

# How To Remove Wax From Carpet

Professional cleaners ultimate guide



# Removing wax from carpet can be particularly challenging due to its unique properties

Candle wax is typically made from materials like paraffin, beeswax, or soy wax, each of which can solidify upon cooling, forming a tough layer that adheres strongly to fibers. This solidification makes it difficult to simply lift away, while the dyes or pigments in the wax can stain fabrics, penetrating deeply when melted.

Additionally, wax is heat-sensitive; while it must be melted for effective removal, excessive heat can damage the fibers or cause the wax to seep further into the material. Traditional cleaning agents often struggle with wax due to its hydrophobic nature, which repels water, and different fabric compositions can further complicate the cleaning process.

### **PRODUCTS**

#### **Gum Gone**

Gum Gone is the perfect solution for removing wax from carpet and upholstery, due to its powerful blend of solvents designed to break down wax quickly and effectively. Its fast-acting formula easily lifts stubborn wax residues without damaging the fabric, making it an essential tool for professional cleaners seeking to restore carpets and upholstery to their original condition.

#### **EQUIPMENT**

To remove wax from carpet & upholstery, you will need:

- Absorbent white terry towel
- Clothes iron
- Gum Gone
- Conquer
- Carpet Extraction Machine.



# 1. Remove excess wax

Begin by laying a dry, white absorbent towel over the candle wax. Gently press a clothes iron on top, using a low setting. This process will melt the wax, allowing it to be absorbed into the cloth. Be sure to exercise caution during this step—avoid overheating the iron to prevent burning or distorting the fibers, particularly with synthetic materials.

## 2. Repeat Step 1 to remove all excess

Continue this procedure, replacing the towel as needed, until you no longer see any wax transferring onto the cloth. This may take a few repetitions, but patience will ensure that you remove as much wax as possible.

#### 3. Apply Gum Gone

Next, take a new, dry white absorbent cloth and moisten it with Gum Gone. Carefully blot the affected area, allowing the solvent to penetrate and break down any remaining wax residues. This step is crucial for a thorough cleaning.

#### 4. Blot & remove residues

Gently blot to lift the wax residues from the carpet or fabric. It's important to avoid adding any water at this stage, as introducing moisture can hinder the removal process and make the wax more difficult to extract.

#### 5. Rinse & extract

Finally, rinse and extract the area by prespraying it with Conquer or a suitable prespray solution. Follow up by using wet extraction equipment to remove any lingering residues. This last step will help restore the carpet or upholstery to its original condition, ensuring a thorough and effective cleaning.

#### **FURTHER RESOURCES**

- Gum Gone PDS
- Conquer PDS
- Spotting Guide
- Knowledge Centre

# **FURTHER NOTES**

#### **Alternative Products**

If Gum Gone is unavailable, you can substitute it with Orange Solvent a citrus blend for gum and oily stain removal.

#### **Preventing Fibre Distortion**

Always set your iron to a low heat when removing wax from carpet or upholstery. This will help prevent burning or distorting the fibers, especially in synthetic materials. Keeping the heat low allows you to effectively melt the wax while preserving the integrity of your fabrics, ensuring a safe and successful cleaning process.

#### **Encapsulation Method**

If you're using an encapsulation method or a low moisture cleaning procedure, it's essential to blot the area thoroughly with Conquer. This step helps to effectively lift any spotting residues that may remain after the initial cleaning.

By ensuring that the surface is well-treated with Conquer, you not only enhance the overall cleaning efficacy but also promote the longevity and appearance of the fibers. Properly addressing these residues will contribute to a cleaner, fresher finish, leaving your carpets or upholstery looking revitalised.

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