by 10'.
2. Start bonnet cleaning the first area sprayed.
  - a. Move machine with bonnet pad in place back and forth in a left to right motion.
  - b. Turn one quarter and repeat motion left to right to clean from all directions.
3. Turn bonnet over as it becomes soiled.
  - a. A dirty bonnet will spread soil, not pick it up.
  - b. Rinse dirty bonnet in clean water.
  - c. Wring out the rinsed pad as dry as possible before putting back under the machine.
  - d. Use a clean bonnet whenever the pad becomes too dirty.
4. Use clean rags to get into corners and around other obstructed areas.
5. Rake the nap up.
6. Spray a third area 10' by 10' and start working on the second area sprayed. Continue until the entire area has been cleaned.
7. Carpet should be dry in a short time.

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I. The immersion method

1. Fill one bucket with clean water. Fill the other with diluted cleaner.
2. Immerse the bonnet in the cleaner. Wring it out. Place bonnet on the floor machine and clean the area in 6' widths.
3. When the bonnet becomes soiled, turn it over and use the other side.
  - a. When both sides are soiled, remove the bonnet from the machine, rinse in clear water and wring out.
  - b. Immerse the bonnet in the cleaning solution again and wring out.
  - c. Repeat the cleaning procedure.

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4. Use clean rags to get into corners and around other obstructed areas.
  5. Rake the nap up.
- J. If furniture is to be replaced before the carpet is dry, use protective pads under the legs.