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## Care Instructions for Upholstery

### General Maintenance

Regular and proper maintenance of your upholstery fabric permits less frequent cleaning. Maintenance is routine, on-going care, which reduces soil build-up on a fabric's surface. This includes promptly treating spots and stains.

- Vacuum regularly with a proper upholstery attachment to thoroughly remove air-borne dust and lint. Promptly treat spots and stains.
- Clean periodically to remove accumulated grime and retain the fabric's original appearance as much as possible.
- Turn and rotate loose cushions to equalize wear and soiling.
- Remove any cleaner residue by rinsing or extraction to avoid future buildup.

**Important to note** when disinfectants, cleaners and/or bleach are permitted they should be used in the proper concentration as recommended by the manufacturer and as indicated on the product specifications and product labels. Pretest in an inconspicuous area.

Disinfectants, cleaners and bleach solutions must be rinsed with water and dried with a clean cloth following application. *If you do not follow these instructions, you may harm the fabric and void product warranties. Avoid cleaners and disinfectants containing abrasives.*

### Spots and Stains

- **Get to it quickly** If a spot, spill or stain occurs, it may become difficult or impossible to remove if allowed to set.
- **Fluids** Remove fluids immediately and do not let them penetrate the cushion or furniture construction.
- **Solids or Semi-Solids** Carefully break up solid or semi-solid substances (such as mustard) with a flat object (butter knife or spatula). Vacuum to remove as much of the stain as possible before using a cleaning agent.
- **Large or Unusual Stains** A reputable professional cleaning service is recommended.
- **PRETEST** A small, hidden area with cleaning agents.

Note - Use a soft brush as needed for difficult stains unless prior testing has been conducted. Heavy brushing may result in permanent damage

- Use only a small amount of cleaner with a dampened towel to avoid spreading the stain or shrinking the fabric.
- Work in from the outside edge to the center of the stain.
- Blot the cleaning agent on; DO NOT RUB or you may damage the fabric.
- Remove the cleaning agent by rinsing and blotting it dry with an absorbent cloth, paper towel or sponge once the stain is removed.

*After removing the cleaning agent:*

- Allow the fabric to dry.
- Check for color change.
- If the cleaner made the fabric wet, allow it to set for one or two hours to dry.

### Remaining fabric

Spot and stain removal may also remove accumulated soil from the fabric. The newly cleaned area may look much different from the rest of your fabric. You may then need to clean its entire surface.

## Fabric Cleaning Codes

### Code S

#### Recommended Cleaning Instructions

To prevent overall soil, frequent vacuuming or light brushing to remove dust and grime is recommended. Spot clean, using a mild water-free solvent or dry cleaning product. Clean only in a well ventilated room and avoid any product containing Carbon Tetrachloride or other toxic materials. Pretest small area before proceeding. Cleaning by a professional furniture cleaning service only is recommended.

### Wool Felts: S Cleaning Code

Regular maintenance - Vacuum regularly with a proper attachment to thoroughly remove air-borne dust and lint. When vacuuming, use ceiling to floor motions. Do not brush or rub excessively, which may cause fuzzing.

**Caution:** Never remove cushion covers for separate dry cleaning or washing, even though they do have zippers.

Do not use bleach at any time. The use of steam or water-based cleaners may cause excessive shrinking or staining of this fabric. Do not use any tumble method cleaning service as this may destroy the backing of the fabric, shrink or otherwise damage the upholstery fabric.

### Code W

#### Recommended Cleaning Instructions

To prevent overall soil, frequent vacuuming or light brushing to remove dust and grime is recommended. Spot clean, using the foam only from a water-based cleaning agent such as a mild detergent or non-solvent upholstery shampoo product. Apply foam with a soft brush in a circular motion. Vacuum when dry. Pretest small area before proceeding. Use a professional furniture cleaning service when an overall soiled condition has been reached.

**Caution:** Never remove cushion covers for separate dry cleaning or washing, even though they do have zippers. Do not use bleach or any tumble method cleaning service as this may destroy the backing of the fabric, shrink or otherwise damage the upholstery fabric.

### Code WS

#### Recommended Cleaning Instructions

**\*Bleach Cleanable Fabrics:** Bleach cleanable with a water/household bleach solution will vary per pattern.

**Refer to the specific textile pattern product page on [bernhardttextiles.com](http://bernhardttextiles.com) for proper water to bleach solution ratio. Please note that the water/household bleach solution must be extracted within 30 seconds of application.**

\*To prevent overall soil, frequent vacuuming or light brushing to remove dust and grime is recommended. Spot clean, with a mild solvent, an upholstery shampoo, or the foam from a mild detergent. When using a solvent or dry cleaning product, follow instructions carefully and clean only in a well ventilated room. Avoid any product which contains Carbon Tetrachloride or other toxic materials. With either method, pretest a small area before proceeding. Use a professional furniture cleaning service when an overall soiled condition has been reached.

**Caution:** Never remove cushion covers for separate dry cleaning or washing, even though they do have zippers. Do not use any tumble method cleaning service as this may destroy the backing of the fabric, shrink or otherwise damage the upholstery fabric.

### Code WS

#### Recommended Cleaning Instructions

Clean this fabric only by vacuuming or light brushing to prevent accumulation of dust or grime. Water-based foam cleaners or solvent-based cleaning agents of any kind may cause excessive shrinking, staining or distortion of the surface pile and, therefore, should not be used.

**Caution:** Never remove cushion covers for separate dry cleaning or washing, even though they do have zippers. Do not use bleach or any tumble method cleaning service as this may destroy the backing of the fabric, shrink or otherwise damage the upholstery fabric.

### Code X

#### Recommended Cleaning Instructions

Clean this fabric only by vacuuming or light brushing to prevent accumulation of dust or grime. Water based foam cleaners or solvent-based cleaning agents of any kind may cause excessive shrinking, staining, discoloration, or distortion of the surface pile and, therefore, should not be used.

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## **DEFEND® Free Treated Fabric**

### **Cleaning steps:**

1. DEFEND® Free is cleanable to the life of the fabric using most cleaning methods including mild detergents with water, mild upholstery cleaners, solvents, and bleach.
2. Spot testing is recommended.
3. Always default to the cleaning code provided for each fabric.

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## **Nanotex® Treated Fabric**

### **Cleaning steps:**

1. Blot any excess liquid; wipe away excess mess with a dry, clean towel.
2. Mix together a simple soap and water solution. We recommend mixing ¼ teaspoon enzyme laundry or dish detergent, like Tide® or Cheer® with 1 cup warm water.
3. Apply the solution and agitate with a soft bristle brush. Make sure to brush lightly and work from the outside of the stain inward so as not to spread the stain. Rinse your sponge or brush frequently.
4. Blot with a clean towel and rinse. Repeat if necessary.
5. And remember, soap attracts dirt so make sure to rinse thoroughly.
6. Allow fabric to air dry.

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## Care Instructions for Indoor/Outdoor Fabrics

### General Maintenance

For everyday maintenance and to preserve the beauty of your Perennials® 100% Solution Dyed Acrylic fabric, we recommend the following:

- Brush or vacuum any loose dirt from the surface of the product. If the fabric has a nap, follow the direction of the nap.
- To avoid staining, spills should be removed immediately.
- Blot any excess liquid from the surface. Using a clean damp cloth or sponge, gently dab spot to remove remaining stain.
- For more stubborn stains, apply a natural soap or a mild detergent such as Dawn, Formula 409® or OxiClean™ to the cloth and gently dab (avoid excessive rubbing to avoid damage to the surface).
- Chlorine bleach will not affect the coloration of the solution-dyed acrylic fiber and is therefore acceptable for stubborn stain removal, including mildew. We suggest a diluted solution of two parts water to one part bleach water. Please note that chlorine bleach is never recommended as a stain remover for printed fabrics or natural fibers (i.e. hemp), as it will affect the coloration of the print or natural fiber.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water and let air dry. (Acrylic does not support mildew growth; however, mildew may grow on dirt and residue that has not been removed from the fabric so thorough rinsing is essential.)
- For pile fabrics, as a final step, comb the pile with a soft, bristle brush in the direction of the nap.
- Professional dry cleaning is always recommended for tough stains. Any solvent except trichloroethylene is acceptable; must use low heat during processing to avoid damage to the fibers.
- Machine Wash on cold on delicate setting. Bleach Cleanable. Hang to Dry.  
Dry Cleaning - use any solvent except tetrachloroethylene. Low heat. Iron at low temperature.

Stains	Cleaners
Beer/Coffee/Cola/Tea	A
Chocolate/Crayon	A
BBQ Sauce/Berries/Ketchup/Mustard/Butter	B
Tomato Juice/Marinara Sauce/Wine	B
Ink/Oil/Shoe Polish	B
Cosmetics/Lipstick/Suntan Lotion	B
Bird Doo-Doo/Tree Sap	B
Mildew	C
Rust	D
Wax (Candles)	E

### Cleaners

- A** Sponge briskly with a 1:20 solution of dishwashing liquid to water; rinse thoroughly.
- B** Sponge briskly with a 1:20 solution of dishwashing liquid to water; rinse thoroughly.  
For stubborn stain removal, follow up with Formula 409®, OxiClean™ or a bleach solution as needed.  
Rinse thoroughly.
- C** Soak in a 1:20 solution of bleach to water until stains are removed. Then wash with a 1:20 solution of dishwashing liquid to water. Rinse thoroughly.
- D** Saturate with lemon Juice. Cover with salt. Allow to sit for 24 hours, refreshing lemon juice as needed.  
Rinse and repeat as needed. Then wash with a 1:20 solution of dishwashing liquid to water. Rinse thoroughly.  
DO NOT BLEACH!
- E** Allow wax to harden. Peel off as much as possible. Cover with paper towel and iron with low heat, moving paper towel as needed to absorb excess wax. Wash with a 1:20 solution of dishwashing liquid to water.  
Rinse thoroughly.

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## Care Instructions for Allude, Blended and Brisa

### General Maintenance

One of the best ways to keep coated fabric surfaces looking great is to properly maintain by cleaning regularly to prevent excessive dirt from accumulating. Follow the general outline listed below to help extend the life of the fabric.

- Clean regularly with soap and water or general cleaners (3M™ neutral cleaners 3L, BevistoCryl)
- Wipe up spills as soon as they occur.
- Lift most stains with an alcohol based cleaner.
- Disinfect using a 5:1 water/bleach solution.
- **All cleaning solution residue must be thoroughly rinsed off with water.**
- Air-dry.

Note: Dye transfers from clothing, newspapers, etc. to light surfaces can be permanent and the general maintenance cleaning procedures may not be effective.

### Ballpoint Pen Removal

The following instructions have proven to work in most cases, especially when ink stains are addressed immediately. However not all ink stains can be removed in every situation.

- Wipe the stain off with ethanol (rubbing alcohol). If this is unsuccessful, proceed to next step.
- Prepare a solution of 50% chlorinated bleach, 50% water.
- Place a thin tissue over the ink stain.
- Apply the chlorinated bleach solution. Be sure to not over-saturate the tissue.
- Cover tissue with polyethylene film (plastic wrap) to prevent the chlorinated bleach solution from drying.
- Check on stain repeatedly.
- Do not leave the chlorinated bleach solution on for more than 1 hour.
- When stain begins to dissipate, remove the tissue and rinse the stain with water.
- To neutralize the bleached area, place a tissue on the bleached area and apply 15% hydrogen peroxide solution.
- Leave on for 30 minutes and remove the tissue.
- Remove the peroxide residue with water.

### Preferred Cleaners and Disinfectants for Allude, Blended and Brisa

Below is a list of cleaners and disinfectants that have been tested on Allude, Blended and Brisa with passing results when cleaning guidelines are followed as directed:

Alcohol Based Cleaners & Disinfectants	Bleach-Based Cleaners and Disinfectants	Hydrogen Peroxide Based Cleaners and Disinfectants	Quaternary - Based Cleaners and Disinfectants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isopropyl/Rubbing Alcohol (70%)</li> <li>• Veridien Viraguard®</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:1 water/bleach solution</li> <li>• Clorox® Dispatch® Hospital Center</li> <li>• Clorox® Germicidal Bleach</li> <li>• Clorox® Healthcare Bleach Germicidal Wipes</li> <li>• PDI® Sani Cloth® Bleach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hydrogen Peroxide</li> <li>• Clorox® Healthcare Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner Disinfectant Wipes</li> <li>• Ecolab® Oxycide®</li> <li>• Virex® 5</li> <li>• Virex® Accel® TB Wipes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3M™ Neutral Quat 23L</li> <li>• Biotrol™ Birex®</li> <li>• CaviWipes™ 2.0</li> <li>• Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes</li> <li>• Diversey™ Oxivir® TB Wipes</li> <li>• Diversey™ Oxivir® 1 Wipes</li> <li>• Ecolab® Asepticare® TB + II</li> <li>• Ecolab® Discide®</li> <li>• Fantastik®</li> <li>• Formula 409®</li> <li>• Lysol® Disinfecting Wipes</li> <li>• Metrex™ CaviCide™</li> <li>• Metrex™ CaviWipes™</li> <li>• PDI® Sani-Cloth® Plus</li> <li>• PDI® Super Sani-Cloth®</li> <li>• Steris Coverage Plus Germicidal Wipes</li> <li>• Virex® TB</li> <li>• Virex® II 256 diluted to specified concentration (1 oz to 256 oz of water)*</li> </ul>

\* Do not saturate/soak material with cleaner/disinfectant. Rinse with clean water after exposure to eliminate residue. This recommendation will prolong the life of various furniture components (thread, seam, foam, etc.) that can potentially be impacted by cleaner/disinfectant residue.



## Care Instructions for Bomber Jacket

### General Maintenance

While Bomber Jacket is inherently stain resistant, it is important to keep it clean at all times to maintain the original look and feel. Spot cleaning with a clean, soft towel and clean water will remove most everyday stains.

### Disinfection

This product can be disinfected with a 10:1 bleach dilution of water/bleach. Allow mixture to linger for the time specified by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

***Rinse all cleaning agents thoroughly with water and wipe with a soft cloth.***

Residue left by cleaning agents will degrade and shorten the life and/or affect the products' appearance if not removed.

### Approved Healthcare Cleaners

This list represents some of the most common options available and is not meant to be comprehensive.

- |  |                                   |
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| • 3M HB Quat                                 | • Oxivir Five 16                  |
| • Amphyl                                     | • Oxivir Tb Wipes                 |
| • CaviCide                                   | • Oxycide                         |
| • Cavi Wipes XL                              | • Perisept                        |
| • Clorox® Bleach Germicidal Wipes            | • Sani Cloth AF3 Germicidal Wipes |
| • Clorox® Healthcare Hydrogen Peroxide Wipes | • Sani Super Wipes                |
| • Ecolob® A456 II                            | • Sani Plus Wipes                 |
| • Formula 409®                               | • Sani Super Bleach               |
| • Hydrogen Peroxide                          | • Virex II 256                    |
| • Isopropyl Alcohol {70%}                    | • Vierx® Plus                     |
| • Lysol® Disinfectant Spray                  | • Wexcide 128                     |

**Note:** The cleaning recommendations above are just a guide and intended to help the maintenance of the specified product. [Bernhardt Textiles](#) neither guarantees nor will take any responsibility the specific results as testing of these products was conducted under laboratory conditions and results may vary under actual conditions.

## Care Instructions for Emerge

### General Maintenance

Remove ordinary dirt and smudges with a mild soap and water solution and a clean, soft cloth or towel. Dry with a soft, lint-free cloth or towel.

**Caution:** Abrasive powders, steel wool, industrial strength or solvent cleaners, and vinyl "conditioners" or "protectors" should be avoided. Undiluted bleach or lacquer can dull or damage the product. If in doubt about a detergent or cleaner, test a patch in an inconspicuous place before applying in a larger place.

### Disinfection

**PreFixx®** protected upholstery can be disinfected with a variety of hospital grade disinfectants with little to no discoloring or damage to the finish. Disinfection does not replace the need for regular care and maintenance.

### Special Cleaning Problems

Although performance fabrics treated with **PreFixx** protective finish are resistant to most common stains, the dyes and pigments in some staining agents have the ability to create a permanent stain if not treated properly. To clean difficult stains from upholstery treated with **PreFixx** protective finish, locate the staining agent in the lists below and follow the corresponding recommended cleaning method. For best results, treat all stains immediately.

### Cleaning Tip:

To determine the method and type of cleaners, the source of the stain should be identified.

**Staining Agents:** Baby oil, ketchup, chocolate, motor oil, olive oil, grape juice, urine, blood, hair oil tonic, tea, coffee and betadine. Use Method 1.

**Staining Agents:** Eye shadow, crayon, grease, tobacco tar or nicotine, yellow mustard and lipstick. Use Method 1. If stains persist, use Method 2.

**Staining Agents:** Permanent felt tip marker, ballpoint pen and spray paint. Use Method 2.

The recommended cleaners used in Cleaning Methods 1 and 2 are progressively more aggressive. Often, it is better to begin with the least aggressive cleaner and move to the next strongest only if the stain remains. **NEVER EXCEED** a staining agent's recommended cleaner or cleaning method, however.

**Method 1:** Use one of the following cleaners with a soft cloth or damp sponge. Rinse area with fresh water then dry with a clean, lint-free cloth.

#### Primary Recommended Cleaner

- Formula 409 All Purpose Spray Cleaner

#### Secondary Recommended Cleaners

- Lysol Clean and Fresh Multi-Surface Cleaner (Reckitt Benckiser)
- Lestoil Heavy Duty Cleaner (Clorox)
- Mr. Clean/Flash Clean and Shine (Procter and Gamble)
- Eco Touch All Purpose Premium Care

**Method 2:** Use a solvent-type cleaner\*, such as rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol). Rinse cleaned area with fresh water then dry with a clean, lint-free cloth. If the stain persists after six rubs, the stain has set and probably cannot be removed. Rinse cleaned area with fresh water, then dry with a clean, lint-free cloth.

**\*Caution:** Follow all product use instructions. Use in well ventilated area; some solvents are highly flammable. Exercise proper care in cleaning and notify personnel in area of danger. Wear protective gloves and eye protection during all cleaning activities. Use caution in cleaning around buttons, stitching and wooden or decorative trim, since these solvents could damage such areas.

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## Care Instructions for Image

- Select the appropriate cleaner according to the chart below
- Begin with the cleaner listed first and allow spot to dry
- If stain remains, proceed to the next recommended cleaner

Stains	Cleaners
Coffee/Tea/Milk	A
Juice/Soft Drinks	A
Mustard/Ketchup/Chocolate	A
Wine/Beer	A
Cooking Oil/Mayonnaise	A B
Crayon/Lipstick	A B
Urine/Blood	A
Body Oils	A
Ink	C
Furniture Polish	B A
Grease/Shoe Polish/Motor Oil	B A

## Cleaners

- A Mild soap such as Joy, Dove, Ivory or other hand-dishwashing liquids and water. Use a clean cloth or soft sponge to dab the stain with soapy water. Remove the soap solution by wiping the area with a cloth and clean water. Dry with a soft lint-free cloth or towel.
- B Mild petroleum solvent such as naphtha (lighter-fluid) or mineral spirits (paint thinner). Lightly wipe the stain with a clean cloth that has been moistened with solvent. Blot the stain and allow to dry.
- C One part Wisk detergent and one part rubbing alcohol. Dab lightly with a cloth that has been moistened with the solution. Do not rub. As the ink loosens, blot the area with a dry cloth. Repeat if necessary. Rinse with a cloth dampened in clean water and dry with a soft cloth.

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## Care Instructions for Wonder

### General Maintenance

Remove ordinary dirt and smudges with a mild soap and water solution and a soft cotton cloth; dry with a clean, soft cotton cloth.

### Disinfection

A solution of 10:1 parts water to bleach can be used to disinfect upholstery surfaces. Wipe the area with a cloth and clean water, and dry thoroughly with a soft lint-free cloth.

### Difficult Stains

Quickly cleaning spills will help minimize stains.

1. Spray Isopropyl Alcohol (70%) on the stained surface, wait 10 to 20 seconds and wipe the dirt with a clean, lint-free cloth.
2. Spray water on the cleaned surface and wipe with a clean, dry cotton cloth. Repeat to remove the residual chemical cleaners on the surface.

## Care Instructions for Elan, Essential and London Leather

### General Maintenance

Regularly dust with a clean, soft, dry cloth. Vacuum as needed using a soft brush attachment to remove dust and debris from the leather surface and crevices. Conditioning the leather once or twice a year will restore the leather's natural moisture, preserving its softness and providing protection from dust and liquids.

If you should get a stain that cannot be removed, never experiment with strong solvents or chemicals. The problem could get worse, and require repair. We recommend that you contact a professional leather cleaning service.

### Cleaning Instructions

- **Blot Spills:** Immediately blot spills with a clean, dry cloth to prevent discoloration.
- **Spot Clean:** For stains, use a solution of 1% mild soap (i.e. Neutrogene) to one gallon of lukewarm water. Apply the solution to a clean white cloth and gently wipe the area in a circular motion. Rinse and dry completely. Test the solution in an inconspicuous area first.
- **Air Dry:** Allow the leather to air dry completely. Don't use a heat source to dry the leather, as it can damage the coating and the leather.

**Never use oils, saddle soaps, harsh cleaners or cleaners containing abrasives on aniline or semi-aniline leather. Periodically, wipe the leather with a clean, damp cloth to remove accumulated soil, then allow it to air dry.**

Leather specific cleaners designed for cleaning and conditioning can be found at the Leather Institute: [www.leatherinstitute.com](http://www.leatherinstitute.com).

## Care Instructions for Rogue Leather

### General Maintenance

Regularly dust with a clean, soft, dry cloth. Vacuum as needed using a soft brush attachment to remove dust and debris from the leather surface and crevices. Conditioning the leather once or twice a year will restore the leather's natural moisture, preserving its softness and providing protection from dust and liquids.

If you should get a stain that cannot be removed, never experiment with strong solvents or chemicals. The problem could get worse, and require repair. We recommend that you contact a professional leather cleaning service.

### Cleaning Instructions

- **Blot Spills:** Immediately blot spills with a clean, dry absorbent cloth to prevent permanent discoloration.
- **Spot Clean:** Use a slightly damp cloth with a mild soap solution. Test the solution in an inconspicuous area first.
- **Use Distilled Water:** Avoid tap water, which can leave white marks and make the leather look dull.
- **Use a Leather Cleaning Brush:** The brush can clean into the leather fibers and loosen dirt.
- **Air Dry:** Allow the leather to air dry completely. Don't use a heat source to dry the leather, as it can damage the coating and the leather.
- **Clean the entire Panel:** When cleaning, clean the entire panel, not just a spot. This will help the area dry more uniformly and be less likely to show where the stain was.

**Never use oils, saddle soaps, harsh cleaners or cleaners containing abrasives on aniline or semi-aniline leather. Periodically, wipe the leather with a clean, damp cloth to remove accumulated soil, then allow it to air dry.**

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