

# Care and Cleaning of Morbern Vinyl Coated Fabrics featuring MorClean™ Top Finish



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Morbern vinyl requires periodic cleaning to maintain its neat appearance and to prevent the build-up of dirt and contaminants that may permanently stain and reduce the life of the vinyl if they are not removed. The frequency of cleaning depends upon the amount of use and environmental conditions to which the vinyl is subjected. Vinyl upholstery will absorb stains and dyes from fabrics that "crop" or bleed, for example blue denim or bright prints. Some household cleaners and solvents remove oils from vinyl making it brittle and this should not be used.

MorClean™ top finish resists stains from most of the toughest soiling agents and makes them easily cleanable. Most stains caused by barbecue sauce, mustard, and ketchup will come out with normal cleaning instructions listed below.

The procedures used for cleaning are dependant upon the end use circumstances.

## **For Normal Cleaning**

In general, most stains can be easily cleaned using warm, soapy water and clear water rinses. Moderate scrubbing with a medium bristle brush will help loosen soiling materials from the depressions of embossed surfaces. For more stubborn stains, use the following commercially available mild detergents in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions: Formula 409®.

\*When trying any cleaner, please test the cleaner in an inconspicuous area as cleaner manufacturers may change formula without notice. Morbern cannot be responsible when unknown changes are made by the manufacturer of the cleaner to their formulations.

## **Note**

Detergents should never be used on a regular basis for normal cleaning. Morbern recommends repeated rinsing with clear water after any cleaning procedure.

Full strength rubbing alcohol or mineral spirits may be tried cautiously as a last resort on very stubborn stains, if the above suggestions do not work. Indiscriminate use of any solvent, or solvent containing cleaner, can severely damage or discolor vinyls.

## **Bleach and Antiseptic Surface Treatment** (for products specified as bleach cleanable)

Bleach can be diluted up to a 9:1 ratio (10%). Liberally apply diluted disinfectant using a sponge. Rinse with cold water several times. Wipe dry. Repeat if necessary.

Please follow the guidelines on the bleach label for antiseptic or antimicrobial purposes.

## **Other Common Stains**

MorClean™ resists stains from the common culprits such as ketchup, mustard, and barbecue sauce. Ball point pen and permanent marker cleanability depends on type of pen/marker, time from staining to cleaning, and how hard the pen/marker was pressed into the vinyl.

## **Warning**

Unspecified cleaners should not be used. Powdered abrasives, cleaners containing abrasives, steel wool, and industrial strength cleaners are not recommended for Morbern vinyls. Use of citrus-based cleaners is not recommended by Morbern. Any lacquer solvent will cause immediate irreparable damage to the vinyl. Wax should never be used on any vinyl upholstery, as it will cause premature embrittlement and crocking. If flammable solvents such as alcohol, turpentine or mineral spirits are used for cleaning, then only small quantities should be employed in a well ventilated area. Exercise proper care by advising personnel in the area and keep away from any ignition source. Always wear protective gloves.

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