

THE CLEANING AND CARE OF POLYURETHANE COATED FABRICS FROM DARTEX COATINGS

General Guidance

- ◆ Attention must be paid to the properties of any other materials, which may be combined with Dartex Coatings fabrics in the final article (eg dimensional stability, colour fastness, washing instructions).
- ◆ Some surface wrinkling may result from cleaning procedures. This has no adverse effect on the fabric's properties.
- ◆ In washing machines, it may be difficult to wet out full covers. Correspondingly, spinning and tumbling may not remove water trapped between layers. It may be helpful to interrupt the washing or drying cycles to alleviate this.
- ◆ Abrasive cleaning agents should not be used.
- ◆ In addition, because of the variety of laundry equipment and conditions in use, customers should satisfy themselves that any Dartex Coatings fabric, does perform as expected, in any given situation
- ◆ Customers with special requirements not covered in these notes should consult Dartex Coatings.

Washing and Disinfection

- ◆ Superficial dirt on the coating may be removed by wiping with a soft cloth moistened with water containing a neutral detergent. More persistent contamination may be treated by wiping with alcohols or turpentine substitute, followed by hot water and detergent.
- ◆ Cleaning and disinfection in situ may be carried out on the coating with hand hot water and a neutral detergent or with a sodium hypochlorite solution (0.1% or 1000 parts per million available chlorine).
- ◆ Proprietary disinfectants may be used provided manufacturer's instructions are followed.
- ◆ All cleaning agents, and disinfectants, must be thoroughly rinsed off and the item dried before storage. Failure to do this may result in the accumulation of reagent that could damage the polyurethane coating, react with the bed frame, or negate the biocompatibility results of the Dartex® fabric.
- ◆ Undyed fabrics may be washed at temperatures up to 95°C (203°F), dyed up to 71 ° C (160°F), using normal detergents.

Drying

- ◆ It is essential that articles be thoroughly dried after all cleaning procedures and before storage.
- ◆ Drying may be effected by hanging out, spinning or tumbling at temperatures up to 130 °C (266°F). Do not mangle.

Storage

- ◆ Store in a cool, dry area. Avoid excessive pressure and contact with non-colourfast materials