



Topical Treatments Statement

Scott Group Studio does NOT warrant or endorse the use of soil repellent or other topical treatments for use on wool, silk, or any other carpet pile fiber type that we provide.

In particular, the microscopic physical structure of wool shows the fibers to consist of overlapping scales, arranged much like roof shingles. These scales have a thin, protective membrane that helps prevent water from readily penetrating the individual fibers. The scale structure also serves to hold dirt and dust particles near the surface of the pile where it can be easily removed by suitable vacuuming methods.

By coating fibers with a "stain repellent", it is possible to enhance wool's ability to repel liquid spillages. However, in coating the wool 'scales', the inherent ability to hold and release soil particles readily, will be reduced. Some "stain repellents" contain silicone that may provide protection from spills but tend to accelerate further soiling. Some coatings can break down under foot-traffic over time forming microscopic fractures. The fractures will allow liquid spillages to penetrate these 'cracks' making them very difficult to remove.

Our carpet fibers are easy to maintain. Under normal use, a good vacuum program and periodic professional cleaning is sufficient to maintain the beauty and longevity of the carpet. Blotting spills when they happen, flushing with cold water and using the appropriate spot remover will take care of most spills immediately. Professional cleaning should be performed using minimal water and low pH cleaning solutions (pH of 4 to 4.5). High pH solutions and excessive hot water may release the dyes and cause bleeding. For further information on cleaning, please contact Scott Group Studio at 616-954-3200 or contactus@scottgroupstudio.com.