

Finish      **Stain Repellent**  
Cleaning    **Water-based/Solvent (WS)**

### Regular Maintenance

For the aesthetic and performance longevity of our products, Designtex recommends following regular maintenance practices. Maintenance is routine, ongoing care which reduces soil build-up on a material's surface. Vacuum regularly with a proper attachment to thoroughly remove air-borne dust and lint. Clean periodically to remove accumulated grime and retain the material's original appearance as much as possible. Always clean all upholstered areas of the furniture piece to maintain a uniform appearance.

### Stain Treatment

Promptly treat spots and stains. For liquid spills, gently blot (don't rub) spill immediately with an absorbent cloth while spill is still fresh. If needed, wipe with clean water and a dry, clean cloth. If a spill does not come off with water and a dry clean cloth, add mild detergent mixed with water. Work in a circular motion to lift stain. Do not rub excessively or you may cause fuzzing. For stubborn stains, use an approved cleaner, following the cleaning instructions provided below. Always clean all upholstered areas of the furniture piece to maintain a uniform appearance.

### Cleaning Instructions

- Always pretest a small, inconspicuous area with cleaning agents.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for use of cleaning products (i.e. concentration, application method, contact time, use of PPE).
- Do not oversaturate the material; use small amounts of cleaning solution at a time and blot between applications. Liquids should never be pressed through the material and care should be taken to not let liquids pool at the seams.

### Disinfecting Instructions

- Prior to disinfection, it is important to ensure that the surface area is clean and dry.
- Confirm disinfectant compatibility.<sup>1</sup>
- Always pretest a small, inconspicuous area with disinfecting agents.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for use of disinfection products (i.e. concentration, application method, contact time, use of PPE).
- Do not oversaturate the material; make sure the disinfectant is applied uniformly to the entire surface. Liquids should never be pressed through the material and care should be taken to not let liquids pool at the seams.

As a final step to cleaning or disinfecting, surface **MUST** be wiped with a clean, water dampened cloth to avoid residue and build-up. Do not over-wet. Wipe Dry.

For pile fabrics, brush and/or vacuum with a proper attachment, working in the direction of the nap to restore pile after cleaning or disinfecting.

Note: The information in this guide refers to the performance of these materials in tests conducted under laboratory conditions. This information is not guaranteed and does not relieve the user from the proper and safe use of referenced disinfecting agents. Due to the variables involved in the use of cleaning and disinfection products (including amount of product applied, elapsed time before removal from the surface, physical action used to remove the cleaner/disinfectant, and the number of applications), strict adherence to the cleaning and disinfecting instructions is necessary.

<sup>1</sup> An up-to-date list of approved disinfectants can be found on each product specification page. This list represents the most common disinfectants. For additional information on disinfectant compatibility or general maintenance, please contact Product Services at [productservices@designtex.com](mailto:productservices@designtex.com).

**Stain Release Evaluation**

Each stain is applied to the test fabric. Staining agents are allowed to dwell for 1, 24 and 72 hours. The material is then cleaned with a water-based and solvent-based cleaner. The residual stain is rated on a scale from 5 (excellent cleanability, complete removal of stain) to 1 (noncleanable, poor removal of stain). For additional detail, please contact Product Services at [productservices@designtex.com](mailto:productservices@designtex.com).

| Type             | Water-Based<br>Ivory Soap + Water |        |        | Solvent-Based<br>Formula 409® Multi-Surface Cleaner |        |        |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|---|--------|--------|
|                  | 1 hr                              | 24 hrs | 72 hrs | 1 hr  | 24 hrs | 72 hrs |
| Ballpoint Ink    | –                                 | –      | –      | –   | –      | –      |
| Black Coffee     | 3                                 | 3      | 4      | 3   | 3      | 3      |
| Blood*           | –                                 | –      | –      | –   | –      | –      |
| Chocolate        | 3                                 | 4      | 3      | 3   | 4      | 3      |
| Cola             | 5                                 | 5      | 5      | 5   | 5      | 5      |
| Denim Dye        | –                                 | –      | –      | –   | –      | –      |
| Iodine           | –                                 | –      | –      | –   | –      | –      |
| Ketchup          | 2                                 | 3      | 2      | 3   | 2      | 3      |
| Mayonnaise       | 5                                 | 5      | 5      | 5   | 5      | 5      |
| Mustard          | 1                                 | 1      | 1      | 1   | 1      | 1      |
| Permanent Marker | –                                 | –      | –      | –   | –      | –      |
| Red Lipstick     | –                                 | –      | –      | –   | –      | –      |
| Red Wine         | 4                                 | 3      | 4      | 4   | 4      | 4      |
| Salad Oil        | 4                                 | 4      | 4      | 4   | 4      | 4      |
| Shoe Polish      | 4                                 | 3      | 3      | 3   | 4      | 4      |
| Suntan Lotion    | –                                 | –      | –      | –   | –      | –      |
| Urine*           | –                                 | –      | –      | –   | –      | –      |