

## ***Hytex High-Performance Woven Textiles*** **MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS**

All wallcoverings are subject to soiling and wear and require a regular program of maintenance.

### **ROUTINE MAINTENANCE:**

Vacuum with an upholstery attachment or use a soft nylon brush for removal of dry dirt and grime. Common commercial stains such as scuff marks, heel marks and soiling often can be removed completely with a dry brush.

### **STAIN REMOVAL OR SPOT CLEANING:**

Because olefin fibers absorb virtually no moisture, spots and stains stay on the surface of the yarns and can be easily removed. For best results, follow the steps listed below. Always treat stains promptly when possible.

1. Spots from dust and other loose particles should be removed from the fabric surface by use of a commercial vacuum.
2. Brush dry stains off with a soft nylon brush. Many times this will be all that is necessary to get a good result.
3. Blot wet stains with a clean absorbent cloth to wipe away as much as possible.
4. If stain is not removed, use a cloth and warm water, and a soft brush if necessary, to loosen the stains. Brush in both directions working outside in and use a minimal amount of water to avoid saturation.
5. If stain is not removed with warm water, use a common detergent with warm water, brush if necessary. Avoid saturation. Rinse with warm water and blot the area dry with a clean dry cloth to prevent resoiling.

\* Most stains, such as coffee, cola, catsup, mustard, washable ink, carbon black, etc. can be removed 100% by utilizing either step four (4) or five (5).

6. If stain is still not removed, it most likely is an oil-based stain. Some examples are: permanent ink marker, shoe polish, lipstick, hair dye, paint (oil), make-up, furniture polish, nail polish, etc. Commercially available cleaning solvents or even a strong bleach solution may be used to loosen the stains from the surface of the yarn.

Again, apply with clean cloth or soft brush (possibly diluting with water); use sparingly to avoid saturation to the backing. Rinse with water and blot the area dry.

**Note:** Due to solution dyed olefin yarns, bleach and other harsh cleansers will not effect the yarn's color or performance.

7. Any of the aforementioned steps may be repeated as often as necessary for complete removal of stains.
8. It is permissible to use the hot water extraction method of stain removal on Hytex's high-performance fabric wallcoverings. This method will give an excellent result.

This information is presented as a guide to the care and maintenance of Hytex's high-performance fabric wallcoverings. It is based on the best information available at the present time and is subject to revision as additional knowledge and experience becomes available. No guarantee of results and no responsibility is assumed whatsoever in connection with this information.

#### Stains and Suggested Cleaner

- 1 = Water
- 2 = Detergent solution (carpet/upholstery cleaner)
- 3 = Detergent/ammonia solution (3-6% use with rubber gloves)
- 4 = Volatile type solvent
- 5 = Paint/oil/grease remover
- 6 = Undiluted white vinegar
- 7 = Denatured alcohol
- 8 = Vacuum

Beer	2, 6	Oxalic	1
Berry Stain	3	Iron Rust	1
Blood	3	Linseed Oil	4
Butter	4	Lipstick	5
Carbon Black	2	Milk	2
Catsup	2	Mucilage	1, 3
Citric Acid	1	Mustard	2
Chocolate	2	Nail Polish	4
Coffee	2	Oil	2, 4
Cola Drink	2	Paint (Latex)	2, 5
Crayon	5	Paint (Oil)	2, 4, 5
Egg	2	Rubber Cement	2, 4
Furniture Polish	2, 5	Shoe Polish	2, 4, 5
Grape Juice	2	Tea	2
Gravy	2	Urine	2, 6
Ink (ballpoint-India)	2, 4, 5	Vomit	1, 2, 6
Ink (washable)	2	Water Colors	1, 2, 6
Copy Toner (powder)	8 then 3	Wine	2, 6
Permanent Marker	7 then 3		

NOTE: Chewing gum, candle wax or similar waxy substances may be removed by rubbing the spot quickly with ice so that the material becomes brittle and then blot dry. The brittle substance can then be picked off the wallcovering. Follow with a solvent cleaner as needed. Pilling or fraying from excessive abrasion can be removed by shaving with a standard, very sharp shaving razor.



## Cleaning Procedures

### **Upholstery – Spot Cleaning & Extraction**

1. Identify stain and use the stain chart on [www.cryptoncare.com](http://www.cryptoncare.com) to select the appropriate cleaner, CRYPTON Care Gold (Protein cleaner) or CRYPTON Care Purple (Ink, Grease and Iodine cleaner).
2. Remove any excess residue with the back of the CRYPTON upholstery brush. Spray the spot, lightly brush with the soft bristled CRYPTON upholstery brush, allow the cleaner to sit for a minute, and blot with a clean, dry towel.
3. If spot still remains, repeat the spray, brush & blot process.
4. For stubborn stains, thoroughly wet the surface with the cleaners (both), brush and blot.
5. To keep upholstery looking new, use the CRYPTON Upholstery Extraction concentrate at a rate of 4 oz of concentrate per gallon of water in CRYPTON Care “Ruby” extractor or a similar water extraction machine to periodically extract the upholstery.
6. Always rinse well with clean water from the extractor to remove any residue.

### **Disinfecting CRYPTON:**

To kill bacteria, remove odors and prevent mold and mildew, the newly EPA approved CRYPTON Fabric Disinfectant and Deodorizer should be used. Extract using a water extraction machine, like the CRYPTON Care “Ruby” extractor, to remove the soiled spot. Apply a mist of CRYPTON Fabric Disinfectant and Deodorizer to the surface and keep the area wet for ten (10) minutes. CRYPTON Fabric Disinfectant and Deodorizer is a quaternary disinfectant, virucidal, and will prevent mold and mildew when used as directed. This process will provide a CRYPTON surface that is germ free!

Note: This hospital grade disinfectant can be used on other hard, inanimate surfaces for the same disinfecting qualities.