The how-to when washing

Do not overload the washing machine - with polycotton best results are achieved with a 70% load by weight.

#### first wash

To reduce surface soiling, wash using nonionic detergents at 40°C for 8-12 minutes. In order to meet NHS disinfection requirements, wash using non-ionic detergents at 71°C for 10-15 minutes. For stain removal, the occasional use of dilute Hydrogen Peroxide is suggested. Do not use Sodium Hypochlorite (Chlorine) bleach.

#### drying

## rinsing

main wash

Only a short tumble dry is necessary at a maximum temperature of 80C. The fabric should only be calendered at 20-50% residual moisture content after drying.

## calendering

As polyester dries quickly, this allows a fast calendering speed - the temperature should not exceed 120°C.

NB: Other than the fabric conditioners mentioned above, such conditioners and fabric fresheners can mask flame retardant properties of the fabric and should not be used. Cool slowly to 20°C in order to avoid excessive creasing by temperature shock. Add a small amount of cationic softener to reduce staticity.

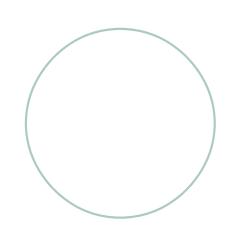
## dry cleaning

All fabrics can be dry cleaned using Perchlorethylene or Fluorocarbon solvents under easy care conditions. This will not affect the flame retardant fabric qualities. Thank you for reading me and for treating your products with care.

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# Cleaning & Laundering

The Ultimate Guide



# Upholstery **Cleaning Guide**

#### Getting the most out of your upholstered product

Knowing how to clean your upholstered furniture safely is of the utmost importance in the care sector.

Please ensure you read this guide in full before cleaning your items.\*

\*The Furncare warranty on your item will be invalid if these instructions are not followed.

#### The simple step for general stains

Wipe clean any spillages within 15 minutes of the incident. Most stains can be removed by simply wiping clean - chemicals are not normally required if a spillage or stain is attended to promptly.

#### **Regular maintenance tips**

Vacuum and clean with a damp microfibre cloth regularly to prevent build up of dust particles and soiling. Items can be steam cleaned in situ if required.



#### Clearing up spillages & stains

Spillages should initially be wiped away as much as possible with a **dry** microfibre cloth.

- Any residue can then be cleaned with a microfibre cloth made damp with **cold** water. No detergents should be required.
- cleaner can be used. Be careful to ensure that all cleaning product residue is removed to maintain the efficiency of the stain repellent layer on the upholstery.
- When using alcohol and solvent-based cleaners or wipes on faux leather and vinyl's can cause them to crack.
- Bodily fluids should always be removed with cold water, and cleaned as above.
- -> solution (bleach) if the upholstery is deemed suitable. Ensure the upholstery.
- ----> Under no circumstances should you machine wash, fully immerse, dry clean or use solvent-based chemicals or stain removers.
  - staining.

## Do not remove cushion covers and wash separately.

This will destroy the waterproof layer within the upholstery.



containing strong cleaning agents, ensure to exercise extreme care on application, particularly to faux leather as repeated use

Extreme soiling may be cleaned with a 5% Sodium Hypochlorite that any cleaning product residue has been fully removed from

Poorly fixed clothing dyes, such as denim, will cause permanent

# **Curtain & Soft Furnishings** Laundering Guide

These instructions are only relevant for our most commonly supplied printed curtains - if your curtains are woven these instructions do not apply. DO NOT launder upholstered products, including removable seat cushions - please see opposite page for these items. Unsure if these instructions are relevant to your products? Contact the team on 01603 664 900.

#### Sorting your laundry

It is recommended that whites and coloured items are washed separately. FR polyester should not be washed with cottons as this would adversely affect the flame retardancy of the fabric through migrating cotton fibres.

#### **General laundering tips**

- Polyester in general doesn't need long, hard washes as any soiling tends to sit on surface fibres rather than in them.
- If the washing machine has a polyester setting, this will be sufficient! As polyester doesn't absorb water, there is a reduced need for long extraction times (spins).
- If you are setting the wash program by hand, we recommend using a two wash system followed by a short extraction time of approx. 3 minutes.
- If your washing machine allows you to select a spin speed, 500rpm will be adequate.

Fold this page over for a step-by-step guide on washing your curtains & soft furnishings

