# Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines

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Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines

Cleaning Codes

**W** – Water-based
→ Use only vacuuming or light brushing.
→ Clean only with water-based cleaner or foam upholstery cleaner.
→ Do not over wet.
→ Do not use solvents.
→ Example of cleaners:
  - Resolve® High Traffic
  - Zep® Instant Carpet and Upholstery Spot and Stain Remover
  - Zep® 30

**WM** – Water-based Modified
→ Use only vacuuming or light brushing.
→ Clean only with water-based detergents or mild solvent-based cleaners.
→ Do not over wet.
→ Do not use harsh solvents.
→ Example of acceptable cleaners:
  - Crypton® Care Purple Upholstery Stain Remover,
  - Crypton® Care Gold Upholstery Stain Remover,
  - 409® All-Purpose Cleaner Formula,
  - 409® Multi-Surface Cleaner,
  - Fantastik® All-Purpose Cleaner
→ Examples of harsh solvents to be avoided:
  - Acetone, Nail Polish Removers,
  - Citrus Solvents,
  - Dry-cleaning Solvents

**S** – Solvent
→ Clean only with solvent based cleaner.
→ Do not saturate.
→ Do not use water.
→ Example of cleaners:
  - 409® All-Purpose Cleaner Formula
  - 409® Multi-Surface Cleaner
  - Fantastik® All-Purpose Cleaner

**WS** – Water-based/Solvent
→ Clean with water based or solvent based cleaner.
→ Do not saturate with liquids.

Approvals and Testing

For disinfectant approvals and stain testing information on specific products, please reference the product specific Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines or reach out to your Designtex representative.

Note: Harsh chemicals like those included in paint strippers, pine oils and floor cleaners should never be used on Designtex fabrics.
Regular Maintenance

For the aesthetic and performance longevity of our products, Designtex recommends following regular maintenance practices. Maintenance is routine, ongoing care which reduces soil build-up on a material's surface. Vacuum regularly with a proper attachment to thoroughly remove air-borne dust and lint. Clean periodically to remove accumulated grime and retain the material's original appearance as much as possible. Always clean all upholstered areas of the furniture piece to maintain a uniform appearance.

Stain Treatment

Promptly treat spots and stains. For liquid spills, gently blot (don't rub) spill immediately with an absorbent cloth while spill is still fresh. Work in a circular motion to lift stain. Do not rub excessively or you may cause fuzzing. For stubborn stains, use an approved cleaner, following the cleaning instructions provided below. Always clean all upholstered areas of the furniture piece to maintain a uniform appearance.

Cleaning Instructions

→ Always pretest a small, inconspicuous area with cleaning agents.
→ Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions for use of cleaning products (i.e. concentration, application method, contact time, use of PPE).
→ Do not oversaturate the material; use small amounts of cleaning solution at a time and blot between applications. Liquids should never be pressed through the material and care should be taken to not let liquids pool at the seams.

Disinfecting Instructions

→ Prior to disinfection, it is important to ensure that the surface area is clean and dry.
→ Always pretest a small, inconspicuous area with disinfecting agents.
→ Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for use of disinfection products (i.e. concentration, application method, contact time, use of PPE).
→ Do not oversaturate the material; make sure the disinfectant is applied uniformly to the entire surface. Liquids should never be pressed through the material and care should be taken to not let liquids pools at the seams.

As a final step to cleaning or disinfecting, surface MUST be wiped with a clean, water dampened cloth to avoid build-up. Do not over-wet. Wipe Dry.

For pile fabrics, brush and/or vacuum with a proper attachment, working in the direction of the nap to restore pile after cleaning or disinfecting.

Note: The information in this guide refers to the performance of these materials in tests conducted under laboratory conditions. This information is not guaranteed and does not relieve the user from the proper and safe use of referenced disinfecting agents. Due to the variables involved in the use of cleaning and disinfection products (including amount of product applied, elapsed time before removal from the surface, physical action used to remove the cleaner/disinfectant, and the number of applications), strict adherence to the cleaning and disinfecting instructions is necessary.
Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines
Upholstery

Woven
Content Specific

Cotton and Rayon Blends
S Cleaning Code
Solvent-based cleaners can be used.

Mohair
S Cleaning Code
Solvent-based cleaners can be used.
Brush regularly in the direction of the nap and/or vacuum with an upholstery nozzle.
There are no available disinfectants available for Mohair.

Nylon (Solution Dyed)
WS Cleaning Code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.
Nano Stain Resistant finish (Nanosphere®, Nanotex®):
WS Cleaning Code

Polyester and Polyester Blends
WS Cleaning Code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.
Please refer to individual pattern specs for bleach treatability on our website.

Polyester and Acrylic (Solution Dyed)
WS Cleaning Code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.

Polyester Blends with Cotton and Rayon
S Cleaning Code
Solvent-based cleaners only.
Nano Stain Resistant finish (Nanosphere®, Nanotex®):
WS Cleaning Code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.
Many soils and stains can be easily removed by blotting a spill immediately with a dry, clean, absorbent cloth.

Polyester (Flame Retardant)
WS Cleaning Code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.

Wool and Wool Blends
S Cleaning Code
Solvent-based cleaners only.

Wool (Bute)
S Cleaning Code
Solvent-based cleaners only.
Never use soap, ammonia or other cleaners used on hard surfaces.
Woven
Performance Finishes

**Crypton® and Crypton® Green, Incase®**

WM Cleaning Code
Water-based detergents and mild solvent-based cleaners can be used.

**Supreen®**

WS Cleaning code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.
Coated

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Stain Treatment

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Disinfecting Instructions

→ Prior to disinfection, it is important to ensure that the surface area is clean and dry.
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→ Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions for use of disinfection products (i.e. concentration, application method, contact time, use of PPE).
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Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines
Upholstery

Coated
Content Specific

Nylon Microfiber
WS Cleaning Code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.

Polyurethane
Advanced Protective Topcoat
WS Cleaning Code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.

Silicone™
WS Cleaning Code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.

Vinyl
Advanced Protective Topcoat
WS Cleaning Code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.

Protective Topcoat
WS Cleaning Code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.

No Topcoat
Please refer to individual pattern specifications for cleaning code and bleach treatability on our website.

Sportswear
W Cleaning Code
Water-based cleaners can be used.
Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines
Panel Fabrics

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Disinfecting Instructions

→ Prior to disinfection, it is important to ensure that the surface area is clean and dry.
→ Always pretest a small, inconspicuous area with disinfecting agents.
→ Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions for use of disinfection products (i.e. concentration, application method, contact time, use of PPE).
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## Content Specific

### Polyester and Polyester/Olefin Blends

- **WS cleaning code**
- Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.

### Trevira CS

- **WS cleaning code**
- Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.
Woven

Regular Maintenance

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Stain Treatment

Promptly treat spots and stains. For liquid spills, gently blot (don't rub) spill immediately with an absorbent cloth while spill is still fresh. If needed, wipe with clean water and a dry, clean cloth. If a spill does not come off with water and a dry clean cloth, add mild detergent mixed with water. Work in a circular motion to lift stain. Do not rub excessively or you may cause fuzzing. For stubborn stains, use an approved cleaner, following the cleaning instructions provided below.

Cleaning Instructions

→ Always pretest a small, inconspicuous area with cleaning agents.
→ Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for use of cleaning products (i.e. concentration, application method, contact time, use of PPE).
→ Do not oversaturate the material; use small amounts of cleaning solution at a time and blot between applications. Liquids should never be pressed through the material and care should be taken to not let liquids pool at the seams.

Disinfecting Instructions

→ Prior to disinfection, it is important to ensure that the surface area is clean and dry.
→ Always pretest a small, inconspicuous area with disinfecting agents.
→ Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for use of disinfection products (i.e. concentration, application method, contact time, use of PPE).
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Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines
Wallcovering

**Woven**
Content Specific

**Crypton® for Walls**

WS cleaning code
Water-based, solvent-based cleaners and Crypton Cleaners can be used.

For more information, visit [www.cryptoncare.com](http://www.cryptoncare.com) or contact info@cryptoncare.com.

**Polyester and Olefin**

WS Cleaning Code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.

**Linen and Linen Blends**

S Cleaning Code
Solvent-based cleaners can be used.

**Polyester Felts**

WS Cleaning Code
Use water and solvent-based cleaners for spots and stains.

→ Vacuum regularly with a proper attachment to thoroughly remove air-borne dust and lint. When vacuuming use ceiling to floor motions.
→ Do not rub or brush excessively or you may cause fuzzing.

**Wool Felts**

S Cleaning Code
Solvent-based cleaners only

→ Vacuum regularly with a proper attachment to thoroughly remove air-borne dust and lint. When vacuuming use ceiling to floor motions.
→ Do not rub or brush excessively or you may cause fuzzing.
Regular Maintenance

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Stain Treatment

Promptly treat spots and stains to eliminate any possible reaction between the staining agent and the wallcovering. Time is especially important for removing materials containing colors and/or solvents such as ballpoint ink, lipstick, oil, shampoo. If soil remains on the surface for too long, permanent discoloration may develop. Ordinary dirt can be removed with mild soap, warm water and a soft bristle brush. For stubborn stains, use an approved cleaner, following the cleaning instructions provided below. Do not use steel wool or abrasive sponges, as they may dull or scratch the surface.

Cleaning Instructions

→ Always pretest a small, inconspicuous area with cleaning agents.
→ Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions for use of cleaning products (i.e. concentration, application method, contact time, use of PPE).
→ Wipe with the seams, from the bottom of the wall upward.
→ Do not oversaturate the material; use small amounts of cleaning solution at a time and blot between applications. Liquids should never be pressed through the material and care should be taken to not let liquids pool at the seams.

Disinfecting Instructions

→ Prior to disinfection, it is important to ensure that the surface area is clean and dry.
→ Always pretest a small, inconspicuous area with disinfecting agents.
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Coated/Non-Woven
Content Specific

DNA
W cleaning code
Water-based cleaners can be used

→ Frequent wiping with a clean, damp, soft cloth.
→ Do not use abrasive material or cleaner.

Vinyl
W Cleaning Code
Water-based cleaners can be used.
Regular Cleaning and Maintenance

For the aesthetic and performance longevity of our products, Designtex recommends following regular maintenance practices. Maintenance is routine, ongoing care which reduces soil build-up on a material’s surface. Lightly vacuum with brush attachment to remove dust. To clean entire drapery, dry clean only with a light load. Subsequent touch up ironing is okay on lowest setting. Clean periodically to remove accumulated grime and retain the material’s original appearance as much as possible.

Blackout

W Cleaning Code
Water-based cleaners can be used

Regular Maintenance
Lightly vacuum with brush attachment to remove dust

Spot Cleaning
Wipe with a damp sponge/cloth and water-based cleaner

Laundering
Remove all hooks and hard attachments, open tape pleats fully. Sharp edges can damage the coating when wet in the machine.

→ 30ºC / 85ºF - Delicate cycle
→ Mild commercial detergent
→ Do not bleach
→ No spin/no tumble
→ Remove from machine immediately
→ Open curtain full immediately on removal from machine
→ Line dry fully opened without coated faces coming into contact
→ One dot iron, face fabric side only. Protect coating from direct heat, so synthetic fabric rules apply to face.
→ Do not dry clean

Polyester/Trevira CS

WS Cleaning Code
Water and solvent-based cleaners can be used.