

# MACFLEX INTERNATIONAL

## CONTRACT VINYL

### Maintenance and Cleaning Recommendations

#### MAINTENANCE

Do not use detergents especially those which include bleaching agents on artificial leather surfaces (unless diluted see cleaning below).

Do not use carpet cleaning products or any machinery on the product.

Unless the artificial leather is designed for outdoor applications like marine upholstery, do not leave the product outside in direct sunlight or under rain.

Protect the artificial leather from hard impacts.

While moving or transporting either the fabric or finished furniture, please be careful of narrow passages and doorways as scratches may cause permanent damage.

Never iron the product for any reason.

Do not place the product next to direct heat sources (e.g. electric heater).

Do not place any hot objects such as an iron or a heater on the product even for a short period of time.

Do not place or use the product in dusty or excessively humid environments.

Please be aware that condensation can occur on the surface due to transporting between cold and warm conditions, if so wipe and dry out properly.

Please be aware that scratch marks from pets can cause permanent damage.

Avoid placing newspapers or magazines on the surface of your artificial leather furniture as the inks may transfer onto the surface causing permanent damage.

Please be aware that dyes from clothing can be transferred onto all light coloured vinyl's and can be difficult to remove.

Avoid using ink pens, nail polish, nail polish remover, alcohol or other harmful household products near your artificial leather furniture in order to avoid possible spills, which may cause permanent damage.

Please be careful about using preparatory leather care products that are available in the market place. If you do wish to apply any of these products, before use, always test on a small area that cannot be seen to ensure that damage will not be caused.

#### CLEANING

For best results, please clean on a regular weekly basis by wiping the surface with a moist or soapy, white, soft cotton cloth, then rinse and wipe dry with a clean, white cotton cloth. This is particularly important in summer to ensure the removal of perspiration from the furniture.

Also please be aware that many hair products contain chemicals that if allowed to build up without cleaning may cause damage.

Do not use any hard brushes, either hand held or vacuum cleaner type or any other abrasive items on artificial leather.

In healthcare environments, it is possible to use a bleach solution to wipe protein stains and for disinfection, but only to a **maximum 5% bleach / 95% water mixture**

#### STAIN REMOVAL

Blot excess liquid up as quickly as possible with a clean 100% white, cotton, absorbent cloth or sponge.

If necessary, use clean luke warm water. Clean the entire area where the spot occurred (seat cushion, arm, etc)

Water may dissolve dirt particles and make cleaning easier. However, water used in excess may cause water marks to form.

Therefore, spilled water or excess water from any other source must be blotted up immediately with an absorbent white, cotton cloth or absorbent kitchen type paper towel before drying. Spills that are still moist are the easiest to remove.

Once wiped dry, leave the product and do not use any artificial drying source such as a hair dryer.

Our researches show that a fresh stain is very easy to clean. If the stain is allowed to stay on the surface, it is possible that the stain will penetrate into the polymer and then becomes very hard to remove. It is always important to deal with the spillage immediately.

**For** coffee, tea, spills etc use an absorbent, white cotton cloth or absorbent kitchen type paper towel. Do not rub! Allow the stain to be absorbed until all the liquid is removed from the material's surface. After the initial surface spill has been absorbed, rub very gently with damp, cotton white cloth applying gentle circular movements to remove any remaining residue. Finally wipe dry as previously stated.

**For** Ink, ball point pen, lipstick type hard stains: Alcohol and cologne are not recommended. Rub the stain by means of gentle circular movements with tissue or soft cloth dampened in hot soapy water. Rinse off the soapy water with a damp, white cotton cloth. After this process rub the surface again with gentle circular movements with a dry soft cloth in order to dry it.

**For** butter, oil and grease like stains: Wipe excess with a clean 100% cotton, white, dry cloth. Then use a soapy cotton cloth to gently rub the stain with circular movements. After this application use a clean, damp, cotton cloth to wipe off the area and dry the surface.

**For** chewing gum must be cooled place some ice cubes in a plastic bag and apply on the chewing gum. Wait several minutes, lift the ice bag and remove the chewing gum gently.

**DO NOT USE ANY CHEMICALS, SADDLE SOAP, CLEANING SOLVENTS, FURNITURE POLISH, OILS, VARNISH, ABRASIVE CLEANERS, ALCOHOL OR AMMONIA ON THE PRODUCT.**

These are recommended or suggested methods of cleaning. The manufacturer is not responsible for any damage incurred by using non-recommended cleaning methods and materials. Always try the cleaning method in a hidden area to gauge the result.

If you are not sure, please contact Macflex International before proceeding.