

WipeAble

Clean Up & Maintenance

WipeAble materials offer "clean-in-place" convenience. Any soils or stains that may accumulate on the surfaces should be removed periodically for a fresh new appearance. Use neutral soap suds and lukewarm water. Then rinse with water and allow fabric to dry. **Hard to Clean Spots:** Standard household/vinyl cleansers and/or a soft bristle brush can be used for removing troublesome spots or stains. Heavy "dried on" soil may first require soaking to loosen. **DO NOT USE HARSH CLEANSERS OR SOLVENTS**, unless shown on the list of tested products.

The manufacturer does not recommend the laundering of WipeAble since laundering may substantially decrease the useful life of these fabrics. However, if laundering is required, follow the procedures of the International Fabricare Institute:

General Cleaning:

- Soils or Stains: Use neutral soap suds and lukewarm water. Do not use harsh cleansers, solvents or detergents.
- Hard-to-Clean Spots: Use standard household/vinyl cleansers and a soft bristle brush and gentle agitation on troublesome spots or stains. Pre-soak heavy, dried on soil.

Disinfecting:

- Phenolic disinfectants are the best choice for vinyl products, though properly diluted quaternaries are also acceptable. Phenolic should be avoided on urethane.
- Quaternary/Isopropyl disinfectants are not recommended for vinyl.
- All WipeAble fabrics may be cleaned with a 1:10 dilution of household bleaches containing 5.25% sodium hypochlorite as recommended by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. There is no harmful effect on the fabric when used in this dilution ratio.

Specific Commercial Disinfectants:

- There are many popular disinfectants being used in care facilities. Cavi-Wipes and Virox5 are two of these that have been tested by the manufacturer and found to be acceptable for use with WipeAble materials when used according to manufacturer's recommendations.

Laundering:

- Vinyl-laminated or rubber-coated WipeAble materials is not recommended. Laundering may substantially decrease the useful life of the fabric.
- Polyurethane-coated WipeAble materials: Machine wash with detergent up to 120°. (Some surface wrinkling may occur. This wrinkling has no adverse effect on the fabric properties). Hang or tumble dry thoroughly at 140° before storage.

Precautions:

- Disinfectants applied at full concentration or in highly concentrated solutions may damage the fabric and will decrease the useful life of WipeAble materials.
- Iodophor type disinfectants used on WipeAble materials may result in staining. If stains from Iodopher (i.e. iodine bearing) type disinfectants are not treated with a diluted (10 to1) bleach solution within 20 minutes of application or spillage, staining will occur.
- Storage of fabrics that have not been dried thoroughly before folding and storing can promote the growth of mildew.

List of Chemicals Tested

The following are believed to be safe to use on WipeAble materials when used according to manufacturer's directions:

- Virox 5 Cleaner – Active Ingredient: 0.5% Hydrogen Peroxide
- Oxivir® TB Disinfectant Cleaner - Active Ingredient: 0.5% Hydrogen Peroxide
- CaviWipes Disinfecting Towels - Active Ingredient: 0.28% Diisobutylphenoxyethoxyethyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride; 17.2% Isopropano
- ProCure V - Active Ingredient: Chlorine Dioxide
- PDI Sani-Cloth HB Germicidal Disposable Wipe - Active Ingredients: Alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride and Alkyl dimethyl ethyl benzyl ammonium chloride

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List of Chemicals Tested (continued)

- Clorox Healthcare Bleach Germicidal Wipes - One-step, ready-to-use disinfectants - Active ingredient: 0.5% sodium hypochlorite
- Super Sani-Cloth - Active Ingredients: Isopropyl Alcohol 55%; Alkyl (60% C14, 32% C16, 5% C12, 5% C18) dimethyl benzyl ammonium chlorides 0.25%; Alkyl (68% C12, 32% C14) dimethyl ethylbenzyl ammonium chloride 0.25%
- Pro-Q256 Cleaners - Active Ingredients: Didecyl dimethyl ammonium chloride 10.14%; n-Alkyl (C14 50%, C12 40%, C16 10%) dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride 6.76