

# Silicone 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 silicone 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. General soiling can be removed with a soft, moist cloth, making sure to remove any excess moisture with a clean dry cloth. Although Silicone is 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 remains on the material, 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. Rinse with fresh water and wipe dry. For stubborn stains, wipe the spot clean with a 70% dilution of isopropyl alcohol and water. Rinse with fresh water and wipe dry.
- *For healthcare stains such as blood, urine, or Betadine®*, spray with a 70% dilution of isopropyl alcohol and water, and wipe. Rinse with fresh water and wipe dry. For disinfecting, wipe with a solution of 20% household bleach and water. Rinse with fresh water and wipe dry.
- *For difficult stains such as lipstick, crayon, grease, or mustard*, wipe with a solution of 70% isopropyl alcohol and water. Rinse with fresh water and wipe dry.
- *For ink, marker, and denim dye*, wipe with a solution of 70% isopropyl alcohol and water. Rinse with fresh water and wipe dry. To achieve the best results, clean the stain immediately. *Note: Removal of ink, particularly permanent marker, may vary depending on the period of time that the ink sets in. Removal of indigo dye, particularly from wet jeans may vary depending on the type of denim. While the material offers excellent protection, full removal is not guaranteed.*