

# VINYL CLEANING GUIDE

Vinyl coated fabrics are perhaps the most maintenance-free fabrics ever produced and certainly will provide exceptional service life if given proper care. Almost all vinyl manufacturers now provide information concerning the necessary cleaning procedures for their products. In reality, all care and maintenance instructions are the same for all coated fabrics regardless of their manufacturing origin.

**EVERYDAY SOIL** - A gentle mixture of any mild soap and warm water will generally dissipate most common soil from the surface. Using a soft cloth, wash the area to be cleaned and rinse. If stubborn dirt remains, as a stain imbedded in the grain of the vinyl, use a soft brush, and if necessary, a touch of cleaning powder. In both situations, rinse and dry with a soft cloth.

**GUM** - Remove all chewing gum possible prior to the application of Naptha or Kerosene, worked in with a soft cloth. If gum cannot be removed, ice may be used to harden the gum so that it separates itself from the vinyl surfaces. (This same method is also useful in removing wax.)

**INK SPOTS** - You must work quickly! Magic Marker, India Ink, and ball point pen immediately will affect pigments, and, for the most part, are difficult to remove. It is recommended that a solution of water and rubbing alcohol be applied and gently rubbed on the spot as soon as possible. Hair sprays, containing alcohol, are sometimes effective in emergencies for removing ink.

**NAIL POLISH & POLISH REMOVER** - These products will immediately damage vinyl surfaces, and to retard further damage, should be carefully wiped clean.

**PAINT** - Try to remove as soon as possible. It is not recommended that any paint removers, or brush cleaners, be used. Clean oil based paint with soft clean cloth and Naptha. To clean Latex base paints, use the same method as recommended for everyday soil.

**TAR, ASPHALT, ETC.** - Petroleum based products will stain all vinyls if allowed to stand too long. Clean as soon as possible with cloth followed by the immediate application of Kerosene or Naptha.

Products are now on the market that are manufactured to enhance the beauty and service life of all vinyls. However, by using the methods described above with minimal care and attention, the consumer should enjoy years of satisfaction and pride with any vinyl coated fabric.