

# THE CARE AND CLEANING OF POLYURETHANE COATED FABRICS FROM CARR AUSTRALIA

## General Directives

- Attention must be given to the characteristics of any other materials that may be combined with *CARRFLEX* in the final product (e.g. dimensional stability, colour fastness, washing instructions).
- Some surface wrinkling may result from cleaning procedures. This has no adverse effect on *CARRFLEX* properties.
- Abrasive. cleaning agents should not be used.
- Additionally, due to the range of cleaning equipment and conditions being used, customers should ascertain that any *CARRFLEX* fabric does perform as expected, in any given situation.
- If customers have their own particular cleaning methods that must be used and that are not covered in this article, they should consult Carr Australia Pty Ltd for further direction.

## Washing and Disinfection

- *CARRFLEX* needs to be treated with care when cleaning the surface. Many industrial cleaning agents are extremely harsh on the coating and can cause it to break down. Please find attached a list of cleaning products (with concentrations) that have been tested and approved for use on *CARRFLEX*. If your particular cleaning solution does not appear please contact us as we can test *CARRFLEX* to any method and we will respond with our findings and recommendations.
- The normal cleaning instructions are to wipe the surface clean with a sponge or cloth with warm soapy water.
- *CARRFLEX* is able to be washed in warm soapy water at up to 95°C.
- Do not use solvent or bleaches on *CARRFLEX*.
- *CARRFLEX* is able to be autoclaved at a temperature of 134°C for 3 minutes. However, care must be taken to first clean the surface with pure water and then to make sure mattresses and *CARRFLEX* covers are not stacked on top of each other without any air gap separation. Spacers should be placed between mattresses when a number of them are being autoclaved at the same time.
- *CARRFLEX* is dry-cleanable with all dry cleaning fluids except trichloroethylene.

## Drying

- *CARRFLEX* can be tumble dried provided the operator ensures it is removed as soon as all moisture is removed. *CARRFLEX* must not be left sitting on the heater bowl of the drier when drying is complete.
- Do not mangle.

## Ironing

- Do not iron *CARRFLEX*.

## Storage

- Store in a conditioned cool dry area. Avoid excessive pressure and contact with non-colourfast materials.