

## **ROKWELL.BIZ MAINTENANCE TIPS**

**Rug cleaning** is an involved process that is performed to remove dirt, stains and other debris from carpeting. It is generally performed as part of routine maintenance, but also might be called for to control or remove damage from spills and other accidents.

### **Options for rug cleaning**

There are a number of methods that can be used for rug cleaning. They range from low-tech approaches to utilizing specialized machinery. For the do-it-yourselfer, these are the most common choices for rug cleaning:

- Spot cleaning – This type of rug cleaning involves using such things as water, soap or special cleaning chemicals to lighten or remove spots or stains from carpeting.
- Extraction cleaning – In this form of rug cleaning, a special vacuum is used to first apply water and cleaner and then pull it back out of carpeting. A rinse cycle is also a common step in this type of cleaning. Many home-use cleaning machines are considered extractors by design.
- Steam cleaning – True steam machines for rug cleaning are generally reserved for the pros, but scaled down versions can be found in some home designs, as well. They use steam to loosen and lift dirt from carpet pile.

### **Precautions to consider**

Rug cleaning is a job that most individuals can tackle, but there are precautions to consider. Before diving into the job, it is smart to test materials for colorfastness, read chemical labels and fully understand the procedure for operating a specific machine.