

## VAPOUR PERMEABLE

VP

Dark Navy Blue

Compliance: BS7175, Ignition source 5 - CMHR Foam.

Moisture vapour permeable BS3424 8-10%

VP is an easy-clean, multi stretch material which allows the patient to interface well with water cells, creating a high comfort level. Can be combined on seat and/or backrest with any of the other materials in the CareFlex range. Recommended only for seat, backrest and legrest covers.

Wipe with mild detergent. For general cleaning covers can be machine washed at 60°C and tumble dried on a low heat setting. For infection control purposes VP can also be machine washed at 80°C. Rinse and dry completely. Ensure all cleaning liquid is removed before storage. Some surface wrinkling may occur. Clean with a dilute solution of hypochlorite (bleaching product should not exceed 10,000 ppm and have a pH between 5 and 7) to prevent bacterial growth or infection.

## Cleaning Guide

Hard surfaces can be wiped down with a cloth soaked in warm soapy water. Do not let moisture sit on metal surfaces. Always dry products after cleaning to avoid staining and oxidization. Regularly wipe timber elements with a damp cloth. Furniture polishes can be used but care must be taken not to stain the adjacent fabric.

Do not use abrasive or solvent cleaners on the wood and metal parts of the chair.

Clean straps and buckles with a cloth soaked in soapy water. Do not use solvent cleaners or bleach on straps as these chemicals can weaken the webbing and stitching, affecting its strength.

Velcro fastenings, especially the coarse, hook Velcro can become clogged up with fibres, limiting its effectiveness. Velcro can be cleaned with a cloth soaked in warm soapy water. Another piece of Velcro can be used to comb out dirt and fibres. Gently rub the Velcro together in one direction so that the dirt and fibres are pushed together into a single mass which can then be pulled free. A toothbrush can be used in the same way. Working in one direction only, brush the fibres along the Velcro until they gather into a ball which can be pulled free of the Velcro.

Decontaminate with a neutral pH hypochlorite solution, diluted to the manufacturer's guidelines. If in doubt about any cleaning/decontaminating product, apply a small quantity, correctly diluted, to a concealed area to check for any reaction.



## Fabric & Cleaning Guide

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Each fabric type has its own properties and cleaning requirements. Please refer to this fabric guide for the appropriate directions for cleaning the covers of your chair. If you are unsure as to what material has been used on your chair, contact CareFlex with the chair's batch number for clarification. (refer to the chair's User Instructions for batch number location and identification)

**Regular cleaning is essential to maintain the appearance of the chair. Spills and other marks should be treated as quickly as possible.**

Natural oils from skin and hair can cause damage to some materials, especially vinyls. Areas where the head, hands and feet touch the chair should be cleaned regularly. This guide also gives details of the relevant standards with which each fabric complies.

**NOTE: Any products returned to CareFlex or a CareFlex Distributor must be disinfected and pose no hazard to health. It is a criminal offence to send contaminated items via the postal system or other delivery agents. Please refer to the Microbiology Advisory Committee document 'Sterilization, Disinfection and Cleaning of Medical Devices and Equipment', available from the Department of Health and MRHA Device Bulletin DB2006 (05) 'Managing Medical Devices'**

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## VINYLS

### Ginkgo Vinyl

Nuit blue, Morgon red, Bronze green, Black, Dune

### Aston Vinyl

Black, Blue, Burgundy, Cream, Espresso, Red

Compliances: BS5852, Part 2, Ignition source 5

Vinyls are inherently resistant to stains as they are not absorbed into the surface. Regular cleaning with a damp soapy cloth and a clear water rinse is recommended.

A soft brush can be used for heavy staining. Vinyl can be cleaned with a dilute solution of hypochlorite (bleaching product should not exceed 10,000 ppm and have a pH between 5 and 7) to prevent bacterial growth or infection. Wax polishes, solvent cleaners, synthetic detergents must not be used as they will cause permanent damage.

## WEAVES

### Microsafe

Maroon, Sage, Soft Gold

Compliances: BS5852, Part 2, Ignition source 5

Microsafe is not suitable for tumble drying or dry cleaning.

Regular maintenance with a vacuum and damp cloth is essential to ensure the longevity of the fabric. Ordinary soiling can be removed by sponging the surface immediately with warm water.

More stubborn stains may require a safe solvent such as Isopropyl Alcohol or Mineral Spirit. Do not use any detergent solutions as this may be detrimental to the stain repellent properties of the fabric.

Clean with a dilute solution of hypochlorite (bleaching product should not exceed 10,000 ppm and have a pH between 5 and 7) to prevent bacterial growth or infection.

## PILE KNITS

### Fabulous

Camel, Cobalt, Forest  
Machine washable as per BS5651, Normal at 74°C

### Panvelle Stretch

Blue/Aqua, Crimson, Indigo, Lilac, Pink, Spruce

### Stirata

Crimson, Lime, Orange, Purple, Royal

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It is important to clean and care for the fabric on a regular basis to maintain its condition and appearance. Most stains can be removed by wiping clean. The new generation of microfibre cleaning cloths are extremely effective without soap for general care and maintenance.

Vacuum and wipe clean regularly with a damp cloth such as specified above to remove dust particles and prevent the build up of grime. Remove spillages immediately with an absorbent dry cloth.

For heavier soiling use liquid soap and warm water ensuring that any soap residues are rinsed out of the pile as these will inhibit stain repellency and lead to staining. Bodily fluids should be removed immediately with cold water and then cleansed as above.

Water and oil based stains may be removed by using most water based proprietary spray cleaning agents, following the manufacturer's instructions thoroughly. More stubborn stains can be treated with a safe solvent such as isopropyl alcohol or mineral spirit.

Clean with a dilute solution of hypochlorite (bleaching product should not exceed 10,000 ppm and have a pH between 5 and 7) to prevent bacterial growth or infection.