

Crypton Home: Cleaning and care instructions

Let's face it—life is messy. Whether it's spills, stains, or odors, fabrics take a beating day-in and day-out in both residential and commercial applications. Fortunately for homeowners and designers alike, Crypton® Home fabrics are designed with superior performance in mind, resulting in highly resilient textiles that are easy to clean. Because Crypton's patented technology is applied at a molecular level, these beautiful, durable fabrics can withstand repeated cleanings without their protective technology ever washing or wearing away. The end result is performance indoor fabric that resists stains, repels water, prevents odors, and inhibits the growth of bacteria—all without sacrificing aesthetics, hand, or breathability.

Nevertheless, the need for cleaning is inevitable, and when it's time to care for your fabrics, Crypton makes the process as easy and pain-free as possible. The following are a few recommended guidelines for regular care and cleaning of Crypton Home fabrics:

General Care and Cleaning Tips

Crypton Home fabrics adhere to the Association of Contract Textiles (ACT) cleaning code "W." This designation recommends spot cleaning only with a water-based shampoo or foam upholstery cleaner. Pretest a small, inconspicuous area before proceeding. Do not over wet, and do not use solvents to spot clean. Pile fabrics may require brushing with a non-metallic, stiff-bristle brush to restore appearance.

Routine Maintenance and Overall Care

- Vacuum regularly with a proper upholstery attachment to thoroughly remove air-borne dust and lint.
- Promptly treat spots and stains. See spot cleaning instructions.
- Turn and rotate loose cushions to equalize wear and soiling.
- Clean periodically to remove accumulated dirt and retain the fabric's original appearance. If you have a light colored fabric this step is important as dirt and dust are much more visible on white or cream fabrics! This can be done with a hot water extraction cleaner or professional hot water upholstery cleaning service. *Make sure to specify no added solvents. See extraction step by steps below.
- Remove any cleaner residue by rinsing or extraction to avoid future buildup.
- Remember soap attracts dirt, so be sure to rinse, rinse, rinse!
- Rinsing is key for all soft surfaces.
- How to rinse a sofa? The easiest and most effective way to rinse a sofa after cleaning or disinfection is with an extractor. This will ensure a thorough clean and your sofa will look amazing. Crypton does produce its own line of extractors, but any will work.

Oh no, you have a spill!

Try this spot cleaning method first:

Most liquids simply roll off of Crypton fabrics, or they can be quickly blotted off the surface with a dry towel or sponge. The spot cleaning method of stain removal can be used for most light to medium stains, such as coffee, red wine, crayon, and ketchup. Be careful to brush lightly since fibers can be broken or matted in the cleaning process.

1. Before spot cleaning, blot up liquids on the surface with a clean, soft towel.
For thicker substances, use a spoon to remove any excess.
2. Mix 1 tsp. of an enzyme detergent such as Tide® laundry detergent or Dawn® dishwashing detergent with 16 oz. of warm water and mix well.
3. Apply the cleaning solution using a misting spray bottle.
4. Use a soft brush to work the solution into the affected area. Make sure to work from the outside of the stain inward so as not to spread the stain. Rinse your sponge or brush frequently.
5. Rinse thoroughly with water to remove all soap residues since soap attracts dirt.
6. Blot excess moisture with a clean, soft towel or sponge.
7. Repeat steps 3-7 (spray, brush, rinse, blot) as needed.
8. Allow fabric to air dry.

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Try hot water extraction cleaning for tougher stains.

What is extraction cleaning?

Hot water extraction is the process of injecting hot water and cleaning solution in to the pile of the fabric to dislodge any debris, whilst extracting any dirt and stains from the upholstery using powerful wet vacuums. This process is commonly used in professional carpet and upholstery cleaning (such as Stanley Steemer) as well as a consumer product such as the Bissell Green Machine.

The extraction cleaning method of stain removal can be used for most medium or ground-in stains.

Extraction cleaning method.

1. Before extraction cleaning, blot up liquids on the surface with a clean, soft towel and vacuum the upholstery.
2. Prepare a cleaning solution of 1/4 tsp mild, enzyme detergent, such as Tide®, Woolite® or Dawn® dishwashing liquid, per 1 cup of lukewarm water.
3. Apply the cleaning solution using a misting spray bottle.
4. Work the solution into the affected area by lightly scrubbing the area with a sponge or soft bristle brush. Make sure to work from the outside of the stain inward so as not to spread the stain and rinse your sponge or brush frequently.
5. Allow cleaning solution to soak into the fabric.
6. Wet-vacuum or blot excess moisture with a clean, soft towel. Follow directions on filling your extracting machine (we recommend the *Crypton Ruby Extraction Machine*) with the proper solution; wet the area with pre-spray, and vacuum up the solution. Be sure to extract the entire surface of the upholstered furniture to achieve uniform cleanliness.
7. **Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residues, as residues will attract dirt.**
8. Repeat steps 3-7 as needed.
9. Allow fabric to air dry.

note: Use light steam to remove wrinkles. Do not iron. Do not dry clean. The use of bleach is not recommended. Some stains, such as permanent marker, lipstick and nail polish may not be completely removable. Most Crypton Home fabric patterns meet or exceed 30,000 Wyzenbeek double rubs and the California TB 117-2013 standard.

In addition, all fabrics must pass rigorous tests for piling, stain, and water resistance, flammability, as well as resistance to bacterial growth. Homeowners and specifiers don't need to choose between performance and environmental responsibility, however;

Crypton's commitment to sustainable design is second to none, and its products:

- Pass CA Standard Section 01350 for indoor air quality
- Are GREENGUARD Gold certified, helping to create healthier, more sustainable indoor environments
- Use Silver Ion technology that naturally deters the growth of bacteria
- Are free of harsh or harmful chemicals
- Do not affect their ability to be recycled
- PFAS-Free

All Crypton development and processing occurs in state-of-the-art, environmentally responsible facilities in North Carolina. In addition, all research and patented chemical formulations are developed and made in the U.S.A.

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