



## Technical tips –Spotting Board Tools

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We all know that brushes are an important part of safe spot removal. However there are other tools and parts of a spotting board that need to be in good working order and used correctly. We have all seen folks using a steam gun one inch from a garment and the points of a spatula (bone scraper) being used to dig at a stain. What about that nose plate that would have cost \$13-\$14 bucks to replace instead the owner is writing a \$150.00 check to replace a silk blouse that was snagged? Nobody can afford accidents these days so let's take a look at these items and how we can prevent unnecessary loss.

- Steam gun – used to flush chemicals with steam and dry with air.
  - Inspect cork handle daily for cracking.
    - Replace when broken.
  - Use 4 inches from garment.
    - 4" = 110<sup>0</sup>F, tip = 300<sup>0</sup>F.
  - Use gun at a 90<sup>0</sup> Angle to the board.
    - We want to flush not spread the chemicals.
  - Also inspect the hose and replace when worn out.
- Spatula (bone scraper) – used to apply mechanical action.
  - **Not** intended to scrape/dig the stain out.
  - Use the flat edge to **Gentley** work the chemical/stain.
- Teflon nose plate – used to cover the flushing area of the board.
  - Inspect daily for.
    - Sharp edges in the metal.
    - Holes in the Teflon.
    - Broken springs.
  - Replace when necessary.
  - **Do Not** work on a stain on the flushing area.

Things like bone scrapers and spotting guns being used incorrectly or hoses and nose plates being worn out can damage garments and cause the loss of profits and reputations. Ask your FabriClean salesman for info on these products.

