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Free Booklet

Here's how to get the Best Upholstery-Cleaning Equipment available.

This free booklet lists essential upholstery cleaning tools, solutions and equipment. Prices are included, best buys and where and how to get the equipment.

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I've used Prochem Europe for my cleaning supplies for over 25years. My reason why is because Prochem supply the best solutions available. I don't think you'll get better upholstery cleaning solutions elsewhere. Prochem solutions for cleaning give superb results. Plus you'll notice no re-soiling if you use the solutions properly. This information applies to the products like Brushes, Sprayers, Towels, and cleaning Solutions ext,

However, I am aware that Prochem products may not be available in your particular area. Here is what I suggest you do;

In today's cleaning industry, just like many other industries, much of the products available are much the same in almost every way. Like for instance, all of the products available from Prochem, are also available from other reputable companies. These products work in the same way. They may have slight variation, but are more or less, the same products being sold by different companies.

If you are outside of the reach of Prochem, then what to do, is simply do a search on google for carpet cleaning products or equipment. Your search results will list all of the local companies in your area. Just include your town in your google search. You can then simply see what is on offer locally and select your desired supplier. The solutions may vary slightly in respect to mixing, so simply just follow the suggestions which you'll find on the labels.

Just one last point on this matter,

Like I said before, virtually all of the cleaning supplies stores are selling the same products but they are packaged differently. So whatever solution you are looking for, just ask at the suppliers for the appropriate one. I.e. a certain sort of stain remover product or a pre-spray solution. Just ask, the suppliers they are always very helpful. Or, if you'd like to visit my site and select your upholstery cleaning products there, you are very welcome. Visit <http://shanedaley.org/diy-carpet-cleaning-equipment>.



Here's a list of what you'll need to clean your upholstery.

Tampico upholstery brush.

A soft thistle hand brush used for most sorts of upholstery cleaning. This brush will gently agitate pre-spray solutions into upholstery fabric. You can agitate stains to remove them. The Tampico brush is specially designed to give superb upholstery cleaning results. You won't need any other brush for cleaning your upholstery.

You can order the Tampico upholstery cleaning brush from Prochem Europe on +44 (020) 8974 1515. The brush cost is £12. You pre-spray your upholstery then simply agitate the solution to clean. The Tampico brush will enable you to gently brush clean your upholstery. After pre-spraying and brush agitation you rinse out the pre-spray solution. The Tampico brush is an essential piece of equipment for superb upholstery cleaning results. You will get quality cleaning results every time with the Tampico upholstery brush.



Sprayers.

There are a few sprayers you can use for perfect results.

3 or 5 litre Industrial plastic pressure sprayer.

An important piece of equipment for upholstery cleaning. You can use one sprayer for all your upholstery cleaning needs. Add any solution into the sprayer, including protection treatments. Simply mix solutions and fill your sprayer. The temperature of solutions will stay hot. The sprayer is designed for all upholstery pre-spraying and protection treatment application.

The 3 or 5-litre sprayer comes with a lance for spraying solution. You trigger and spray solution from the lance. The sprayer is easy to use and heavy duty. Hard wearing, the sprayer will last for years. I like to only use 1 litre of pre-spray solution at a time while upholstery cleaning. The solution will stay hot while it's in the sprayer. You can also use a 1 or 2 litre sprayer for upholstery cleaning. So long as the sprayer has a lance, you can use it. You will need a sprayer that sprays at pressure. Any sprayer you can get with a lance and a pump up pressure facility is fine. You can hire a sprayer from any hire shop. Or you can order a sprayer from Prochem Europe. Suppliers price £50.

You can order the sprayer from Prochem Europe On +44 (020) 8974 1515. Order number CN 300.

5-litre Industrial Plastic Pressure Sprayer.

You can hire a 5-litre pressure sprayer from local hire shops.

Or you can buy a cheap 3-5 litre pressure sprayer which will do, from most hardware stores for about £12-£15.



Rinse Solutions

Fab Clean. The idea of a rinse solution is to use it after pre-spraying and brush agitation. Fab clean works with the suggested pre-spray solutions. Use Fab clean for rinsing out pre-spray solution. Mix fab clean at 65 – 1. You fill your bucket up to 6.5 litres with hot water. Add 100 millilitres of Fab clean solution (1/10th of a litre). Rinse out your pre-spray solution after you've brush agitated the solution into your fabric.

Fab clean works best when mixed exactly as suggested. The Fab clean solution and pre-spray solutions are designed to work together. You will get superb suite cleaning results every time with Fab clean. Remember; test the solutions you use for upholstery cleaning.



Fibre Fabric Rinse.

This solution is a more expensive type of carpet rinse. It is designed to stabilize colours in fabrics and fibres. You should always use Fibre Fabric Rinse solution in warm water only. The water should be alright to place your hand in. To the touch the water must feel hot but not unbearable.

Fibre Fabric Rinse solution is designed for colour sensitive upholstery. Test your upholstery, as I'll explain. Check that the colours in your upholstery are stable. If your upholstery colours bleed into your test tissue you'll need to use Fibre fabric Rinse. The solution will neutralise your PH level after you pre-spray. It's the pre-spray solution that you test. If you're test shows colour migration then you neutralise you're pre-spray solution. Your upholstery colours will stabilise and PH levels return to neutral with rinsing. It's a safe solution to use on most upholstery. Use Fibre Fabric Rinse if upholstery colours are unstable.

You can pass on cleaning upholstery if you choose. If I'm on a job and upholstery colours show bleed on the test I point it out. What I do is I qualify the problem with my customer. If she or he says 'yes go ahead and clean', I do. I always mention that upholstery colours are unstable if they are. The solution of cause is Fibre fabric rinse. Because I say that rinsing will stabilise the colours. I'm usually told to go ahead and clean. There's never any difference in the upholstery colours after cleaning. But it is important for me to mention what's happening. Otherwise the upholstery could turn into a coloured blur.

It's the same in your case. You test; -- if the colours are fine, you go ahead and clean.

If you see colour bleed on your test, then think. Are you prepared to take a chance or not?

Remember Fibre fabric rinse will stabilise your upholstery colours. You must think, will you take the chance? It is up to you. Rarely have I ever seen upholstery ruined through colour bleed.

It's you're upholstery cleaning though, you must make the decision. You can clean an area

where if colour bleeds it won't be noticed. Behind your settee or chair. Clean a square foot. If it looks all right after it's dry, then go ahead and clean. I'm sure it'll be alright.

Fibre fabric rinse solution mixes at 100 – 1. That's 10 litres of warm water to 100 millilitres of fibre fabric rinse. (1/10th of a litre)

You can order Fibre fabric rinse solution from Prochem Europe on +44 (020) 8974 1515. The supplier's price is £12.00 for 5 litres. It mixes at 100-1. Order number is B10905/5L.

Fibre fabric rinse solution is an alternative rinse solution from Fab clean. If your test shows colours are unstable, use fibre fabric rinse solution.

Up to now there hasn't been one suite that showed a change in colour. That's out of many hundreds of suites cleaned. You must make your own decision to clean or not. But the chances of upholstery colours changing are very small.

Fabric Restorer.



This solution is the suggested pre-spray. You simply mix 1.6 litres of hot water and add 100 millilitres of fabric restorer. Pour the mixed solution into your pressure sprayer. Then use the solution to pre-spray your upholstery and then brush agitate. Try to spray on your fabric restorer evenly. You can use more pre-spray solution in heavy soiled areas. You can repeat pre-spraying and brush agitation as you wish.

A good idea is to clean one section at a time on your suite. Like for instance the chair arm and side. Then move on to the chair back. Then the chair cushion ext. When you spray on your fabric restorer, agitate into the fabric immediately. Then once you've brush agitated, rinse the solution out. Then move on to the next section of the suite. Be certain that you test fabric restorer before you use it.

You can order fabric restorer from Prochem Europe. 5 litres, suppliers price is £30. You can clean suites, dining room chairs, car seats and most other sorts of upholstery. An average suite cleaned will use up just 200 millilitres of fabric restorer. 5 Litres should last you for a fairly long time.

Data Sheets

You'll need data sheets if you are to use the solutions listed. Data sheets are available from your supplier, ask for them. Data sheets are free of charge with every solution you buy. It is important to have data sheets; otherwise you will not have the solution ingredients should there be an accident.

If you react to the cleaning solutions in any way, the data sheets will aid medical help. The same applies if you swallow cleaning solutions or get solution in your eyes. You'll have the data sheets for the solutions available. A doctor will know right away how to treat any problem. Without the data sheets a doctor would not know what the solutions are.

Please always remember that you do need the data sheets. Every time you buy a solution, just be sure you've got the data sheet. You can get the data sheets from Prochem

Europe. Each solution has its own data sheet. You can get them for free, just ask! Data sheets now available on the prochem.co.uk website. Look under 'information' on the website.

Towels.



I like to get my towels from Prochem Europe. But they just come in packs of 12. So if you think you don't need 12 towels. Get 2 or 3 from your supermarket. What you want is a clean white hand towel. A bath towel is too big.

If you can only find large bath towels, you can cut one in half. Just cut the towel into two pieces or four. Hand towels are perfect for what you want. But remember they must be plain white. You'll need 2 hand towels for cleaning your upholstery.

One you can use for stain removal, the other you use to set your upholstery for drying. You can have an additional towel for cleaning the backs of your suite. After you've finished cleaning, you simply spray the backs of chairs and settee with Fab clean. You towel wipe these areas just to freshen them up.

Order a pack of 12 white terry towels from Prochem Europe. Order number BA3401.

Price for a pack of 12 is £20.00

Supermarket prices for white hand towels is approximately £1 each.

Hose.



This is just a simple multi fit hose. You can get one from any washing machine store or appliance repair shop. Just ask for a rubber hose to fit onto your taps at home. You know the sort of thing; they fit onto any tap. The hose is about 3-4 feet long. Normally people use them for filling old top loader washing machines ext, Cost is about £3-£5.



Bucket.

You can get a 12-15-litre bucket from almost any Hardware shop or a Supermarket, a car accessories shop ext; It is always best to get one with markings on the side. Just so that you know how much water you've put in. I always like to put a spot of paint on the 10-litre mark and the 5 litre mark and 6.5 litre mark. 3 markings are all you'll need. A bucket will cost a couple of pounds. But do get one with a lip for pouring. It makes it easier to fill your machine if your bucket has a lip.



Measuring jugs.

You can pick measuring jugs up almost anywhere. Like I said before, your local supermarket or hardware store has them. Again make sure you get one with measuring marks easily visible. You'll want to be measuring 100 millilitres, 200mls, 300mls, 400mls, 500mls ext, and of course 1 litre. Pick one up next time you're at the supermarket.



Funnels

You'll need funnels for filling your machine so you don't spill solution. A good fast pouring funnel for filling your machine is ideal. A small plastic funnel for filling your sprayers is useful too.

Price is about £1.00. For the smaller funnel just 50p

Remember one thing.

The absolute joy you feel after you've cleaned your upholstery is phenomenal. If you clean properly you'll know exactly what I mean. All the solutions, tools and equipment I've mentioned are essentials. I've done this upholstery cleaning work for 25 years. My customers are so pleased with what I do, they keep getting me back.

There are two ways to clean upholstery. One way is to take your time and clean properly. Or the other way is to rush through the cleaning getting half the job done. My customers know that I'll do right for them. When you way up the odds, to do it right, it takes time. It takes patience too.

I could go to my customers and say 'Oh you want your suite cleaned, that will be £120 please.' £120 for an average size suite cleaned is a low price. If the job is done properly, it's worth every penny. People will and do pay high prices for quality upholstery cleaning. More so, especially for professional upholstery cleaning. This is how you have a great advantage. Once you've done your first upholstery clean using these methods. Once you've used the solutions and tools how I suggest. You'll notice that suites look clean long after you've cleaned. No re-soiling will occur with these cleaning techniques.

With this knowledge and some practice, you'll have it right, I assure you. You'll know exactly how to clean any suite, spot on! That is my promise to you. It's not hard to do; you just take your time at first. Do it gradually and don't rush. I know you'll be truly delighted.

Quick reference guide

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Fab clean rinse solution
Fibre Fabric Rinse Solutions
Fabric restorer pre-spray solution
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Hose
Bucket
Measuring jug (1 Litre plastic)
Funnels x 2
Extraction cleaning machine
Upholstery cleaning hand tool.

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Extraction Machine.

Although the tools listed are important, the solutions too. It is the extraction machine that will make it all work. Practically any machine that squirts solutions in and sucks it back out again is ok for our upholstery cleaning needs. Remember too that you will require the hand tool.



Upholstery cleaning can be done at a low pressure. The solutions you use and the brush agitation will clean. The extraction machine is simply used to rinse out soils and pre-spray solutions. Try to remember that while cleaning upholstery, just slow down and clean thoroughly. Use the vacuum extract on your machine to pull out as much solution as you can.

Like I said, there is literally hundreds of different machines available for suite cleaning. So really, think about what you want from your machine and be sure to get the machine that will serve you right. This isn't just about upholstery cleaning, you'll want a machine to do carpet cleaning as well no doubt.

If you use the techniques, the tools and solutions in this booklet, I'm sure whatever machine you use for upholstery cleaning, you will achieve a good result.

I would get and use a machine that will pump at approximately 100 PSI. You'll want a two stage vacuum system at least. There are just too many machines that fit into this category. Remember, you'll want a machine that will be good for carpet cleaning as well as upholstery cleaning. So

please, feel free about your selection of machine to use. Below is some pics of typical machines that are good for carpet and upholstery cleaning.



I'm going to tell you just about the things to look for. If you go about this blindly you may end up paying more. On the other hand you may find you're not paying enough.

So we are looking for a machine that will do two things.

One; You want a good strong vacuum lift.

Two; You want a good pressure for rinse solution spray.

The two together will be just the job. Now to race out and buy a machine too small and weak is no good. A machine too big and powerful is equally useless for our needs.

You want something you can easily move around. You can pick it up if you have too. You can vacuum solution out more or less what you spray in. So we need to search. But having an idea about what we are looking for you've got more hope.

There are hundreds of different extraction machines available. You can choose any. With my system for cleaning good results are inevitable.

I'd like to put you right in the picture. To help you find the best machine, for you. Once you've done this, there's no more searching involved.

So let's go for and find the one we want. Remember all of them will do the job. They work the same as each other. It's only that some are better than others.

Please keep in mind

MANOEUVRABILITY; (You want a machine you can use easily around.)

VACUUM LIFT; (You want a machine that will vacuum out more or less what's sprayed in.)

PRESSURE SPRAY; (You want a good pressure rinse solution spray.)

SOLUTION TANK; (You want the solution tank to hold about 15 litres +.)

RECOVERY TANK; (You want the recovery tank to hold more than 15 litres.)

Here's what I suggest you do.

Please remember this is a one-time only task. Your choice of extraction machine is important. Let's find...

The best and only way for you to locate a suitable machine is the internet. Look in EBay under carpet cleaning machines.

You have to think about you. The equipment available comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes. There are machines that work better than others.

For now let's take a look at **two** soil extraction-cleaning machines as examples. Both systems work well. But my own personal choice would be the higher-powered machine. There is a lower powered machine. The lower powered machines do offer benefits to you as a customer.

With less power from your machine, you get a lighter machine.

Because the machine only has to be small for upholstery cleaning it is beneficial. The more powerful machines are often quite big and offer better cleaning. The two examples we'll look at here.

Example one, the small light weight soil extraction machine.

With a little machine you have lots of advantages. The reason for this is because refilling your machine is more frequent. You benefit from using up your cleaning solution faster. The small lightweight machine only allows you to fill the solution tank to about 10 litres. The recovery tank is limited too. You'll probably only be able to recover about 10 litres at most. For you this is good. Why? Well, because you will need to refill the machine often. And you will need to empty the machine often too. You will gain the advantage of hotter water in the machine.

The small machines can only pump up to at a certain pressure. And the vacuum lift from the upholstery cleaning hand tool is less. But you don't need any heavy sort of equipment for upholstery cleaning. The lightweight machine is ideal for upholstery cleaning.

The hand tool that you use, concentrates the power of the machine. There is just a small suction inlet on the hand tool. This allows the vacuum to pull out soils easily. The water spray pressure works on the same principle. Everything on the machine is concentrated to work at lower levels of power. But the advantage is that you only need low power facilities while cleaning upholstery.

The other advantage is that you can pick up a lightweight machine. The machine can be lifted and put into the boot of any car. You can easily maneuver the machine around the home. It's less noise too with less powerful motors. All you have to do is just take your time with lighter machines. They will do a good a job cleaning upholstery. You'll find that the smaller machines are very easy to use. You'll also pay a lot less for the smaller machine too. In my own opinion, I would say that the small machines for upholstery cleaning are better. You will, if you clean properly, get good results. You'll find that the small machine is no trouble at all to use. Even large suites, dining room chairs will clean up perfectly.

Example two;

Is the larger more powerful soil extraction machines for cleaning upholstery.

These machines do get superb results. The only thing is that you may find some of the equipment heavy. There are lots of different sorts of extraction cleaning machines available. And if you go for one of the more powerful machines, that would be your choice. But upholstery cleaning is delicate. With a little practice cleaning, you'll see what I am saying. The powerful

machines available for cleaning will clean your upholstery thoroughly. But what you have to consider is yourself and your budget.

If you want the best cleaning results, you can get example two. The machines are powerful and will hold up to 20 litres of cleaning solution. The recovery tank will hold up to 25 litres. The machine motors are more powerful too. You will get maximum vacuum power and a good solution pressure spray. All these things combined, you get one powerful machine. It's likely that a machine such as this will be heavier. And obviously the more powerful machine will cost more too.

But you will get what you pay for. The ultimate in upholstery cleaning supposedly. Do be sure though that it is suitable in so far as moving it about. There is very rarely a problem unless of course the machine is too heavy for you.

A summary of both types of machines for upholstery cleaning.

I would personally go for the lightweight machine. You really don't need too much power when it comes to cleaning upholstery. You can very easily lift the machine into your car. It will fit nicely into the boot of your car.

The costs are lower for the smaller machines too. And you'll find that the small machine will be easy to use.

You can keep your water hot in the machine by refilling regularly. And moving the machine around is easy too. There should not be any problem as regards to the kind of cleaning results either. The small machines for cleaning upholstery will give good results. Just take your time while cleaning, don't exhaust yourself. And use the equipment easily without straining yourself. When and if you get tired, have a rest. A cup of tea. Then get back to cleaning. You'll enjoy using the small lightweight machines. They are very easy to use. And by the way I do only suggest using the smaller machines for upholstery cleaning. You don't need high-powered equipment to clean a suite. Unless of course you don't mind paying extra for the more powerful equipment.

A lot of the equipment available will be almost the same. With a slightly broader selection to choose from you'll have more chance of getting the best. For the extra few pounds it's well worth fulfilling all your needs.

Without proper cleaning for upholstery, wear and tear will take place.

Soils are abrasive. Upholstery fibres will cut each other away over time with constant soiling.

Each time you sit or lounge on a suite, effectively, fibres are getting cut with abrasion. Within a couple of years without cleaning upholstery it starts to look dull. Chairs and settees become lifeless, worn and tired looking. A suite is probably one of the most expensive items in the home. Certainly it's one of the biggest. In my own opinion, it is one of the most important items.

To neglect upholstery which you use nearly every day in the home. It's something used to rest and relax on. To neglect upholstery is a big mistake. Why? Imagine having to replace a suite every 5 years because it looks soiled. You don't clean it or you don't have it cleaned. What a ghastly unnecessary waste of money. I'm sure you'd agree.

New suites are beautiful. They look so nice. You can pick and choose all the patterns, colours, fabric types you like. You pay huge sums of money for upholstery. The home feels warm, quiet and cozy.

Why on earth does it make any sense at all to ruin it? Replace it, and never clean it? Every two years that passes without cleaning a suite is costing the owner. If you don't believe me, think what a suite will look like in 5 years' time. No cleaning, just your normal regular use that's all. How do you think it will look? Ten years from now there's a 100-1 chance they will have renewed the suite.

I sincerely wish you all the very best. Once you've cleaned upholstery, you'll know every time how the jobs done. You will get perfect results if you follow my suggestions.

I wish you well, and good luck especially with any upholstery cleaning you do now and in the future.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO VENTILATE ROOMS AFTER UPHOLSTERY CLEANING FOR QUICKER DRYING.

My very best

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