

UPHOLSTERY CLEANING CODES

Know the cleaning code of the fabric; that is the first guide for proper cleaning. Upholstery fabric is labeled by the mill/manufacturer with one of four cleaning codes. The code may be found in several locations: (1) On the fabric swatch in our store; (2) On your order slip; (3) Depending on the manufacturer of your upholstery, on the deck label directly under the seat cushion.

For best results, follow these recommended cleaning code instructions to preserve the beauty of your upholstery pieces. Always read directions carefully before using any cleaner. Always PRE-TEST any cleaner in an inconspicuous/unexposed area for colorfastness and fabric stability. Apply cleaner in an inconspicuous area – choose an area where there is a pattern or lots of color. After five minutes, while still wet, take a white towel or cloth and press down firmly for ten to fifteen seconds. Look for dye transfers on the towel. If dye transfers to towel, material is not colorfast for that type of cleaner.

CAUTION: Water-based or detergent-based solvent cleaners may cause excessive shrinkage. Water stains may become permanent and non-removable with solvent cleaning agents.

Industry Cleaning Codes:

S – Spot clean only with a water-free dry cleaning solvent. Pretest a small, inconspicuous area before proceeding. Do not saturate. **DO NOT USE WATER.** Pile fabrics may require brushing with a non-metallic, stiff bristle brush to restore appearance. Cushion covers should not be removed and dry-cleaned. To prevent overall soiling, frequent vacuuming or light brushing with a non-metallic, stiff bristle brush to remove dust and grime is recommended. When cleaning a spill, blot immediately to remove spilled material. Clean spots or stains from the outside to the middle of the affected area to prevent circling. Overall cleaning by a professional furniture cleaning service only is recommended.

W – Spot clean only with water-based shampoo or foam upholstery cleaner. Pretest for color loss and fabric compatibility. Do not over wet. Use professional upholstery cleaning service for overall soiling.

WS – Spot clean with upholstery shampoo, foam from a mild detergent, or mild dry cleaning solvent. Pretest a small, inconspicuous area before proceeding. Do not saturate. Pile fabrics may require brushing with a nonmetallic, stiff bristle brush to restore appearance. Hot water extraction of steam cleaning is not a recommended cleaning method. Cushions casings should not be removed and laundered or dry-cleaned. To prevent overall soiling, frequent vacuuming or light brushing with a non-metallic, stiff bristle brush to remove dust and grime is recommended. When cleaning a spill, blot immediately to remove spilled material. Clean spots or stains from the outside to the middle of affected area to prevent circling. Use a professional furniture cleaning service when an overall soiled condition has been reached.

X – Cleaning only by vacuuming or light brushing with a non-metallic, stiff bristle brush. **DO NOT USE ANY WATER OR SOLVENT BASED CLEANER.**