



Tenara®

ARCHITECTURAL FABRICS

Cleaning Recommendations

GORE® Architectural Fabric is 100% fluoropolymer and is naturally selfcleaning. However, additional cleaning procedures can be employed to remove stubborn dirt or stains that could harm people or the environment.

Overall Cleaning

In general, most contaminants such as dust and dirt can be cleaned with water. If water proves insufficient to clean the fabric, an ammonia or detergent solution can be used, along with a soft brush and a gentle leaning action. It should not be necessary to aggressively 'scrub' the fabric to remove dirt/stains. If desired, chlorine bleach solutions can also be used in any concentration without affecting the fabric. 'Pressure washers' should not be used, as their extremely high pressure could damage the fabric.

Spot Cleaning

First wipe the discoloration off with a clean damp rag by rubbing gently. If this fails to remove the discoloration, apply a liberal amount of cleaning solution (as recommended below) to a clean rag and rub the fabric gently. Use a final water rinse, and allow the fabric to air dry. If desired, dry fabric with a clean rag. This should remove most dirt spots.

NOTE: Ammonia and detergents are recommended cleaning agents to try BEFORE isopropyl alcohol, as alcohol will tend to dissolve the contaminant and could cause it to be absorbed into the top fabric layer.

Cleaning Agents to Avoid

Solvents are NOT recommended and should not be used, as they may adversely affect the stain by helping to 'set it' into the fabric. Examples include: Ketones, acetone and methylene chloride, paint removers, oven cleaners, or dry cleaning solutions. Abrasive cleaning agents or implements should NOT be used as they could damage the fabric surface.

Common 'Stains' and Recommended Cleaning Agents

- Amino Acids/Natural fats: Ammonia based products, detergents.
- Common dirt, grease, ink, etc.: Detergents, Isopropyl alcohol.
- Bleach solutions do not affect GORE® Architectural Fabrics and can be safely used without affecting the performance of the fabric.

NOTE: Cleaning agents should be used with care, and if possible tested on a hidden section for adverse affects. Of course appropriate personal protective equipment should be used as recommended by the cleaning manufacturer.

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