

Polyester Fabric Care Guide

Caring for Your Upholstered Furniture

Thank you for choosing our furniture. Your upholstery is made from polyester fabric, valued for its durability, color retention, and resistance to wrinkles and everyday wear. With proper care, your furniture will maintain its comfort and appearance for years to come.

Always follow the cleaning code and care instructions shown on the furniture's manufacturer label.

Routine Cleaning

Regular cleaning prevents dust, crumbs, and debris from becoming embedded in the fabric.

- Vacuum weekly using a soft-brush upholstery attachment.
- Clean beneath and between removable cushions.
- Use a lint roller or upholstery-safe fabric brush to remove pet hair.
- Gently brush textured fabrics in the direction of the weave.
- Fluff and reposition cushions regularly to help maintain their shape.

Avoid using excessive pressure or stiff brushes, which may damage the fabric surface.

Cleaning Spills

Treat spills promptly to reduce the risk of staining.

1. Blot the spill immediately with a clean, dry, white cloth.
2. Work from the outside of the spill toward the center.
3. Continue blotting until as much moisture as possible has been absorbed.
4. Allow the area to air-dry completely before use.

Do not rub or scrub the spill. This may spread the stain or damage the fabric fibers.

Check the Cleaning Code

Before applying water or any cleaning product, locate the upholstery cleaning code on the manufacturer label.

- **W:** Use a water-based upholstery cleaner.
- **S:** Use a water-free solvent-based upholstery cleaner.
- **W/S or S/W:** Either a water-based or solvent-based upholstery cleaner may be used.

- **X:** Vacuum or brush only. Professional cleaning is recommended.

Although polyester is generally durable, the fabric's backing, dyes, finishes, and construction may require a specific cleaning method.

Spot Cleaning

When permitted by the cleaning code:

- Test the cleaner on a hidden area first.
- Apply the cleaner to a clean white cloth rather than directly to the upholstery.
- Use only a small amount of cleaning solution.
- Blot gently without soaking the fabric.
- Work from the outside of the stain toward the center.
- Remove any cleaner residue according to the product instructions.
- Allow the area to air-dry completely.

When practical, clean the entire affected panel or from seam to seam to help prevent rings or uneven appearance.

Do not use direct heat, such as a hair dryer, to speed drying.

Oil-Based Stains

Polyester fibers can attract and retain oily substances.

For grease, cosmetics, food oils, or similar stains:

- Blot away excess material without spreading it.
- Do not apply water unless permitted by the cleaning code.
- Use an upholstery cleaner appropriate for the fabric's cleaning code.
- Contact a professional upholstery cleaner for large or persistent oil-based stains.

Do not use household degreasers, as they may discolor or damage the upholstery.

Protect Your Furniture

To promote even wear and extend the life of the fabric:

- Rotate and fluff removable cushions regularly.
- Reverse cushions when their construction allows.
- Avoid sitting on the arms, back, or edge of the furniture.
- Lift cushions rather than pulling them by zippers, piping, or welting.

- Keep keys, buckles, jewelry, and other sharp objects away from the fabric.
 - Keep hook-and-loop fasteners from contacting the upholstery.
 - Trim pet nails to reduce snagging and surface damage.
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Pilling and Static

Minor pilling may occur through normal use, especially in high-contact areas. This does not necessarily indicate a defect.

- Remove pills carefully with an upholstery-safe fabric shaver.
- Do not pull pills by hand, as this may damage the fabric.
- Vacuum regularly to reduce loose fibers and surface debris.

Polyester may also develop static electricity in dry environments. Maintaining normal indoor humidity can help reduce static buildup.

Avoid Excess Moisture

Do not saturate the upholstery or cushion filling.

Excess moisture may cause:

- Water rings
- Color variation
- Odors
- Mildew
- Damage to the fabric backing
- Moisture retention within the cushions

Do not use steam cleaners, carpet-cleaning machines, or extraction equipment unless specifically approved by the manufacturer.

Sunlight and Heat

Polyester generally retains color well, but prolonged exposure to sunlight may still cause fading or discoloration.

For best results:

- Keep furniture away from prolonged direct sunlight.
- Use curtains, shades, or blinds in brightly lit rooms.
- Position furniture away from fireplaces, radiators, and heating vents.
- Rotate cushions periodically to encourage even exposure and wear.

Keep hot appliances, heating pads, and other direct heat sources away from the upholstery.

Avoid Harsh Products

Do **not** use:

- Bleach
- Ammonia
- Acetone
- Paint thinner
- Household degreasers
- Abrasive powders
- Scouring pads
- Stiff brushes
- Laundry detergent
- Household surface cleaners
- Fabric softener
- Unapproved stain repellents

These products may alter the fabric's color, texture, finish, or protective treatment.

Pet Care

Polyester is generally durable, but pet-related damage can still occur.

- Vacuum pet hair regularly.
 - Blot accidents immediately.
 - Use only stain and odor treatments approved for the fabric's cleaning code.
 - Avoid allowing pets to scratch, chew, or dig at the upholstery.
 - Consider using a washable furniture throw in high-use areas.
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Professional Cleaning

Professional upholstery cleaning is recommended for:

- Large or deeply absorbed stains
- Heavy overall soiling
- Persistent odors
- Oil-based stains
- Fabrics marked with an **X** cleaning code
- Stains that remain after careful spot cleaning

Provide the cleaner with the upholstery cleaning code and fiber-content information whenever possible.

Enjoy Your Furniture

With regular vacuuming, prompt treatment of spills, and cleaning methods appropriate for its care code, your polyester upholstery will maintain its comfort, color, and appearance for years to come.

Thank you for your purchase and for taking care of your furniture.