



## “Care & Feeding of Vinyl” Tips:

Vinyl requires periodic cleaning to maintain its neat appearance and to prevent the buildup of dirt and contaminants that may permanently stain the vinyl. The frequency of cleaning depends upon the amount of use and environmental conditions to which the vinyl is subjected.

In general, minor dirt can be cleaned using warm, soapy water and clear water rinses. Moderate scrubbing with a medium bristle brush will help to loosen soil from the depressions of embossed surfaces. For more stubborn stains, use the following commercially available mild detergents in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions: Fantastik, Formula 409 or Mr. Clean.

Full strength rubbing alcohol may be tried cautiously if the above suggestions do not work. Indiscriminate use of strong solvents can severely damage or discolor vinyl.

### **Certain stains may become permanent unless removed immediately:**

- **Ballpoint Ink:** Immediate wiping with rubbing alcohol will remove much of the stain.
- **Tar, Asphalt:** Remove immediately using a cloth lightly dampened with mineral spirits or kerosene. Rub gently, working from the outer edge of the stain towards the center to prevent spreading. Rinse with soap and water.
- **Chewing Gum:** Scrape off as much as possible with a dull knife. Rubbing with an ice cube will make it easier to scrape off. The remaining gum should be removed using a cloth saturated in mineral spirits. Rub lightly. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.
- **Lipstick, Grease, Oil:** Gently rub with a cloth lightly moistened with mineral spirits. Rub from outer edge of stain towards center to avoid spreading the stain.
- **Candy, Ice Cream, Fruit Stains, Liquor, Wine, Soft Drinks:** Wash with clear, lukewarm water repeatedly. Any soiled area remaining after drying should be gently rubbed with a cloth spotted with a small amount of rubbing alcohol. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.
- **Blood:** Rub with a clean cloth soaked in cool water. If spots remain, use household ammonia and rinse repeatedly with a clean, wet cloth. Do not use hot water or soapsuds. It will set the stain.
- **Vomit:** Sponge with soapy water containing a diluted bleach until the stain is removed.
- **Urine Stains:** Sponge with soapy water containing a small amount of household ammonia. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.
- **Surface Mildew:** Wash with diluted bleach. Use a soft brush for stubborn growth. Rinse repeatedly with clear, cold water.

### **WARNING:**

- Powdered abrasives, cleaners containing abrasives, steel wool and industrial strength cleaners are not recommended.
- Any lacquer solvent will cause immediate irreparable damage. Wax should never be used on any vinyl upholstery, as it will cause premature embrittlement & cracking.
- Dilute chlorine bleach before using. Never use full strength.
- If flammable solvents, such as alcohol, turpentine, varsol, or kerosene are used for cleaning, only small quantities should be used in a well ventilated area. Exercise proper care by advising any personnel in the area and keep away from ignition source. Always wear protective gloves.