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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.
- Clean protective arm covers and headrest, so they do not look different from the rest of your upholstery.
- 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. 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 Tetra-chloride 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 particular fabric. Do not use any tumble method of cleaning service as this may destroy the backing of the fabric or shrink or otherwise damage the upholstery.

### 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 as this may destroy the backing of the fabric or 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 after 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 dry cleaning or washing, even though they do have zippers. Do not use bleach or tumble method cleaning service as this may destroy the fabric backing or 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 any tumble method or cleaning service as this may destroy the backing of the fabric or 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. A 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.

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## GreenShield® Treated Fabric

### General Maintenance

The best time to deal with any spill is immediately after it happens. Most spills on a GreenShield treated fabric will be sitting on top of the fabric for a short period of time after a spill. Immediate gentle blotting of a simple liquid spill such as coffee or wine with a clean dry absorbent cloth or paper towel will often completely remove the spill. If the spill is viscous or contains solids (mustard, tomato sauce, etc.), it is best to carefully remove the bulk of the material and its solids with something like a spoon before blotting the spill.

**Do not rub at the spill as that may push it into the fabric or make it bigger.**

If the spill is large, remember to blot toward the center so that it does not spread. If the spill is not completely removed by blotting the application of a fluid cleaner may be necessary. Before selecting a cleaning system be sure to check the manufacturer's instructions for the fabric. Soapy water is usually the safest and most effective cleaning liquid for recent spills on a GreenShield treated fabric.

Lightly wetting the surface of the fabric with water and repeated blotting will pick up the remnants of many spills. Blotting the surface of a spill with a dilute solution of liquid detergent in cool water followed by blotting with a dry absorbent cloth will pick up slightly more stubborn stains.

**Hot water may set the stain and is not recommended.** Rubbing gently with a cloth or a soft brush can be useful but hard brushing may alter the texture of some fabrics and therefore is not recommended.

Removing more difficult stains and stains that have dried will require more effort. First, brush or vacuum off any dried component of the spill. Then, lay a damp cloth flat on the stain and blot with gentle pressure. If part of the stain is removed, repeat until removal is complete. If complete removal is not achieved, the same procedure can be used with a dilute, mild detergent.

The GreenShield protective finishes are generally not removed by treatment with spot stain removers. The GreenShield finishes may be used with either water or solvent based cleaners. However, it is the fabric itself that determines which types of treatments are useful. The makers of GreenShield strongly recommend cleaning solutions with minimal environmental impact.

If these simple methods fail, it will be necessary to select a cleaning solution that is appropriate for the fabric and the composition of the stain. Many different types of spot cleaning solutions are available and can be purchased or formulated at home. A particular cleaner may be vastly superior for a particular stain or a sequence of treatments may be best, but mixing components is not recommended. (Chlorine bleaches should **NOT** be used with either ammonia or vinegar.)

Apply the selected cleaning solution directly to the stain as recommended by its manufacturer. Do not overwet. Allow the damped fabric to sit for a time and then blot with a clean white cloth or paper towel. Repeat as needed. Depending on the cleaner's instructions, a final water rinse may be recommended. Finally, dry the treated area by placing a weighted white towel on top of it.

It is impossible to evaluate all available cleaners but a number have been tested for both spot removal and their impact on the GreenShield treatments. Water-based spot cleaners that have been found to be compatible with fabrics using GreenShield and GreenShield ZERO fabric finish include:

- Woolite® Upholstery Cleaner
- Woolite® Oxy Deep®
- Resolve® Multi-Fabric
- Shout® Advanced
- Folex®
- Once'n Done®

Few solvent based spot cleaners have been evaluated with GreenShield or GreenShield ZERO. Solvent cleaners based on hydrotreated aliphatic hydrocarbons (such as Solv-a-clene™ and Goo Gone®) were compatible with GreenShield as was isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol).

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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.

## 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.
- 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 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 Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner Disfectant Wipes</li> <li>• PDI® Sani Cloth® Cloth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hydrogen Peroxide</li> <li>• Clorox® Healthcare Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner Disfectant Wipes</li> <li>• Ecolab® Oxycide®</li> <li>• Virex® TB</li> <li>• Virex®II 256</li> <li>• Virex® 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3M™ Neutral Cleaner 3L</li> <li>• 3M™ Neutral Quat 23L</li> <li>• Biotrol™ Birex®</li> <li>• Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes</li> <li>• Ecolab® Asepticare® TB + II</li> <li>• Ecolab® Discide®</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> </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 CPU/Contessa 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 with clean water will remove most of the 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 to be comprehensive.

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

**Note:** The cleaning recommendations above are just a guide and intended to help the maintenance of the specified product. Painte 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

<b>Stains</b>	<b>Cleaners</b>
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.

## Cleaning Instructions for Leather

### General Maintenance

Regularly clean furniture with a 100% white cotton cloth. Dampen cloth with water only. Wipe surface. Allow furniture to air-dry. 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, needing to be repaired. We recommend that you contact a professional leather cleaning service.

### Antibacterial Disinfectant Maintenance

Since leather is a natural product, it is recommended that cleaning with warm water and a mild soap like Dawn will remove everything from the surface of the material. The individual cleaning will need to wash their hands and the cloth used to clean afterwards to prevent any spread of a virus to other pieces of the furniture, similar to washing your hands to remove any dirt or virus that may potentially come into contact with the surface. **Bernhardt Textiles highly does not recommend alcohol wipes because they are often too harsh on materials and, over time, will potentially remove the tannings and alter the color of the leather.**

For antibacterial disinfectant leather cleaner recommendations, please contact your [Bernhardt Textiles](#) account executive at 1-877-639-0728 for additional information.