Care and Maintenance

Healthcare/Seating Cleaning Instructions

All Mesh Patient Chairs

All components of the standard "all-mesh" metal-base patient chair are designed and tested to be cleaned and disinfected with CDC and OSHA approved cleaning agents. Detergent-based Quat 15.3 or detergent-based Phenolic cleaners can be applied with a steam cleaner, pressure washer, or spray bottle and brush without fear of damaging the fabrics or finishes.

Healthcare Mesh

Mesh seats and backs are a stain-resistant, vinyl-coated woven polyester mesh. They should be cleaned and handled like a vinyl product.

Cleaning - Use a hospital grade combined disinfectant/detergent or a household-grade cleaner/degreaser like Formula 409. Cleaning can be enhanced by using a soft brush to dislodge matter from the mesh. In case of difficult stains, a solution of chlorine bleach and water may be used in progressive dilutions up to full-strength bleach. Thoroughly rinse with clean water. Clean at reasonable intervals as vinyl will chemically bond with dirt if left for too long. DO NOT use solvent-based cleaners like Pine-Sol, rubbing alcohol, lighter fluid, or nail-polish remover (acetone) as deplasticization may occur.

Mesh Stain Removal

Urine: Soap and water Blood: Hydrogen peroxide

Fecal matter: Soap, water and cholorine bleach
Betadyne: Trisodium Thiosulfate (known as "hypo")

Perspiration: Soap and water

Vinyl Trim & Upholstery

Cleaning - Use a hospital-grade combined disinfectant/detergent or a household-grade cleaner/degreaser like Formula 409. Cleaning can be enhanced by using a soft brush to remove dirt from the pores of the vinyl material. In case of difficult stains, a solution of chlorine bleach and water may be used in progressive dilutions up to full-strength bleach. Thoroughly rinse with clean water.

- Clean vinyl often to prevent chemical bonding with dirt.
- Vinyl products exposed to solvent cleaners (like Pine-Sol, rubbing alcohol, lighter fluid, or nail-polish remover/acetone)will deplasticize.
- Deplasticization speeds up the aging process and causes dirt to more readily bond to the vinyl.
- Vinyl will chemically bond with ink.
- Vinyls are water resistant, not waterproof

Please refer to care and cleaning section on the Mesh and Vinyl Card for Healthcare/Seating KI-32324.

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Armrests - Rose Chair and Rose Tandem Seating

The standard Rose/Rose Tandem arm is tubular soft vinyl.

Cleaning - Use a hospital-grade combined disinfectant/detergent or a household-grade cleanser like Formula 409. A stiff, short-bristle scrub brush (such as a fingernail brush) is most effective on this fine textured surface. Arms will continue looking bright and new with frequent cleaning. DO NOT use solvent-based cleaners like Pine-Sol, rubbing alcohol, lighter fluid, or nail-polish remover (acetone) as deplasticization may occur. DO NOT allow grime and skin oils to remain for long periods of time (to prevent chemical bonding with the vinyl). Stain removal - If the stain is permanent, it can be safely sandpapered off the top surface without adversely affecting surface appearance. Use an emery board or 150-grit sandpaper.

Arms - Warren Chair

Warren arms are flat-topped textured polyethylene and are inert to any non-abrasive cleanser.

Cleaning - Use a hospital-grade combined disinfectant/detergent or a household-grade cleanser like Formula 409. A soft scrub brush is most effective on this textured surface.

Painted Finishes

Fused powder-coated finishes

Cleaning - Use a hospital-grade combined disinfectant/detergent or other non-abrasive cleanser. For difficult stains, a non-abrasive fiberglass cleanser like Bon Ami may be carefully used. Touch-up paints may be ordered from the factory. DO NOT use abrasive cleansers.

Chrome Finishes

Chrome finish is marine-grade nickel/chrome and is extremely hard.

Cleaning - Steel wool or abrasive pads or sponges may be safely used to dislodge dried-on substances. Use any non-corrosive cleanser or metal polish in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Wood Finishes

Cleaning - Use a hospital-grade combined disinfectant/detergent but make sure to dry promptly. Occasional treatment with a product like Scott's Liquid Gold will enhance the beauty of the wood. DO NOT use steam cleaners or pressure washers on any chairs with wood components.

Upholstery

Obtain the fabric care specifications from the upholstery supplier. Removable upholstery may be removed for cleaning and the "all-mesh" chair remains in service. On patient chairs, the removable upholstery is attached with velcro at four locations: under the wall-bumper, at the bottom of the back, at the rear, and under the bottom of the seat. If the foam inside the removable upholstery sleeve becomes soiled, replacement foam inserts are available from the factory.

