# **Quick-Start Instructions**

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# It's Easy To Apply Doodoo Voodoo

How you apply Doodoo Voodoo depends on the surface you're treating, as well as how the odor-causing urine or other biological material got there. Following are a few examples, but feel free to visit www.doodoovoodoo.com for more application tips (see the Case Studies page and others) and to download our full instruction booklet. If you don't find the answers you need, feel free to e-mail us at info@ doodoovoodoo.com if you have additional guestions.

The short answer is that you can simply pour or spray enough Doodoo Voodoo so comes in contact with all the organic odor-causing material (urine, feces, blood, vomit,



bile, etc.) after you first remove as much of the organic material as possible. On soft surfaces (carpet, upholstery, cloth), it's best to let Doodoo Voodoo air dry naturally (don't blow a fan on it to make it dry faster, if possible). On hard surfaces (wood, vinyl, tile, concrete, etc.), thoroughly wet the area, let Doodoo Voodoo dwell for up to a half hour, then mop, wipe or extract (with a cleaning machine) any excess that remains and let the rest air dry naturally. You can then do a clean-water rinse, if desired. (Don't use Doodoo Voodoo on hardwood floors with damaged polyurethane. If odor control is more important to you than the condition of the floor, go ahead and treat, but be judicious.)

## **Urine Sprayed On A Wall In A Carpeted Room**

If your cat sprayed urine on a wall in a room that's carpeted and has baseboard installed, the urine likely splashed vertically & horizontally, as well as ran down into the carpet, carpet pad and subfloor, which may be wood or, if you're on a slab, concrete. Unless your baseboard is caulked where it meets the wall and the floor, urine likely seeped behind & under the baseboard. In this example, first clean up as much urine as possible by blotting with clean paper towels. Next, spray or wipe Doodoo Voodoo on the wall where the cat sprayed, making sure to wet the wall higher and wider than the urine likely did. (A blacklight can be employed to help show you how far the urine spread.) Let the Doodoo Voodoo run down and go where it wants to. Spray the baseboard, being sure to get the junctures between it and the wall and



floor so Doodoo Voodoo can seep to the same places the urine did. Next, pour Doodoo Voodoo on the carpeted area adjacent to the baseboard/wall, being sure to treat more area than was soaked with urine on the surface of the carpet. You can use your rubber-soled shoe to tamp down the Doodoo Voodoo 'til you get bubbles and squishing, which means its going deep into your carpet pad. (Use disposable shoe covers if necessary to protect your shoe.) Urine creeps (spreads out) as it soaks in, so be sure to get Doodoo Voodoo in contact with all the urine. Doodoo Voodoo can't obliterate what it doesn't touch, so be sure to wet the entire area thoroughly. Start at the outside and pour IN toward the stain, not the opposite. You can gently agitate the area with a soft, plastic-bristled (shown) or horsehair brush if you're trying to alleviate staining as well as odor. Be gentle so you don't damage the carpet or rug's fibers.

### **Tile Floors**

Be sure to adequately wet the grout lines, as grout is very porous and soaks up urine like a sponge. Let the grout fully dry before deciding to re-treat. If your problem is severe and you just can't seem to get the smell out of your grout, we recommend pouring Doodoo Voodoo Concentrate directly on the grout lines. Doodoo Voodoo will clean and lighten your grout, so it's best to do all the grout in the room. Agitate Doodoo Voodoo into the grout with a toothbrush if desired. Afterward, you can recolorize and seal your grout if desired; visit www. groutshields.com to learn more. You can also use Doodoo Voodoo with your FloorMate or other hard-surface machine by spraying Doodoo Voodoo on your floor, letting it dwell, then extracting it with the machine. We prefer that you not apply Doodoo Voodoo with your machine, as this doesn't let Doodoo Voodoo stay in contact long enough with the organic materials to be as effective as pre-spraying & extracting.

### How Strong A Mixture Do I Use?

Use 1/4oz. to 1oz. (7.5 to 30cc/ml) SUPER Concentrate (vs. 1/2oz. to 2oz. Concentrate) per quart of warm water. For many situations, particularly on hard surfaces, we recommend that you blend your first mixture at a weaker strength, then bump up the amount of SUPER Concentrate or Concentrate in subsequent batches if you deem it necessary, but only after you've let the treated areas dry fully. For regular, maintenance cleaning on hard surfaces, you can weaken your mixture to as little as 1/4oz. of Doodoo Voodoo SUPER Concentrate (or 1/2oz. Concentrate) per gallon of warm water (which generally shouldn't leave any discernible residue). Let the area air dry after mopping or wiping.

### Strength vs. Frequency

Our extensive experience has proven to us that it's better to treat an affected area twice with a weaker blend than to treat once with a stronger blend. Be sure to allow sufficient time between treatments so your Doodoo Voodoo dries completely before you make your second application, if necessary. This can be 48 hours or more if carpet and pad are involved (or a furniture cushion, a mattress or any other foam-based item). If you really soaked the area, it can take days to fully dry, so don't rush to judgment or re-treat too soon.

### **Doodoo Voodoo With A Carpet Cleaning Machine**

Many customers ask about using Doodoo Voodoo in their carpet cleaning machine, but we do not recommend this method. We prefer that



you spray (perhaps with a pump-up sprayer such as is shown here) enough Doodoo Voodoo to thoroughly wet the areas, let the product dwell 30 minutes or more, THEN extract with your carpet cleaning machine (using only hot water, not cleaning solution). This allows Doodoo Voodoo to stay in contact with the offending organic material longer and will be more effective than the rapid apply/remove method a typical carpet cleaner uses. We recommend defoamer in your recovery tank to cut down on suds. Be sure to run clean water through your machine when finished to rinse the internal components, then let the machine air dry.

Some customers have asked if it's a bad idea to clean their entire carpet, given that the extra moisture could spread the urine even farther. Having done more than our share of carpet cleaning and having seen Doodoo Voodoo succeed so many times, we don't have a concern about this, as what Doodoo Voodoo contacts, it neutralizes. Spot treat the primary soiling more heavily than the rest of the (unsoiled?) carpet, but do treat it all, then extract and let it air dry naturally. You'll have to extract the spot-treated areas more than the rest of the carpet, as they'll have more Doodoo Voodoo than the rest of the more-lightly-sprayed carpet.

### **The Full Monty**

Some users can spray or pour Doodoo Voodoo and call it done, but some users, especially those who have had a recurring problem in the same area for an extended period of time, may need to dig a little deeper. Here are some additional instructions for those of you who fall in that category. We advise that you keep your animals away from the area until you've completed these steps and everything has fully dried.

#### **Going Deep**

We use, sell and recommend subsurface extraction tools, which remove stains and odors from not only the carpet fibers, but also the backing, pad and subfloor. For as little as \$39.99 + s/h you can effectively "run your carpet through a washing machine!" This is an easy, inexpensive alternative to pulling the carpet loose, replacing the pad and cleaning & sealing the subfloor. You saturate the carpet & pad by pouring Doodoo Voodoo, let it dwell and then the tool, which hooks to your carpet cleaning machine or wetvac, extracts up to 95% of the liquid. It's an amazing process and HIGHLY effective!



#### **Carpet Pad**

Padding retains odor-causing waste better than does the actual carpet. Given this, and the fact that padding is inexpensive and easy to install, if you're pulling your carpet back so you can extract the back of the carpet and treat (and perhaps seal) the subfloor, we advise that you discard the old pad and replace it with new pad. This doesn't cost much at all and can make a world of difference in areas that have been repeatedly resoiled. Replacing the pad may also be advisable for folks who've used a variety of products on the same areas, because the combination of products may have broken down the carpet pad structurally. Not a DIYer? Carpet installers are fast and inexpensive.

#### Subflooring

Carpet is generally laid over wood or concrete, both of which are porous and can retain pet urine guite well. If you're not doing subsurface extraction, but are going to the extent of pulling back your carpet so you can clean its back, as well as perhaps treat the subfloor and perhaps replace your pad, we'd advise that you go a little further and consider sealing the subfloor. We've had excellent luck with B-I-N sealer by Zinsser, as well as certain types of KILZ. Not all types of B-I-N and KILZ are appropriate for blocking odors, so read the labels carefully.

#### **Carpet Tack(less) Strips**

Because they're adjacent to the walls of your room, they can get really soaked with pet urine. These are incredibly inexpensive (typically less than a dollar for a 4' strip) and easy to replace, so if you're pulling the carpet back, replacing your pad, sealing your subfloor, etc., we advise that you also go ahead and replace your tack strips while you're at it. We like to caulk the old tack holes before installing new strips and we like to paint the strips with B-I-N/KILZ, or at least PermaWhite, which is good at sealing but is not specifically for odor containment.

#### **Visqueen**®

This is plastic sheeting you can purchase in rolls at home improvement stores. After you treat your subfloor, consider installing sheeting over your subfloor before you put down your new pad. Because this keeps any future soiling from getting to your subfloor, where over time it would have the potential to do structural damage, it can save you lots of headaches and expense down the road. Visqueen isn't very expensive, so it's money well spent and it's easy to install with a staple gun. Note that covering an entire floor with Visqueen can seal in moisture and create a mold concern, so consider only Visqueening the perimeter of your room. This method allows for natural airflow and moisture dissipation while still protecting the perimeter from repeat soiling. Subsurface extraction can also really help perimeter soiling.

#### **Highly Recommended For Automotive Stains & Odors**

Doodoo Voodoo is GREAT on car carpet. It can also be used on leather seats, but should be used sparingly, as it can dry the leather. So, be sure to follow up with a leather conditioner. Doodoo Voodoo is excellent on cigarette odors, and is particularly effective at removing sour milk smell. Blot up as much of the spilled milk (latte, baby formula, etc.) as possible, then thoroughly wet the area with Doodoo Voodoo. Extraction can be performed and is beneficial, but extraction is unnecessary for many customers. Subsurface extraction can be performed.

**Doodoo Voodoo In The Laundry, On Shoes, Etc.** Yes, you can use Doodoo Voodoo SUPER Concentrate (and Concentrate) in your washing machine, but use it by itself, not in combination with your regular detergent or oxygen boosters. Don't use more water than necessary. It will not suds up like regular laundry detergent. Prespray odors and stains, letting Doodoo Voodoo dwell for up to a half hour before laundering. Presoak. If the items didn't come out odorfree, it might help to mist them with Doodoo Voodoo after washing them, let them air dry, then rewash them and dry them normally in your dryer. Doodoo Voodoo has saved a lot of shoes, handbags, etc., but be aware that it can dry leather, so condition the leather after Doodoo Voodoo treatment. If you have an item such as a tie and it's been soiled, we recommend that you treat it with Doodoo Voodoo, then have it dry cleaned like normal (unless it's washable, of course). We know a veterinarian who got an expensive tie as a gift, then a pet's anal glands emptied on the tie. The vet treated the tie with Doodoo Voodoo...and the tie was salvaged! What have you got to lose? We say go for it.

#### **Precautions**

Although Doodoo Voodoo contains environmentally-friendly ingredients, it can dry sensitive skin, so wear gloves and wash your hands thoroughly if you come in contact with Doodoo Voodoo. If the light, natural fragrance irritates you, be sure to use Doodoo Voodoo with plenty of fresh-air ventilation. Keep people and pets away from Doodoo Voodoo-treated areas until the areas are dry. Do not take Doodoo Voodoo internally; it will irritate mucous membranes & cause gastric upset. Rinse eyes thoroughly with water for 15 minutes if contact occurs. Keep Doodoo Voodoo away from children. Doodoo Voodoo can degrade foam rubber, especially rubber that's been peed on and is degrading. Use common sense when using Doodoo Voodoo or any cleaning product because Four on the Floor Pet Products, Inc., is not liable for incidental or consequential damages arising from the use or misuse of Doodoo Voodoo. Seek medical attention immediately if needed.

#### **Other Tips**

Often, pets will stand on furniture and spray urine on the wall, so check for characteristic streaks that will show up under a blacklight, particularly at an angle. If you're cleaning up vomit, blood, etc., on carpet, you'll remove more of the stain if you put on rubber gloves and, using paper towels or rags, use your fingers to work down among the carpet fibers, not just on top of the carpet. This is hard to explain with just words, but I make sort of a "claw" with my four fingers and work Doodoo Voodoo into the base of the carpet fibers. If you go in multiple directions, you'll find that your stain removal will be more effective than if you just spray Doodoo Voodoo or just wipe across the top of the carpet.



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