

As with any quality product, proper care and maintenance will extend the useful life of your vinyl wallcovering and help maintain its original beauty and finish.

The following general cleaning instructions will serve as a guide to normal cleaning maintenance, while the special conditions section will serve as a guide to specific cleaning problems.

Stains should be removed as quickly as possible to eliminate any possible reaction between the staining agent and the wallcovering. Time is especially important for removing materials containing colors or solvents, such as ballpoint ink, lipstick, oil, shampoo tints, and some foodstuffs. If soilants remain on the wallcovering too long, permanent discoloration may develop.

Vinyl wallcoverings should not be sprayed with wax or other protective coating. Such application would only tend to discolor the material, and in any case, would offer little protection.

General Conditions – Day-to-Day Soil

Ordinary dirt and smudges can be removed with a mild soap, warm water, and if necessary, a hard bristle brush to remove dirt from the crevices of deeply textured patterns. Clean from bottom of wall upward. Rinse thoroughly with clean water from the top down using a sponge. Deeply embossed wallcoverings need extra attention in case suds or loosened dirt lodge in depressed surfaces. Dry wallcovering with a soft, lint-free cloth or towel. For more difficult stains that are only surface deep, the use of a stronger detergent such as Formula 409 cleaner is recommended; however, the manufacturer's instructions should be followed carefully.

Not recommended for cleaning are steel wool or powdered abrasive because they mar the surface leaving an unsightly appearance. DO NOT use active solvent type cleaning preparations, such as nail polish remover, tar and bug remover, etc., because they remove print, and/or finish from the wallcovering.

Care should be taken that water dropping down the wall does not run behind the floor molding. The molding can be discolored and/or permanently damaged. All stains should be attempted to be removed with soap and water first. Proper wallcovering cleaning should be done in a two-step operation. The wallcovering should first be cleaned with either soap or water or a stronger detergent first, then isopropyl alcohol can be used to remove more stubborn stains. Isopropyl alcohol may set some stains that soap and water might remove. This is the reason for the two-step process.

Special Conditions

Lacquer, Shellac – Remove IMMEDIATELY with dry cloth, taking care not to spread stain. Clean quickly with rubbing alcohol or perchlorethylene (Technical Grade). Rinse with clear water.

Ballpoint Ink – Remove IMMEDIATELY using a cloth dampened in rubbing alcohol.

Tar or Asphalt – Remove IMMEDIATELY using a cloth dampened with kerosene or cleaning naphtha. Rub gently from outside edge of stain to center to prevent stain from spreading. Rinse with clear water.

Paint or Enamel – Remove IMMEDIATELY with sponge or cloth dampened with turpentine, kerosene, cleaning naphtha, or water as directed by paint can label. Wash with mild soap and water. Rinse with clear water.

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Chewing Gum, Grease – Scrape off as much as possible and go over lightly with cleaning naphtha to remove remainder. (Chewing gum will come off more easily if rubbed with an ice cube.) No time should be lost in removing shoe polish because it contains dye, which can cause permanent staining. Rinse with clear water.

Feces, Blood, Urine – Remove quickly using a strong soap solution.

Pencil, Crayon – Scrape off excess crayon and erase pencil marks. Clean remaining stains with rubbing alcohol.

NOTE: When using rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, turpentine, household bleach, or kerosene, first test the solution on some inconspicuous portion of the vinyl to be sure that there will not be any adverse effect on print, color or gloss.

NEVER MIX CLEANING AGENTS TOGETHER – VIOLENT REACTIONS MAY OCCUR.

