



Maintenance Recommendations for C&A's Wooly Style

Wooly is a wool/ polyester blended floorcovering from the C&A Floorcovering brand intended for installation into light to moderate commercial settings.

Establishing a planned maintenance program for your *Wooly* installation can measurably reduce your cleaning costs, greatly extend the useful life, maximize appearance retention, and minimize the total cost of ownership of your floorcovering investment.

Walk-Off Matting Systems:

The use of adequate walk-off matting systems is a vital component of any maintenance program. Tandus recommends a range of 8-12 footfalls (20'-30') of walk-off matting for all facilities. Daily vacuuming and spot cleaning is highly recommended.

Vacuuming & Daily Spot Cleaning:

Regular, daily vacuuming is essential in maintaining *Wooly's* appearance. Slow, deliberate passes with Tandus Approved Equipment is highly recommended. Tandus strongly recommends the use of back-pack vacuums for *Wooly*, however any other Approved Vacuum Cleaner is acceptable. The scheduled frequencies of vacuuming should remain flexible, and modified according to traffic type/ traffic count/ soil load/ adverse weather conditions, etc.

Daily spot cleaning is imperative, as time is of the essence, for continued appearance retention and to limit the probability of permanent staining. At least one member of your staff should be assigned to this task. Please be advised that 24/7 operations should have one person per shift assigned to spot cleaning duties.

The daily spot cleaning should incorporate the utilization of Tandus Approved Cleaning Solutions, to maximize the appearance retention, and minimize adverse residual matter from most available detergents.

Equipment/ Cleaning Solutions: What to use and what NOT to use:

Please refer to the Tandus Approved Equipment and Approved Cleaning Solution Listings, and utilize selections from those listings.

- DO NOT utilize any rotary devices, including rotary bonnet, rotary brush, or rotary extraction tools.
- DO NOT utilize any cylindrical brush devices such as Pile Lifters, GLS, Rotowash, Duplex Hydrowasher or Rombus machines, except for vacuum cleaners. Excessive fuzzing and appearance degradation will likely result.
- DO NOT use any laundry grade detergents, or any solvent based cleaning solutions.
- DO NOT use products containing strong oxidizers, optical brighteners, lauryl sulfate derivatives, D'Limonene or those having a high pH (over 8), as permanent yarn damage, discoloration or other product degradation may occur.

Recommended Spot Cleaning Procedures

- 1) Pre-vacuum all walk-off matting, and *Wooly* to maximize dry soil removal that has accumulated, once daily or more, if needed.
- 2) Apply an approved cleaning solution, sparingly, to the soiled area to be cleaned.
- 3) Apply light agitation with a tamping brush and towel, or Roamer Brush to distribute the applied solution and loosen the contamination for the *Wooly* surface. Also be advised that Racine Industries, Inc – HOST system may be utilized to facilitate spot removal. If the Liberator Extractorvac is used, it is recommended that White Brushes be utilized.
- 4) Extract, if necessary, utilizing Tandus Approved Equipment, with clean, warm tap water, to effectively rinse the residues and contamination from *Wooly*.
- 5) Apply air movers or dehumidifiers to speed dry the cleaned area(s).
- 6) Repeat, as necessary, to achieve the desired appearance level, and to remove the maximum volume of contaminants.

Host “Dry Powder” Cleaning

Pre-vacuum any/ all areas to be cleaned to maximize dry soil removal.

- 1) Apply HOST SJ and slightly agitate the dry absorbent compound with the HOST Extractorvac machine with White Brushes.
- 2) Vacuum the remaining residue with the HOST machine. The *Wooly* product is ready for immediate use.

Hot Water Extraction

- 1) Apply a Tandus Approved Cleaning Solution as a pre-spray, following the manufacturer-recommended dilution ratio and application rate. Allow 10-15 minutes dwell time.
- 2) Perform hot water extraction, with no added chemistries to the rinse tank, taking multiple vacuum passes to facilitate quicker drying times.
- 3) Activate air movers and/or dehumidifiers to assist in the drying process, limiting foot traffic on the freshly cleaned surface until dry.
- 4) Post-vacuum all cleaned areas, to remove any remaining residues from the *Wooly* surface.

Please feel free to access this and additional information on *Wooly* maintenance at:
www.tandus.com/maintenance/wooly, or care@powerbond.com, or call 800-248-2878.