

Cleaning Is as Easy as 1-2-3

Everyday Spills

Crypton's moisture-resistant fabrics can be cleaned in a flash. Just follow these simple instructions.

1. Remove debris and spills quickly with a clean, dry cloth.
2. Wipe off with clean water. (You may need to leave a few drops of water on the stain to loosen it.) If a stubborn stain does not come off with simple water, use a powdered enzyme laundry detergent mixed with water.
3. Remove excess soap completely with clear, clean water.

General Cleaning Methods

Like any beautiful textile, Crypton must be cleaned on a regular basis. Since dirt and dust can build up on the fabric, we recommend cleaning every three months in high-abuse areas.

Studies with ASCR show that nothing works better on Crypton than a powdered enzyme detergent, such as Tide® or Cheer®, mixed with water. The fabric must be rinsed thoroughly, leaving no soap residue. Be sure to rinse with a clean cloth and clear, clean water.

Professional hot water extraction, aided by a prespray, can be performed with good results. Customary upholstery cleaning foam can be used, but is the least effective way to clean Crypton.



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Stubborn Stains on Prints

Most stains

Make a paste with an enzyme detergent, leave it on the fabric for a few moments to generate a chemical reaction, and use a stiff nylon brush to agitate the stained area.

Ball point pen ink

Rust remover is effective on some types of ink. Let it sit on the fabric for two to three minutes, scrub gently, and blot with a clean towel. Rinse the area thoroughly with clean water and then follow the general cleaning instructions.

Chewing gum, grease, and tar

Harden the stained area with ice. Carefully remove the hardened substance with a dull scraper and then follow the general cleaning instructions.

Stubborn Stains on Wovens

Mayonnaise and other oily stains

Normal household rubbing alcohol can be used to clean the spots left by mayonnaise or other oily stains. Leave it on the fabric for two to three minutes, scrub gently, and blot with a clean towel. Rinse the area thoroughly with clean water and then follow the general cleaning instructions, using the enzyme detergent or hot water extraction method.

Ball point pen ink

Q-Tips wetted with rubbing alcohol will remove some ink stains. (Be careful not to spread the stain.) Rinse the area thoroughly with clean water and then follow the general cleaning instructions.

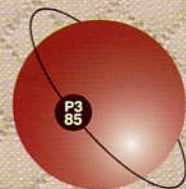
Before removing any stubborn stains, test the stain-removing product on a hidden area to make sure that the fabric's structure and color won't be damaged. Hold a towel against the wet area for 10 seconds. Examine the towel to determine whether there's been a dye transfer and the fabric for a color change.

Please Note:

Because Crypton fabrics were designed for easy maintenance, the use of solvent-based cleaners is unnecessary. In fact, some heavy-duty solvents can damage the textiles' fibers. To be safe, we recommend that you not use solvents in the general maintenance of Crypton fabrics.

Diluted bleach (four parts water to one part bleach) can be used to disinfect Crypton, but should be removed quickly and completely to avoid fading. Bleach that is not completely removed will eventually fade the fabric.

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