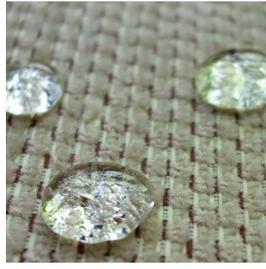


CARE & CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS



EXTEX fabrics are porous, not waterproof. The reason for this is two-fold. In order for the cloth to be practical, it was specifically designed to allow moisture to easily evaporate through. When sewing the cloth, the puncture holes created by the needle become channels through which water gets into the cushion. This water needs a means of escape to allow the cushion to dry out, hence the porosity of the fabric. In addition, it is this porosity that allows the fabric to be breathable, which makes sitting around on a hot and humid day all the more comfortable!

The components of EXTEX fabrics will not support mildew growth. However, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign substances which have not been properly removed from the fabric. We recommend regular cleaning or vacuuming with a soft brush attachment to remove dust deposits and in the case of EXTEX chenilles, regular gentle brushing will help maintain the plushness of the pile.

All EXTEX fabrics, except ALPINE, are treated with a durable fabric protector, a washable soil, stain and water repellent treatment, which forms an invisible molecular barrier around the individual fibres, guarding against oil- and water-based stains, dust and general soiling.

Dealing with all soil or stains promptly will ensure their removal and avoid the likelihood of mildew growth and the need for intensive cleaning. Liquid spills or a light shower will not soak into the cloth; instead they will bead up on the surface and roll off, so with prompt action all that is needed is a clean, dry cloth to absorb any residue. Dry soil can be brushed off easily.

ALPINE is inherently resistant to mould and bacteria and resistant to liquid stains including sun screen. As per all other EXTEX fabrics, frequent vacuuming or light brushing to remove dust and dirt is recommended. Most dirt and stains can be cleaned when promptly treated.

The most important thing to remember with the care of EXTEX fabrics is that any heat and/or chemical treatments must be very carefully administered. The synthetic nature of the yarns dictates that any heat treatment must be limited to a **MAXIMUM of 40°C, (ALPINE MAXIMUM 30°C)**

The stain-resistant coating also limits the type of cleansers which should be used, as any variety of harsh chemical will attack and break down the barrier.

EXTEX fabrics can be hand or machine-washed in luke-warm water, using the delicate cycle, **40°C MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE (ALPINE MAXIMUM 30°C)**. Use natural or mild detergent. Do not pour the detergent directly on to the material. Do not use bleach. We recommend air-drying in a shady area, or tumble-drying (except Alpine, Haze and Wave) on a very low temperature setting (max. 40°C). Do not twist or wring.

EXTEX fabrics can be professionally dry cleaned (except Alpine) using perchloroethylene solvent, on a short cycle.

Fixed upholstery can be cleaned with a proprietary upholstery shampoo, following the manufacturers' instructions (always test the product on an inconspicuous part of the fabric first). If the product contains sodium chlorite or hypochlorite, do not leave the fabric to dry in direct sunlight and do not cover the fabric whilst still wet.

Over time and repeated washings, or after a very thorough cleaning, it may be necessary to reapply the stain-resist finish (except Alpine)– various products are available.

For specific soiling, please contact us for detailed cleaning instructions...we'll do our best to help!

Note: As with all cleaning methods, spot test all cleaning products/ solutions on a non-visible area of the cloth to ensure colour stability.