

GUIDELINES ON SANITIZING CARPET AND KINETEX



Even though soft-surface flooring is not a significant factor in the transmission of infection according to the Centers for Disease Control, we recognize some building owners will want to sanitize their carpet or Kinetex® to ensure peace of mind for the building's occupants.

Fortunately, this process is simple and easily achieved by many flooring maintenance professionals.

We recommend either one of two EPA-approved sanitizing agents – Vital Oxide or 3% hydrogen peroxide.

RECOMMENDED SANITIZERS	
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Longer drying time or "dwell" time for carpet or Kinetex® is an advantage. Allow at least 60 minutes before drying.



TO SANITIZE CARPET WITH VITAL OXIDE:

- 1 Thoroughly vacuum area to be sanitized.
- 2 Mix one-part of Vital Oxide concentrate to five-parts water.
- 3 Apply at a rate of 2.5 ounces per square foot, eight inches from the surface using a pump or battery sprayer.
- 4 Dampen but do not saturate.
- 5 Work the product into the carpet or Kinetex® with a rake or brush. Allow to dwell for 60 minutes.
- 6 Do not rinse.
- 7 You may use an extraction wand or machine and dry stroke the carpet or Kinetex® to remove excess moisture. Wait 60 minutes after completion of sanitizer application.
- 8 Allow enough ventilation to air dry or use fans to dry the carpet or Kinetex® faster.
- 9 Repeat process as needed.
- 10 Hot Water Extraction recommended after every 25 applications of sanitizer.

You may substitute hydrogen peroxide (3%) at a 50/50 mix to water for Vital Oxide using the process previously outlined.

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