

# High Performance Textiles

## Wallcoverings & Panel Fabrics

### Care & Maintenance Instructions

All textile 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 scuffmarks, 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 polyolefin 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 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 minimal amount of water to avoid saturation.
5. If stain is not removed with warm water, brush if necessary (avoid saturation). Rinse with warm water and blot the area dry with a clean dry terry cloth towel.

Most stains, such as coffee, cola, catsup, mustard, washable ink, carbon black, and 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 cloth or soft brush (possibly diluting with water); use sparingly to avoid saturation to the backing. Rinse with warm water and blot the area dry.

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 High Performance Textiles. This method will give an excellent result.

This information is presented as a guide to the care and maintenance of MDC High Performance Textiles. 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.

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**Stain Removal or Spot Cleaning:**

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

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

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 razor.