

VACUUM CARPETS

PURPOSE

To remove any dust, sand and surface litter.

ACCOMPLISHMENT

Removing surface soil that could stain or soil carpet and removing sand and grit that will prematurely wear out the carpet.

SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

Good quality (preferably commercial type) vacuum as wide as possible to reduce time and labor costs.

FREQUENCY

Heavy traffic areas such as entranceways, lobbies, elevators, and stairways should be vacuumed daily or more often, depending on soil conditions outside and traffic flow.

METHODS

- 1) When using a heavy-duty commercial upright vacuum move the full length of the carpet and back, overlapping to ensure you cover total area.
- 2) When using lighter machine make strokes back and forth in a given area then move on to the next area of similar size.
- 3) When using a heavy-duty tank type vacuum cleaner with wand and carpet tool, work an area that can be reached comfortably. Several passes are recommended if the carpet is very dirty.