

CARING FOR SISAL CARPETS

Installation of wall to wall carpeting:

Sisal strongly reacts to the humidity of the environs by either expanding or shrinking. To allow for acclimatization, it is very important that the rolls are opened, unrolled, 24 hours before the installation. When taking measurements for installation, add 2% to allow for the environmental elements.

Maintenance:

Natural fibers are static-free and as such do not attract dust. However, it is important to vacuum the carpet or rug regularly to remove dirt particles that can lodge within the sisal fibers, as they will cause wear if not removed through regular vacuuming.

As sisal is a very absorbent fiber, liquid spills will cause dirt particles to rise to the surface and stain the carpet/rug and may also cause noticeable shrinkage. Tackle spills and stains immediately as quick action will minimize any stains becoming fixed.

Generally, the steps to take are:

- 1) Scoop up any solids
- 2) Blot up as much of the spilt liquid as possible, using a clean white absorbent towel
- 3) Clean with water or a cleaning agent, but do not put a cleaning agent directly on to sisal carpet but apply to a clean white towel. Check first on an inconspicuous part of the carpet, to check the cleaning agent doesn't cause bleeding of the dyes.
- 4) Always work from the outer edges of the stain towards the centre to prevent spreading. Do not rub the pile
- 5) Rinse with cool water and blot using an absorbent towel.
- 6) Avoid using the treated area until thoroughly dry

Where available, you may try 'Host Dry Carpet Cleaner. Before and after using this product, you must vacuum the carpet/ rug several times.

You have brought part of the nature into your home. With proper care it will provide you with many years of comfort and beauty in your home.

Cleaning solutions:

Vinegar: max cup of white vinegar with cup of lukewarm water.

Detergent: one teaspoon of laundry (free of bleach) in one cup of lukewarm water.

Ammonia: on table spoon clear household ammonia with cup of water.

Remember: apply, blot, apply blot.