Vinyl Upholstery Textiles
Care and Cleaning Instructions

W-S: Clean with either a water- or solvent-based cleaning agent

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

It is important to vacuum vinyl upholstery regularly to remove loose dirt and surface dust, including in creases and folds where dust buildup tends to stay hidden. Use a microfiber cloth or vacuum with a soft brush attachment to avoid damage to the upholstery. This will also keep vinyl smelling fresher. General soiling can be removed with a soft, moist cloth, making sure to remove any excess moisture with a clean dry cloth. Although vinyl is largely resistant to moisture and stains, leaving spilt food or beverages on the upholstery for an extended time may leave long term marks or stains and can lead to cracks on the surface. Periodically, a professional cleaner should thoroughly clean the upholstery to remove the soiling that a normal vacuum cleaner cannot reach.

SPOT CLEANING TREATMENT

Step 1: As soon as possible, blot liquid spills with an absorbent towel or a soft, moist cloth. Repeat as necessary and then use a clean, dry cloth to remove excess moisture.

Step 2: Mix warm water with a mild dishwashing liquid to produce a lather, then apply only the lather on the soiled area, avoiding over-wetting the upholstery.

Step 3: Rinse the area with clear water to remove soap residue, and wipe dry with a clean cloth.

STAIN REMOVAL

The key to removing waterbased or oil-based stains is prompt action. The longer the stain is allowed to remain on the vinyl, the more difficult it will be to remove. Always pre-test in an inconspicuous spot, leaving the cleaning agent on for several minutes while scrubbing the test spot. Wipe clean and remove all residue, then inspect the area to ensure there is no fading, dulling, or damage done. For stubborn stains, call a professional upholstery cleaner for advice.

- *For general dirt and grime*, apply mild soap and water with a sponge or soft brush. Use a soft, damp cloth to remove residue. Rinse with fresh water and wipe with a dry cloth to remove all moisture.

- *For food stains such as ketchup, chocolate, coffee, or juice*, wipe affected area with a soft bristle brush or cloth using a non-abrasive cleaner (e.g., Formula 409® or Fantastik®). Rinse with fresh water and wipe dry.

- *For healthcare stains such as blood, urine, or Betadine®*, wipe with a solution of 10% household bleach and water. It is important to rinse the cleaned area with fresh water and wipe dry.

- *For difficult stains such as lipstick, crayon, grease, or mustard*, wipe with a solution of 50% isopropyl alcohol and water. It is important to rinse the cleaned area with fresh water and wipe dry.

Note: Ink, permanent marker, denim and other textile dyes may be difficult or impossible to remove, especially on light colored vinyl.

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