

Freshfields

Colours: Abstract Azure

Compliance: BS 7176, Part 2; Ignition Source 5 - CMHR Foam.

Cleaning Guide:

Water based stains, e.g. tea, should be blotted with a clean absorbent cloth followed by an upholstery shampoo- with clean absorbent white cloth, use a dabbing action. Do not rub or scrub the fabric. Always work from the outer edge of the stain towards the centre to prevent spreading. Rinse and dry the area with a hair dryer. Oil-based stains, e.g. butter, should be removed with methylated spirits after removing any excess solids with a blunt knife. Dab the methylated spirit directly onto the fabric. Dab the stain from the outer edge towards the centre, do not rub or scrub. More stubborn stains can be removed using a Vax hot water extraction unit. Do not use cleaning solvents. Freshfields can be machine washed at 40°C. Do not tumble dry.

Notes:

Freshfields is an easily manageable fabric with a specially formulated polyurethane back coating protecting against attack by micro fungi and bacteria.

Aston Vinyl

Colours: Blue, Burgundy, Black, Red

Compliance: BS 5852, Part 2; Ignition Source 5 - CMHR Foam.

Cleaning Guide:

Vinyls are inherently resistant to stains as they are not absorbed into the surface. Regular cleaning with a damp soapy (non-alkaline) cloth and a clear water rinse is recommended. A soft brush can be used for heavy staining. Wax polishes, solvent cleaners, synthetic detergents must not be used as they will cause permanent damage.

Notes:

Vinyls are hard wearing and Aston Vinyl has a high scratch resistance. As a consequence they are easy to maintain and are suited to all types of environment, particularly when combined with VP material (see below) on seat cover and/or backrest cover.

Full material specifications are available on request.

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Care and Maintenance Fabric Guide



Fabric Types, Specification and Care

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 (see section 1.3, Identification) for clarification.

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. 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 and the MDA Device Bulletin MDA DB9801, Supplement 2, October 2001.

Ginkgo & Moving Vinyl

Colours: Morgon, Nuit, Lillas, Bronze, Chataigne, Lavande, Mustard

Compliance: BS 5852, Part 2; Ignition Source 5 - CMHR Foam.

Cleaning Guide:

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 household bleach (bleaching product should not exceed 10% of the solution) to prevent bacterial growth or infection. Wax polishes, solvent cleaners, synthetic detergents must not be used as they will cause permanent damage.

Notes:

Vinyls are hard wearing and easy to maintain consequently they are suited to all types of environment, particularly when combined with VP material (see below) on seat cover and/or backrest cover.

Panaz

Colours: Henna, Royal, Beige, Violet

Compliance: BS 5852, Part 2; Ignition Source 5 - CMHR Foam.

Cleaning Guide:

Can be cleaned by sponging down with a water based detergent and then wiped with a damp cloth to remove excess detergent. Final wipe with a dry absorbent cloth to remove excess water. A dilute Isopropyl Alcohol cleaning agent can also be used to wipe down Panaz.

Notes:

Panaz is a cotton knit material that is both tactile and warm and is suitable for a wide range of environments. It is not recommended for patients who have excessive (repetitive) movement or where incontinence leakage is a long-term prospect.

Tarka

Colours: Diamond Red, Diamond Navy, Diamond Teal, Summer, Autumn, Kidz Ermintrude, Kidz Paintpot

Compliance: BS 5852, Part 2; Ignition Source 5 - CMHR

Cleaning Guide:

Most stains can be easily removed with water or a mild soap solution. Upholstery foam shampoo, water based cleaning products and germicidal detergents can be used in accordance with the manufacturers instructions. For general washing covers can be machine washed at 60°C and tumble dried on a low heat setting. For infection control purposes Tarka can also be machine washed at 80°C. Cleaning solvents must not be used.

Notes:

Tarka is a hard wearing (Martindale rub test 50,000+ cycles), breathable and easy clean material. With good urea resistance (Bs3424), it is suitable for all environments. N.B. Repeated machine washing will reduce water resistance.

Vapour Permeable (VP)

Colours: Dark Navy Blue

Compliance: BS7175, Ignition source 5 - CMHR Foam.
Moisture vapour permeable BS3424 8-10%

Cleaning Guide:

Wipe with mild detergent. For general washing covers can be machine washed at 60°C and tumble dried on a low heat setting. For infection control purposes Vapour Permeable can also be machine washed at 80°C. Machine wash or dry clean using detergent or not more than 10% bleach with water. Rinse and dry completely ensure all cleaning liquid is removed before storage. Some surface wrinkling may occur.

Notes:

VP is an easy-clean, multi stretch material which allows the patient to interface well with water cells, creating a high comfort level. Can be combined on seat and/or backrest with any of above materials. Recommended only for seat and backrest covers.

Fabulous

Colours: Cobalt, Forest, Yellow

Compliance: BS 5852, Part 2; Ignition Source 5 - CMHR

Cleaning Guide:

Loose covers can be machine washed at 40 degrees, tumble dry. Fabulous meets BS5651:1989 Hospital Laundry Procedure and can be machine washed at 74°C. Tumble drying re-activates the Stain Guard finish after each wash to prolong the life of the easy care Texfin application.

Notes:

Will not support microbial growth including Aspergillus Niger, E Coli, salmonella, penicillium, Staphylococcus Aureus, Cladosporium, Herbarism.

Microsafe

Colours: Maroon, Sage, Soft Gold

Compliance: BS 5852, Part 2; Ignition Source 5 - CMHR

Cleaning Guide:

Routine soap & warm water is effective for ordinary soiling. Fresh oil or water based stains are easily removed using most water based household spray cleaning agents.

Notes:

Will not support microbial growth including Aspergillus Niger, E Coli, salmonella, penicillium, Staphylococcus Aureus, Cladosporium, Herbarism. Microsafe has Urea Resistance to BS 3424, Part 19.