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## Care & Maintenance

### **Type II Wallcovering**

Stains should be removed as soon 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 soil remains on the wallcovering too long, permanent discoloration may develop.

Vinyl wallcoverings should not be sprayed with wax or other protective coating. Such applications offer little protection and can discolor the material.

Ordinary dirt spots can be removed with a mild soap, warm water, and if necessary, a bristle brush to remove dirt from the crevices of deeply textured patterns. Clean from the bottom of the wall upward to protect the baseboard and prevent streaking. Rinse thoroughly with clean water from the top down using a sponge. Deeply embossed wallcoverings need extra attention in the event that suds or loosened dirt lodges in depressed surfaces. Blot wallcovering dry with a soft, lint-free towel. For more difficult stains that are only surface deep, the use of a stronger detergent is recommended. Try an inconspicuous spot first before attempting the entire wall. Always rinse the wall well after applying a detergent.

Not recommended for cleaning wallcovering are steel wool or powdered abrasive cleaners 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 removers, etc., because they will remove print and/or finish from the wallcovering.

### **Mylar Wallcovering**

Stains and paste on the mylar surface should be removed as quickly as possible to eliminate any possible reaction between the staining agent and the wallcovering. Ordinary dirt and smudges can be removed with a mild soap and warm water. Clean from the bottom of the wall upward to protect the baseboard and to prevent streaking. Rinse thoroughly with clean water from the top down using a sponge. Blot wallcovering dry with a soft, lint free towel. For more difficult stains, use of a stronger detergent is recommended. Try an inconspicuous spot first before attempting the entire wall. Always rinse the wall well after applying a detergent. Not recommended for cleaning is steel wool or powdered abrasive cleaners. Do not use active solvent-type cleaning preparations. Such as nail polish remover, tar and bug removers, or liquid cleaners with high alcohol content.

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### Disinfecting

Our Type II Vinyl may be cleaned with bleach solutions as outlined in the CDC Recommendations for disinfecting walls.

The Center for Disease Control recommends a 2% bleach to 98% water mixture. We've tested our products with a 10% bleach to 90% water mixture without any damage.

#### WHEN DISINFECTING:

- Ensure a contact time of at least 1 minute
- Allow proper ventilation during and after application
- Never mix bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser
- Check to ensure bleach is not past its expiration date
- Unexpired bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted

#### PREPARE A BLEACH SOLUTION BY MIXING:

5 tablespoons (1/3 cup) bleach per gallon of water or  
4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water