

Cleaning Upholstery Fabrics

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Introduction

Cleaning upholstery fabrics requires an understanding of the fabric you are going to clean and how it reacts to a cleaning chemical. The upholstered furniture (see picture) will have one of the following covers...







Each of these fabrics may be wet cleaned using water based cleaning agents although the degree of moisture required to carry out the cleaning will differ due to the absorbency of the fabric.

Always test chemicals in an inconspicuous place before cleaning commences.

Requirements

Appropriate Cleaning Chemicals.

(Suggested range)

- Wool 'X'
- Fabric Restorer
- Rinse 'X'
- Leather cleaner

Protective chemical resistant gloves (Solvex)

■ Prevents risk of Dermatitis



Trigger spray bottles (3)

■ Controlled application of cleaning chemicals



Sponges/Brushes

■ Agitation of cleaning chemical on substrate





Suction vacuum cleaner

■ For removal of loose soil – up to 87% possible

Extraction machine and appropriate hand tool

 For extraction of residual cleaning chemicals and soil



Terry Towels

For removal of any excess moisture and setting pile to remove hand tool marks



Substrates

1. Polyurethane transfer coating on a weft knitted Polyester Fabric



- Vacuum item thoroughly
- Mist on appropriate cleaning chemical
- Agitate using sponge/soft brush
- Rinse with plain water through extraction machine
- Towel off using Terry towelling to remove residual moisture and to set pile

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2. Waterproof fabric - Polyester Fibres electrostatically glue bonded onto a prewoven backing material



- Vacuum item thoroughly
- Mist on appropriate cleaning chemical
- Agitate using sponge/soft brush
- Rinse with plain water through extraction machine
- Towel off using Terry towelling to remove residual moisture and to set pile

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3. Duratek fabric



- Vacuum item thoroughly
- Mist on appropriate cleaning chemical
- Agitate using sponge/soft brush
- Rinse with plain water through extraction machine
- Towel off using Terry towelling to remove residual moisture and to set pile

4. Vinyl fabric



- Vacuum item thoroughly
- Mist on appropriate cleaning chemical
- Agitate using sponge/soft brush
- Towel off with Terry Towelling and luke warm water
- Allow to dry
- Apply leather cleaning cream evenly working into fabric
- Allow to dry
- Buff with clean dry dusters

A regular cleaning programme should be put into place to prevent the buildup of harmful substances such as body fats, airborne pollutants etc. that, apart from being unsightly and unhygienic, can cause premature degradation of the fabric.



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