

Newbie Wants the Best

“I’m new in the carpet cleaning business, so I really wanted to do my homework before I purchased my first hot water carpet extractor,” says Torrance Lewis, whose new company is called TJOwens Carpet Cleaning, based in Springdale, Maryland. “It was really important to me that I take my time and select the best machine I could find.”

Lewis had some experience with the King Cobra manufactured by U.S. Products. But he was hoping to find a machine a bit smaller than the “KC” that could easily be used by one operator; he discovered the new Sölus 500.

The Sölus 500 is the first portable extractor on the market to earn the gold (highest-level) certification from the Carpet and Rug Institute’s Seal of Approval program for deep-cleaning extractors.

The machine has dual three-stage or two-stage top-mounted vacuums. Top mounting assures that airflow through the machine’s hoses is unobstructed, resulting in incredible water recovery.

And like many U.S. Products extractors, the Sölus 500 has an in-line heating system that heats water and solution to 212 degrees Fahrenheit at the wand tip. In fact, to make sure the machine is “hot” and ready to go at an instant, the Sölus 500 also has something unique to the industry: a solution recirculator. The recirculator preheats the water/solution in the tank up to 125 degrees. This helps assure instant—and consistent—heat and cleaning power.

“The Sölus is compact, and I can easily fit it into my van,” adds Lewis. “Most of my work is residential, and I also clean auto carpets. I love this machine. I would recommend it to anyone whether they are new to the business or [have] been in the business for years.”