

# YOU CHOOSE IT. WE'LL CLEAN IT.

## How MilliCare Complies with Carpet Manufacturer's Maintenance Recommendations

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### Brintons Recommendations

**Planning for Care and Maintenance:** It is important to instigate, from day one, a well planned care and maintenance programme identifying the different types of traffic areas in the installation matching their requirements with regular, planned cleaning and maintenance procedures.

Each area of the installation will require an individual maintenance plan developed according to traffic patterns and soiling rates. These plans should be based upon formal site audits with layouts, traffic flows and traffic level predictions all being taken into consideration. (source: Brintons Cleaning and Maintenance Guidelines)

**Interim Cleaning:** Absorbent powder compound is a very effective dry carpet cleaning system. The compound is made up of a particle moistened with a water/detergent/solvent emulsion. Its purpose is to break down and absorb particles of soil from the carpet pile. The absorbent powder compound is sprinkled evenly over the carpet and brushed in using a special counter rotating brush machine. The brushes help to lift the pile and restore surface appearance as well cleaning the fibres.

After the powder has dried (approximately 1/2 hour) it should be removed from the pile of the carpet using a powerful upright vacuum cleaner. Absorbent powder cleaning has the advantage that only the badly soiled areas of the carpet need be cleaned. (source: Brintons Cleaning and Maintenance Guidelines)

**Hot Water Extraction:** The hot water extraction tank is filled with a diluted fibre conditioner without shampoo. A pre-spray solution is then applied to the carpet using a power spray with a fine spray nozzle. The chemical is left for a few minutes in order for the chemicals to work and the carpet is then treated with the hot water extraction machine filled with the fibre conditioner rinse. This flushes the pre-spray from the carpet leaving the fibres in a very clean condition, less likely to attract further soiling. It is extremely important, whichever system is employed, that the carpet is not allowed to become over wet, otherwise shrinkage can occur. (source: Brintons Cleaning and Maintenance Guidelines)

### MilliCare

- ✓ A MilliCare provider will meet with you, assess your traffic patterns and amount of traffic and design a plan that will optimize the carpet's appearance, life expectancy and assure a healthy indoor environment.
- ✓ MilliCare carpet cleaning system is a low moisture, dry absorbent compound cleaning method.(see below)
- ✓ MilliCare provides hot water extraction following the procedures outlined by Brintons, if needed. Our experience shows that in most cases the MilliCare system is the only deep cleaning necessary.

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**Key Points to Remember:** Only products suitable for use on wool rich carpets should be used, this also applies to our 100% nylon carpets. Suitable products are listed on the "WOOLSAFE" website at [www.woolSAFE.org](http://www.woolSAFE.org).

It is very important that the carpet is not allowed to become over wet during hot water extraction or any other cleaning process as shrinkage may occur.(source: Brintons Cleaning and Maintenance Guidelines)

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- ✓ MilliCare products are WoolSafe approved. The MilliCare dry carpet cleaning system will not allow the carpet to become wet so there is little chance of shrinkage occurring.

### In addition, MilliCare dry carpet cleaning process provides the following benefits:

- MilliCare can help contribute on a number of LEED EBOM certification categories: Water Efficiency, Energy and Atmosphere, Materials and Resources, and Indoor Environmental Quality
- Reduces the use of water and electricity in your facility
- MilliCare uses Green Seal certified products
- MilliCare meets or exceeds all Carpet & Rug Institute (CRI) standards
- MilliCare products are WoolSafe approved
- MilliCare can also provide a wide range of entry protection systems

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