

Solution Dyed Nylon Cleaning Instructions

Fabrics made of Solution Dyed Nylon are designed to look beautiful longer with proper cleaning methods. Refer to the following guidelines to establish an adequate maintenance program and select the best treatment for each cleaning situation.

Soiling versus staining

The difference between soiling and staining relates to the ease with which the soilant can be removed. The accumulation of matter in and on upholstery yarn is referred to as soiling, when the matter is removable.

Staining is the residual effect of interaction between the soilant and the upholstery yarn. Since stains are more strongly attached to the yarn than soil, harsh chemicals may be required to remove them.

Soil removal

Vacuum cleaning of the fabric on a regular basis is recommended to remove loose dust and dirt. Ordinary soiling is removable with mild upholstery shampoo followed by a hot water rinse using the upholstery attachment of a hot water extraction cleaning machine. Detergent choice is important. A detergent should neither affect the upholstery fabric adversely nor leave a sticky residue that could attract additional soil. A simple detergent test is to pour a small amount of mixed detergent into a saucer and leave to dry. The dried residue should be crisp and crystalline, not oily and sticky.

Spot cleaning

step 1 - As soon as possible, blot liquid spills with tissue, paper towels or a clean, colorfast cloth. Scrape and vacuum dry solid material. Do not rub.

step 2 - Apply household or commercial upholstery cleaner sparingly to the soiled area. Excessive wetting may spread the stain and damage cushion material under the fabric. Rub gently with clean, white cloth. Turn damp cloth frequently to a clean surface to avoid redepositing soilant.

step 3 - Work from the outer edge toward the center of the spot to reduce ringing. Cleaning the entire fabric panel, or at least a large area around the spot, further

reduces the likelihood of ringing. A final hot water rinse of the entire panel with a hot water extraction cleaner is preferable.

Stain removal

Most stains can be removed by hot water extraction shampooing and individual stain treatment using conventional cleaning agents such as neutral or alkaline detergent solutions, alcohol, paint/oil/grease remover, enzyme products, and dry cleaning solvents. Test any new or unknown agent for stain removal on a small, inconspicuous area of the fabric for possible damage. An overnight test is best, but a 30 minute waiting period should be adequate for detecting damage.

The colorfast characteristics of Solution Dyed Nylon allow the use of diluted household bleach solution without color loss to remove certain stains that may remain after conventional cleaning methods have been used. A solution containing 4 parts of water to 1 part bleach is generally sufficient. The bleach treatment may have to be repeated for very tough stains

Stain Removal Procedures

step 1 - Remove as much of the stain as possible with detergent or spot cleaner, blotting with absorbent cotton cloth. If possible, place a clean tissue over stain and weight down. Allow to dry.

step 2 - Some persistent stains may be removed as follows:

Colored stains – Spray or blot with a solution of 4 parts water to 1 part bleach (5.25%).

Oily stains – Spray or blot with a volatile dry solvent.

Food stains – Spray or blot with an enzyme spot remover.

step 3 - Rinse thoroughly with detergent/water solution. Follow with three additional rinses with water only, blotting after each application.

step 4 - If trace remains, repeat steps 2 and 3..

step 5 - A final rinse of the entire area with plain water using a hot water extraction machine should be performed to remove any detergent or bleach residue and reduce the likelihood of ringing..

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CAUTION

Diluted bleach solution should not be applied to fabrics which contain less than 100% Solution Dyed Nylon. Solution Dyed Nylon has extraordinary color retention characteristics. Ordinary nylon and other fibers may be harmed if cleaned with a bleach solution.