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## REVIVE CARPET DYEING

### SPOT DYEING INFORMATION SHEET

Spot dyeing is a service whereby colour is returned to a 'bleached' or faded spot in a wool or nylon carpet. These mishaps most often occur from household cleaning chemicals that have been spilt or incorrectly used to clean carpet.

The rules for spot dyeing are simple.

1. The spots must be a lighter colour than the original carpet colour. It is impossible to dye from dark to light. Most bleach marks have taken the colour from the carpet, leaving a white stain – spot dyeing is replacing the original colour back into the white stained area. Occasionally, when a strong bleaching agent has been used, or the spill hasn't been rinsed thoroughly, the affected area turns 'yellowy', or even pink; this means the fibre has been damaged and is chemically burnt. It is impossible to remove this yellowing and may not be possible to get a colour match. Sometimes, in this situation, we are requested to try and make these spots a little less obvious. Equally, any coloured spills on the carpet must be a lighter colour than the background, and in the correct 'colour family'.
2. The smaller the spots the more successful the result. The aim of spot dyeing is to blend the spots in better than at present – it is very difficult to colour match exactly; rather, think of putting a colour very close to the existing colour back in, so you are **disguising** the spill, not drawing the eye immediately to something obviously wrong. Spots up to the size of dinner plates can be spot dyed, under the right circumstances. If the bleached affect is more widespread it will be more economical, and a better result, to re-dye the whole area a deeper colour.
3. No matter which way you decide to go, initially, you must apply some First-Aid to the carpet. **Tip a glass of cold water on each spot to rinse out the bleaching agent.** Gently rub in with fingers and absorb out with a towel. You can do this several times if the bleach was strong. **DO NOT RUB HARD** as you will burr the fibres and it will look different. This, at least, dilutes the bleaching agent.

#### **COSTS INVOLVED WITH SPOT DYEING**

\$132:00 Incl. G.S.T. MINIMUM CHARGE – covers first half hour – 90% of our spot dyeing jobs are completed within the minimum charge time.

\$66:00 Incl, G.S.T. per half hour thereafter.

If a re-call is necessary, \$66:00 Incl. per re-call visit. **This, generally, is only necessary when the spots have not been rinsed out thoroughly and the bleach is still active in the carpet.**

STAIN ADVISORY SERVICE : free telephone advice on treatment of spills and stains – Give us a ring on phone 0274812680