

Detailed Cleaning Instructions

The following guidelines for fabrics with Crypton will help you determine the best method for your particular cleaning requirement.

As with all fabrics, Crypton requires regular cleaning. We suggest vacuuming to remove dirt and dust. To prolong the life of your furniture, cushions should be rotated on a frequent basis. The longterm beauty of Crypton can be found in its ability to clean stains not usually removed from ordinary upholstered fabrics.

Liquid spills

Most all spills can be easily cleaned with a towel before they dry. Just simply wipe up the spill with a clean cloth. We prefer a fabric cloth because when using a paper napkin it may fall apart and leave pieces of itself on the fabric. In the event this does occur just brush or vacuum the area. Please follow the instructions for Solid or Dried Stains (below) if a residue remains after wiping.

Solid or dried stains

The key to removing solid or dried stains is to remove as much of the staining agent before applying the cleaning solution. By removing the majority of the staining agent there is less of a possibility that the stain will be rubbed into the fabric as it is cleaned. In many cases this process will completely remove the stain. If the staining agent is a heavy liquid (salad dressing, mayonnaise, etc.) slide a dull flat knife (a butter knife works well) or similar object under the staining agent. Then hold a clean cloth in the other hand to "lift" the staining agent from the fabric onto the clean cloth. In some cases where a heavy liquid staining agent (ketchup) has completely dried, it can be peeled off with your finger leaving a clean piece of fabric. If the stain is completely dried, still continue to try and remove the staining agent before washing. The goal is to have most of the staining agent removed before the fabric is washed. Once again, we recommend a clean dull knife to scrape away the stain. It is also very important to thoroughly brush or vacuum the area to remove the loose stain particles. If the stain is oil based, please pre-treat the area with rubbing alcohol. To begin, liberally apply the alcohol and rub it into the stain. Allow the alcohol to sit on the stain for 1-2 minutes. Then wipe the excess alcohol with a clean cloth. The next step in removing a stain like this is the Wet Cleaning Treatment below.

Wet cleaning

Crypton is best cleaned with an enzyme powder detergent and water. An example of an enzyme powder detergent is Tide, Cheer, etc. We recommend a mixture of 50% enzyme powder detergent and 50% water. Apply the solution to the stain and rub it in with your finger. Allow the solution to remain on the stain for at least one minute up to five minutes depending on time available. This time permits the powder detergent to start removing the staining agent. Then scrub the area with a clean nylon brush. Scrubbing time is dependent upon the type and size of the stain. Please remember to scrub aggressively in order to loosen the remaining staining agent from the fabric. After scrubbing, the area needs to be rinsed thoroughly. This will be accomplished successfully by wiping the area with a clean dry cloth in order to remove as much of the soap and water stain solution as possible. Then with a sponge and a bucket of clean water thoroughly rinse the area. Water will not affect Crypton. So please use it liberally. Remember to remove all the soap because the fabric will look and perform it's best when all the soap is removed. After rinsing the area, dry with a clean cloth. Any remaining moisture (wet spot) will completely evaporate in a short time. With Crypton's water barrier, there is no worry of wetting the foam when thoroughly rinsing the fabric.

Steam cleaning

If this option is available, it is an ideal method of thoroughly cleaning Crypton. Spots can be removed by pre-treating them with either the soap solution above or a pretreatment solution from the steam cleaning company. Most cleaning solutions provided by these companies are acceptable for Crypton fabrics.