

Instructions For Using DooDoo Voodoo With A Carpet Cleaning Machine

Many users simply apply their DooDoo Voodoo by pouring, wiping or spraying, let it air dry and they're finished. Some of us, though, have urine problems that are more widespread and that may benefit from a little extra work with a carpet cleaning machine.

While you can put some DooDoo Voodoo Concentrate and hot water in your machine in lieu of your regular cleaning solution, we've found that an easier and quicker way to do your treatment is as follows, at least in some cases such as areas larger than a single spot or two. Only you can tell which method is best for your application, and if you're concerned about your subfloor (hardwood, perhaps) or if you're above the ground floor, the method may not be for you.

We use a 5-gallon bucket & lid we bought at a home improvement store, and a 32-ounce plastic measuring cup such as you might have in your kitchen. We fill the bucket with hot water almost to the top, then add DooDoo Voodoo Concentrate at a rate of two ounces per gallon of water. In this example, we added 10 ounces of DooDoo Voodoo Concentrate to our almost-full 5-gallon bucket. You'll find that if you fill the bucket with water first, then add your DooDoo Voodoo Concentrate, you'll get a lot less foaming than you would if you put your DooDoo Voodoo Concentrate in the bucket first, then filled the bucket with hot water. Stir the mixture to evenly suspend the DooDoo Voodoo Concentrate in the water.

Dip the plastic measuring cup in the 5-gallon bucket, then use it to pour the DooDoo Voodoo on the areas of your carpet that need treatment. Be sure to fully saturate the areas. By pouring the DooDoo Voodoo in this way, you get a lot less aerosolization (misting) than you would if you sprayed it...plus, it would take a LOT of spraying to fully wet the carpet, pad and subfloor of an area this large and urine infiltrated. It's simply much quicker and more thorough to pour the DooDoo Voodoo on the affected areas. (See the other side for an additional method of applying DooDoo Voodoo to a large area.)

Pictures #1 and #2 show areas in our living room where we recently had repeated urination by our housecats. Based on what we saw under the black-light, it looked to us as if they'd peed in these areas about a dozen times. These pictures were taken after I had saturated the areas by pouring DooDoo Voodoo with my plastic measuring cup.

After you pour enough DooDoo Voodoo on the areas needing treatment, it's time to gently help the DooDoo Voodoo spread out in the pad and subfloor by tamping it down with your foot. This is necessary because carpet pad is a dense material comprised of millions of tiny cells. By gently pushing your foot down all over the areas where you poured DooDoo Voodoo, you're helping drive the DooDoo Voodoo deep into the cellular structure of the carpet pad, as well as helping force the DooDoo Voodoo down through the pad to the subfloor, which is where long-term odor-causing urine lingers. **Picture #3** is a wide shot of the same two areas shown above after I tamped them with my sneaker. Lying on the back of the couch and supervising my work is Georgette, one of the two guilty parties. The red machine is a portable, commercial-grade carpet extractor I use. Your machine may be an upright, which is fine; the concept for removal is the same. You may not need to soak the area quite as much as I did, either.

Once you've tamped the areas down with your foot, let the DooDoo Voodoo dwell (remain) on the areas for *at least* a half hour (up to two hours is okay, but you don't want the surface of the carpet to dry) before extracting the areas with your carpet cleaning machine. When you do your extraction, it is a good practice to extract the areas three times in alternating directions. For instance, first extract parallel to the wall, then extract perpendicular to the wall, then do a final extraction parallel to the wall again.



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Picture #4 was shot while I was doing my second pass with the 4" extraction wand. You can see that my first pass was parallel to the wall, and that my second pass is perpendicular to the wall.

After you do your final extraction pass, spray the areas with enough DooDoo Voodoo to pretty thoroughly wet the areas you just cleaned. In my case, I had an empty bottle that had previously been filled with ready-to-use DooDoo Voodoo, so I simply stuck the bottle down in the 5-gallon bucket to fill it. **Picture #5** was taken after I'd done my final extraction pass (which you can see was parallel to the wall) and sprayed the areas (including the walls up to about 18") with DooDoo Voodoo I had mixed in my 5-gallon bucket.

The surface of your carpet will dry first, then it can take 2-4 days, and sometimes more if you really soaked the area, for the pad and subfloor to completely dry, after which time you'll likely be odor-free. If you aren't, either your pad & subfloor haven't fully dried, your ratio wasn't strong enough for your particular odors or the DooDoo Voodoo you poured didn't get to all the areas where the urine was. This could be because you didn't treat a wide enough area, or because you didn't tamp the areas enough to drive the DooDoo Voodoo deep enough into the cells of your carpet pad and through to your subfloor. As we've noted on our literature and our website, based on the physics of odor remediation, what urine DooDoo Voodoo touches, it absolutely eradicates, so make sure you get DooDoo Voodoo in contact with ALL your urine.

If you flood the area in this way and you have light-colored carpet like we do, you may notice some yellowing of the carpet over the next week or two. This isn't DooDoo Voodoo discoloring your carpet; it's wicking (surfacing from below) of the urine & other contaminants that were deep down in your carpet pad or, more likely, subflooring. If this occurs, you can treat the surface of your carpet with DooDoo Voodoo, then re-extract the area with your carpet cleaning machine, which is what we did a couple weeks after the pictures on the previous page were shot. There was no odor left in the area; just a bit of yellowing due to wicking from our subfloor.

Speaking of subfloor, if your problem is severe or you're not in the mood to clean the carpet yourself, you might want to locate a professional in your area who uses the WaterClaw®, a patented device that pulls moisture & contaminants from the carpet, pad and subfloor. We use multiple WaterClaws with our professional carpet cleaning machines and have found the combination of the WaterClaw and DooDoo Voodoo to be absolutely phenomenal. To locate a carpet equipment distributor in your area who can refer you to a local carpet cleaner who uses the WaterClaw, visit http://www.hydroforce.com/distrib_locator.html.



Notes:

1. This pour-then-extract method is only intended for use on wall-to-wall carpeting with pad underneath it. If you have, for example, an oriental rug, you can apply DooDoo Voodoo in the conventional method with your carpet cleaning machine.
2. If you desire to put DooDoo Voodoo in your carpet cleaning machine in lieu of your regular solution, we've found that 1-2 oz. per gallon of water works well. Based on your particular machine's capabilities, your mixture might need to be weaker or stronger. Either add hot water or, if your machine has heating ability, allow the machine to heat the mixture before application. Rinse machine thoroughly after use, including hoses, tanks, nozzles, etc.!
3. If you desire, you can agitate the areas by hand once you've applied the DooDoo Voodoo. This can be especially useful if you have a lot of staining.* When we do this, we use a plastic scrub brush we bought at the local "super mart" for less than two bucks. Be careful not to damage your carpet fibers by scrubbing too hard.
4. You can also use a gardener's sprinkling can (new and clean, of course) to pour DooDoo Voodoo on a large affected area. Our sprinkling can is shown alongside the 32-ounce plastic measuring cup we dip into our 5-gallon bucket.
5. DooDoo Voodoo can "foam" when used with a carpet cleaner, especially if your water is really soft, so you may need to add some de-foamer to your recovery tank. You can also spray de-foamer on your carpet before extracting.
6. Note that as with *any* liquid, leaving an area too wet for too long without much light or airflow can encourage mold growth, so be judicious in your application and use common sense. Ventilation and air movers are recommended in such situations.
7. Some consumer-grade carpet cleaning machine manufacturers are now advising against using other brands of cleaner with their machines. Since we have not had the opportunity to test DooDoo Voodoo with all brands and models of carpet cleaning machine, both consumer and professional, we assume no liability connected with your use of DooDoo Voodoo.



★ For more tips and answers to frequently asked questions, visit www.doodoovoodoo.com. ★

*Remember that while DooDoo Voodoo quite often removes stains, we do not guarantee its ability to do so.

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