

Cleaning Guide

Hard surfaces can be wiped down with a cloth soaked in warm soapy water. Do not let moisture sit on metal surfaces. Always dry products after cleaning to avoid staining and oxidization. Regularly wipe timber elements with a damp cloth. Furniture polishes can be used but care must be taken not to stain the adjacent fabric.

Do not use abrasive or solvent cleaners on the wood and metal parts of the chair.

Clean straps and buckles with a cloth soaked in soapy water. Do not use solvent cleaners or bleach on straps as these chemicals can weaken the webbing and stitching, affecting its strength.

Velcro fastenings, especially the coarse, hook Velcro can become clogged up with fibres, limiting its effectiveness. Velcro can be cleaned with a cloth soaked in warm soapy water. Another piece of Velcro can be used to comb out dirt and fibres. Gently rub the Velcro together in one direction so that the dirt and fibres are pushed together into a single mass which can then be pulled free. A toothbrush can be used in the same way. Working in one direction only, brush the fibres along the Velcro until they gather into a ball which can be pulled free of the Velcro.

Decontaminate with a neutral pH hypochlorite solution, diluted to the manufacturer's guidelines. If in doubt about any cleaning/decontaminating product, apply a small quantity, correctly diluted, to a concealed area to check for any reaction.



Fabric & Cleaning Guide

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Each fabric type has its own properties and cleaning requirements. Please refer to this fabric guide for the appropriate directions for cleaning the covers of your chair. If you are unsure as to what material has been used on your chair, contact CareFlex with the chair's batch number for clarification. (refer to the chair's User Instructions for batch number location and identification)

Regular cleaning is essential to maintain the appearance of the chair. Spills and other marks should be treated as quickly as possible.

Natural oils from skin and hair can cause damage to some materials, especially vinyls. Areas where the head, hands and feet touch the chair should be cleaned regularly. This guide also gives details of the relevant standards with which each fabric complies.

NOTE: Any products returned to CareFlex or a CareFlex Distributor must be disinfected and pose no hazard to health. It is a criminal offence to send contaminated items via the postal system or other delivery agents. Please refer to the Microbiology Advisory Committee document 'Sterilization, Disinfection and Cleaning of Medical Devices and Equipment', available from the Department of Health and MRHA Device Bulletin DB2006 (05) 'Managing Medical Devices'

VINYLS

Just Colour

Red, Lupin, Lime, Purple, Candy Pink, Orange, Primrose.
Sapphire Blue, Wine, Black, Dune, Cocoa, Damson, Grey, Cool Blue

Compliances: BS5852, Part 2, Ignition source 5

Vinyls are inherently resistant to stains as they are not absorbed into the surface. Regular cleaning with a damp soapy cloth and a clear water rinse is recommended. A soft brush can be used for heavy staining. Vinyl can be cleaned with a dilute solution of hypochlorite (bleaching product should not exceed 10,000 ppm and have a pH between 5 and 7) to prevent bacterial growth or infection. Wax polishes, solvent cleaners, undiluted bleach, synthetic detergents or aerosol sprays must not be used as they will cause permanent damage.

PILE KNITS

Panvelle Stretch

Slate, Indigo, Racing Green, Chocolate, Fawn, Denim, Chilli, Plum

Stirata

Crimson, Lime, Orange, Purple, Royal, Hot Pink

Compliances: BS5852, Part 2, Ignition source 5

Clean and care for the fabric on a regular basis to maintain its condition and appearance. Most stains can be removed by wiping clean. Microfibre cleaning cloths are extremely effective without soap for general care and maintenance.

Vacuum and wipe clean regularly with a damp cloth such as specified above to remove dust particles and prevent the build up of grime. Remove spillages immediately with an absorbent dry cloth.

For heavier soiling use liquid soap and warm water ensuring that any soap residues are rinsed out of the pile as these will inhibit stain repellency and lead to staining. Bodily fluids should be removed immediately with cold water and then cleansed as above.

Water and oil based stains may be removed by using most water based proprietary spray cleaning agents, following the manufacturer's instructions thoroughly. More stubborn stains can be treated with a safe solvent such as isopropyl alcohol or mineral spirit.

Clean with a dilute solution of hypochlorite (bleaching product should not exceed 10,000 ppm and have a pH between 5 and 7) to prevent bacterial growth or infection.

PU COATED MULTI-STRETCH

DARTEX

Black on Black

Compliance: BS7175, Ignition source 5 - CMHR Foam.

Moisture vapour permeable BS3424 8-10%

Dartex is an easy-clean, multi stretch material which allows the patient to interface well with Reflexions foam and WaterCell Technology, creating a high comfort level. Can be combined on seat and/or backrest with any of the other materials in the CareFlex range. Recommended only for seat, backrest, arm and legrest covers.

Some surface wrinkling may result from cleaning procedures. This has no adverse effect on the fabric's properties.

Washing and Disinfection

Superficial dirt on the coating may be removed by wiping with a soft cloth moistened with water containing a neutral detergent. More persistent contamination may be treated by wiping with alcohols or turpentine substitute, followed by hot water and detergent.

Cleaning and disinfection in situ may be carried out with hand hot water and a neutral detergent or with a sodium hypochlorite solution (1% or 10,000 parts per million available chlorine). Proprietary disinfectants may be used provided manufacturer's instructions are followed. All cleaning agents and disinfectants must be thoroughly rinsed off and the item dried before storage. Failure to do this may result in the accumulation of reagent that could damage the polyurethane coating or negate the biocompatibility results of the Dartex® fabric.

May be washed at temperatures up to 71° C (160°F), using normal detergents.

It is essential that articles be thoroughly dried after all cleaning procedures and before storage.

Drying may be effected by hanging out, spinning or tumbling at temperatures up to 130 °C (266°F). Do not mangle.

Dartex **MUST NOT BE CLEANED** with abrasive cleaning agents, hydrogen peroxide, iodophors, phenolics or ammonium compounds. These may cause irreversible swelling or blistering of the fabric and make it more prone to mechanical damage.