



## **Clean & Care**

### **Carpet Tiles**

Commercial Indoor/Outdoor carpet is engineered to deliver long-term appearance retention as well as good wear resistance under a variety of traffic conditions. Nevertheless, a sound, consistent maintenance program is vital to the durability of any carpet. This is true for residential carpets as well as commercial carpets. A good care outline not only helps retain the fresh beauty, but also prolongs the life of the carpet by removing the grit of daily soiling on a frequent basis.

The frequency and type of maintenance should be determined by the use/traffic the carpet receives. Naturally, carpets subjected to heavy foot traffic and "gritty" soiling should be cleaned more frequently than areas receiving lighter traffic and normal soiling.

The following maintenance program highlights recommended procedures to follow for carpeted areas receiving: Light, Medium, and Heavy traffic.

All carpet areas **MUST** be vacuumed on a regularly scheduled basis. It is an established fact that gritty soil not removed has an abrasive action on the pile yarns and should not be allowed to accumulate. There are many types of vacuum cleaning equipment available. We recommend using "commercial" type vacuum cleaners equipped to agitate the pile sufficiently to actually "part" the pile. This allows the grit below the surface to be removed by the vacuum action.

Agitation will also "tease" the pile yarns enough to prevent the tendency of these yarns to pack or "mat down" in areas of concentrated traffic. Commercial type vacuum cleaners with "beater bars" or other types of agitation are readily available. These machines should not be confused with heavy-duty "Pile Lifters"; equipment with an important role in a maintenance program. The Pile-Lifter is a heavy-duty vacuum machine with the sole object of agitating the pile to loosen and remove heavy soil and grit. It is especially important in areas where a combination of heavy soiling and foot traffic has caused the pile to pack or mat down.