

Technical Services Bulletin

Fluorochemicals

Fluorochemicals are fluorinated polymer finishes that are commonly used on upholstery and textile flooring. These treatments are the most durable of all protectors on the market today and provide the highest level of protection from water, oil and dry soils. In carpeting, fluorochemicals achieve these properties by reducing the surface energy of a material, making it a less soil-attracting surface and by inhibiting wetting of the fibers.

Fluorochemicals are reported to be effective up to 3 detergent cleanings, although they are removed by solvent spotters and must be reapplied whenever a carpet is exposed to these agents.