

Removing red dust should be done carefully and professionally. Diving into it without experience and forethought can land you up with permanent discolourations and staining.

**The secret is to have sufficient high quality surfactant in your wash water and effective peptising action which breaks down and suspends fine clay particles.**

## Step 1: Vacuum, Vacuum, Vacuum.

Remember that the red dirt blown in from dust storms is essentially a dry particulate soil which is best removed by dry vacuuming. The more you remove by dry vacuuming the less will turn to mud when you steam extract the carpet.

Repeatedly vacuum the carpet before steam extracting.

Remember that this dirt has an extremely fine particle size and it is critical that the filters in the vacuum cleaner are in good condition or it will blow out the vacuum outlet as fast as you are sucking it in through the cleaning wand.

## Step 2: Prespray Treatment

This dirt type has two distinct features; one is it's particulate nature and the other is it's staining propensity. Use one of the three presprays listed below in order of efficacy on this soil type. The chemistry required for this dirt has all been boosted in these prespray solutions and have all been previously tested and proven on areas which suffer this red dirt regularly such as Toowoomba and various towns in rural WA.

Step up the dilution rates to what's specified below;

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| 1. | <b>AP454 Performance Gold</b> | <b>1:32</b> |
| 2. | <b>AP450 Perform</b>          | <b>1:20</b> |
| 3. | <b>AP452 Performance Plus</b> | <b>1:20</b> |

Use AP445 OxyBoost to remove any remaining stains.

AP445 Oxyboost can also be added to the ready-to-use prespray solution at 10g/Lt to help oxidise the red colouring and remove stains.

## Step 3: Rinse Extract

Water alone is not going to give you the results you need on this application!

The secret to a complete success is to add extraction detergent to your rinse / extract water. The sequestering and peptising (the break down of fine clays) action of extraction detergents ensure that all residues are removed from the carpet.

Use AP455 Emulsifier Plus (liquid) or AP457 Extracta Pro (powder)

**And remember use warm water but not steaming hot as this can set red soil stains.**