

CARE OF KI ARCHITECTURAL WALL SURFACE MATERIALS

(Instructions and tips on how to care for your surface materials – upholstery)



Vertical Surface Fabrics

Clean with shampoo, foam or dry cleaning solvents as desired. Do not saturate with liquid. Pile fabrics may require brushing to restore appearance. Remove as much soil or staining material as possible by carefully vacuuming, brushing, or scraping with a dull instrument.

Water-Borne Soil

Follow these directions for removing water-borne, non-greasy soil or stains (such as coffee, milk, soft drinks, fruit juices, washable ink, etc.):

1. Gently apply a water-base cleaner, that is specifically made for cleaning fabric, to the soiled area using a clean cloth or sponge. Suitable cleaners include Bissell® Upholstery Shampoo, Woolite® Upholstery Shampoo, or Guardsman Fabri-Kleen®.
2. Work the cleaner into a lather or foam, if possible, to minimize soaking the fabric. Using light brushing motions, work from the outside of the soiled area toward the center to prevent rings.
3. Allow fabric to dry completely, and then vacuum thoroughly.

Oil-Borne Soil

Follow these directions for removing oil-borne soil or stains (such as salad dressing, grease, lipstick, ball-point ink, etc.):

1. Gently apply a dry-cleaning fluid to the soiled area using a dampened, clean cloth or soft-bristle brush.
2. Using quick, light, rubbing or brushing strokes, work from the outside of the soiled area toward the center to prevent rings. Avoid soaking the fabric.
3. Gently blot with a clean, absorbent cloth to soak up and remove dampened soil.
4. Allow fabric to dry completely, and then vacuum thoroughly.

Large Areas

When large fabric areas must be cleaned, such as complete panels, it is recommended that you employ a professional cleaning firm that uses a dry-foam upholstery shampoo and an immediate wet pick-up vacuum system. **Do not steam clean** or use other methods that soak or heat the fabric.

Vertical Surface Vinyl

Remove as much soil or staining material as possible by carefully vacuuming, brushing, or scraping with a dull instrument. Use lukewarm water and mild soap to remove most soil and stains. Work up a thin lather on a clean, damp piece of cheesecloth and rub it gently over the soiled area. Wipe off the soap with a fresh piece of cheesecloth. Finish by wiping with a soft, dry cloth.

Never use furniture polishes, oils, solvents, varnishes, abrasive cleaners, or ammonia water on leather.

Never use furniture polishes, oils, solvents, varnishes, abrasive cleaners, or ammonia water on vinyl. Naphtha or mineral spirits may be used with caution (they are flammable) to remove chewing gum, grease, or other greasy soils and stains that cannot be removed with soap and water

PVC Trim, Laminate Faces and Metal Trim

Wiping with a damp cloth will remove general soiling and water-borne stains. If needed, use a hard surface, all-purpose cleaner such as Formula 409, Fantastic, Top Job, Mr. Clean, etc. Some oil-borne stains may require the use of a dry-cleaning fluid or naphtha. To fill scratches in wood grain laminate tops, use an oak, walnut, or mahogany putty stick (available at paint supply and hardware stores).

Wood Faces

Clean by using a cleaner or flax soap formulated especially for wood furniture. Dilute the cleaner according to the manufacturer's directions. Dampen, but do not saturate a soft cloth with the diluted cleaner and wipe the surface in the direction of the wood grain to remove dirt and finger prints. Wipe the surface clean with a soft, dry cloth. Oils, abrasives, and ammonia/bleach containing cleaners should not be used on wood surfaces. Never use any oil containing product on wood surfaces as they might discolor the finish.

General Cleaning

Avoid extreme temperatures and humidity. Maintain temperatures between 60 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit and humidity levels between 30 and 50 percent.

Keep a supply of soft, clean, absorbent cloths handy for wiping up spills and regular dusting.

To dust, wipe with a slightly damp, soft cloth, using another soft cloth to dry. Always wipe the surface in the direction of the wood grain. Never use any oil containing product on wood surfaces as they might discolor the finish.

