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# Fabric & Cleaning Guide UI

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'.

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| | Flammability Ratings | Durability | Technology |
|---|---|---|---|
| Vinyl Cadet<br><br>Simply Colours Range | BS5852: 2006 Ignition Source 5<br>BS7176: Medium Hazard<br>EN1021-1/2 | Martindale 350,000+<br>Wyzenbeek 500,000<br>Burst Strength 1738 kPa | • Stain Resistant Finish<br>• Waterproof<br>• Phthalate Free<br>• Colour Fastness to Chlorinated Water - Grade 4-5<br>• Colour Fastness to Sea Water - Grade 4-5<br>• Colour Fastness to Light - Grade 6+<br>• No Heavy Metals<br>• Colour Fastness to Artificial Weathering - Grade 8<br>• Antimicrobial<br>• Shieldplus by Panaz |
| Vinyl HealthCare<br><br>Heavy-duty Range | BS5852: 2006 Ignition Source 5<br>BS7176: Medium Hazard<br>EN1021-1/2 | Martindale 1,000,000+<br>Burst Strength >1200 kPa | • Phthalate Free<br>• REACH Compliant<br>• Resistant to Cold Cracking to -20°C<br>• Colour Fastness to Artificial Light – Grade 6<br>• Colour Fastness to Rubbing – Grade 4 (Wet), Grade 5 (Dry)<br>• Colour Fastness to Water – Grade 4-5<br>• Colour Fastness to Perspiration – Grade 4-5<br>• Antimicrobial<br>• Effective against MRSA, E. coli, C. difficile, Coronavirus |
| PVU<br><br>Panatech<br><br>Black and Dark Grey | BS5852: 2006 Ignition Source 5<br>BS7176: Medium Hazard<br>EN1021-1/2 | Martindale 100,000+,<br>Wyzenbeek 100,000,<br>Burst Strength 958 kPa | • Waterproof<br>• Multi-Directional Stretch<br>• Antimicrobial<br>• Shieldplus by Panaz |

## Wash and Care

Wipe clean routinely with a microfibre cloth, lightly dampened with cold water only. Then dry with a clean absorbent cloth.
Soak up spillages as soon as possible with an absorbent dry cloth to prevent staining.
Note dyes and pigments from indigo jeans, ball point and felt tip pens may permanently stain.
If soiling has accumulated use a mild Proprietary cleaner (non-alkaline). Take care to remove all soap residues and dry with an absorbent cloth.
Do not steam clean - heat seals in stains.
Do not tumble dry.
Do not dry clean.
Do not fully immerse in water.
Do not apply solvents, alcohol or any other chemical cleaners.
Remove body fluids and extreme soiling immediately (within 15 minutes) with cold water then apply approved infection control protocol: Haz Tabs, Chlor Clean or Shield Plus etc. As the concentration of bleach can vary greatly among proprietary brands we recommend these be avoided but in extreme circumstances a 10% chlorine bleach solution may be used. Remove product residues and then dry with clean absorbent cloth.

Clean routinely with warm water and a mild liquid soap using a microfibre cloth or soft hand brush.
Dry immediately with a clean absorbent cloth.
Soak up spillages as soon as possible with an absorbent dry cloth to prevent staining.
Note that dyes and pigments from indigo jeans, ballpoint pens, and felt tip markers may permanently stain.
If soiling has accumulated, a non-abrasive proprietary cleaner may be used. Ensure all residues are
thoroughly removed and the surface is dried with an absorbent cloth.
Do not steam clean – heat seals in stains.
Do not tumble dry.
Do not dry clean.
Do not fully immerse in water.
Do not apply solvents, alcohol, chlorides, abrasives, or any chemical cleaners.
Remove body fluids and extreme soiling immediately (within 15 minutes) with cold water, then apply approved infection control protocol: Haz Tabs, Chlor Clean, Milton or Tristel. A maximum 5% chlorine bleach solution may be used if necessary. Remove all residues and dry with a clean absorbent cloth.

Wipe clean routinely with a microfibre cloth, lightly dampened with cold water only. Then dry with a clean absorbent cloth.
Soak up spillages as soon as possible with an absorbent dry cloth to prevent staining.
Note dyes and pigments from indigo jeans, ball point and felt tip pens may permanently stain.
If soiling has been allowed to build up use a mild water based proprietary cleaner. Take care to remove any product residues as these hinder the fabric's performance.
Wash at 40°C / 104°F.
Wash at 30°C / 86°F.
Cool tumble dry with reduced mechanical spin only.
Cool iron on reverse, Max temperature 110°C / 230°F.
Professional dry clean.
Do not apply solvent based cleaners or any other chemicals to the fabric.
Line Dry recommended

# 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.