

# Your New Polypropylene Carpet

Care Instructions - Please Read Carefully

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## Congratulations On Your New Carpet!

Congratulations on your new purchase of your new Polypropylene (polyprop) carpet and thank you so much for choosing Great Choice Flooring to supply and fit them! Polyprop carpets are the carpets made for today's way of life!

**Please do take this opportunity to read this little booklet and learn how to maintain your new carpet, since this will help get the best from your new flooring and ensure your new carpet lasts and keeps its looks for as long as possible.**

*Important*

**IMPORTANT: AFTER THE FITTING DO NOT DRAG FURNITURE ACROSS A POLYPROP CARPET SINCE THE HEAT CAUSED BY THE FRICTION MAY CAUSE THE CARPET TO SCORCH.**

Whilst wool is still recognised as one of the finest fibres ever used in carpet making, polyprop carpets are considered the most "sensible" fibre for most households today due to their durability and colour fastness.

They are soft to the touch, very difficult to stain, slower to fade in direct sunlight as compared to wool, the colours can be earthy like wool, and most people cannot tell the difference between polyprop and wool.

What makes polyprop carpets so difficult to stain? Polypropylene is so stain fast because the colour is locked in during the manufacturing process. Polyprop carpets are like a carrot ... they are not dyed just to look a particular colour, they are a particular colour, all the way through.

In fact (as a last resort only) most polyprop carpets are so stain safe they can even be cleaned using a part bleach, part water cleaning solution making it an extremely practical choice for today's busy modern families, or households with pets.

In fact, only petrol and oil based products will stain a polyprop carpet, so tea, coffee, red wine and all the usual culprits will have little chance of staining your new carpet!



As with every flooring type, each fibre has it's Pro's & Cons.

Polyprop carpets are:

- Hard wearing
- Incredibly stain resistant against "normal" day to day staining
- Very easy to clean
- Excellent colour fastness
- The cheapest carpets available giving you a great carpet for less
- Great results after a top quality deep clean by Great Choice

**YAY!!**

BUT ...

- Polyprop carpets can scorch if furniture or other heavy object is dragged quickly across the carpet.
- A luxurious long pile polyprop carpet may flatten more quickly than Nylon or wool in heavy use areas, though the better brands produce it with two-ply fibres to compensate as much as possible
- Pricing, whilst very competitive (especially if you buy from Great Choice) is prone to exchange rate fluctuations, especially during unsettled times
- Polypropylene is very resistant to pet stains, urine, vomit, food & drink stains etc but will stain with oil or petrol based products.



**BOO.**

## Maintaining Your New Polypropylene Carpets

As with most things, maintenance plays a huge part for how long your new carpet will retain its looks, and how well your new carpet will wear. By following these hints and tips you will extend the life of your carpet by up to as much as 33%!

- Vacuum regularly.
- Use mats and runners in areas which 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 could potentially damage and stain a wool carpet don't risk it with a polyprop carpet - just keep them all 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 easily.

- **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 / dab 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 / dab 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 Flooring 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 to get advice but could save you hundreds in early replacement costs!

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