

## Carpet care

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Carpet is the most widely applied flooring material. They are soft and warm which make people comfortable and relaxed. In addition they are good sound absorber and rich of colors & patterns. Although wood floor and tiles are getting popular now, carpet is still dominating the bedroom decoration



There are mainly 4 kinds of carpet based on materials on market, wool, nylon, polyester and olefin. Wool is the natural fibre, fine, soft and dense. It is fast recovery after compression, durable and naturally fade and age resistant. However it is expensive & not easy to clean once getting dirty. Nylon is the best & most applied synthetic carpet. It has soft & strong fibre, easy to clean but costly after wool; Polyester and olefin are cheaper but the quality and tactile feeling are lower than nylon. When choose a carpet, density and height of pile are the yardstick. If we can see the backing when rolling to the back, which means the density is low. If we touch the pile and cannot feel the material underneath, that shows a good quality.

Speaking of carpets maintenance, there are several tips: 1. do not spill, smoke & eat on carpets, do not walk with high heels, keep the room ventilated, regularly vacuum & reduce the chance of mildew grown; 2. change shoes before entering home to avoid contamination; 3. do not clean with strong detergents or cleaners; 4. to avoid excessive exposure under sun light which would cause fade; 5. use padding under roller chairs to prevent worn; 6. use diluted white vinegar to get rid of odour, this also can avoid fade; 7. once there is spill of coffee, juice or oil, first to dry it with napkin or towels then clean with carpet or fiber cleaner, afterwards dry the area; 8. routinely check the intersection of the carpet and exterior wall, this area is easy to get wet & mildew grown once water intrusion, which has to be fixed by contractor right away.