

# How To Care For Your Vinyl

Meditelle Vinyl Fabrics offer the ultimate in stain resistance and are fully tested.

Vinyl is a synthetic type of plastic material and special care is needed when cleaning.

**Follow our cleaning guide to maintain your Meditelle Vinyl and retain its appearance and durability:**

## 1. Clean & Disinfect

Brush down the area with a dry cloth first to remove any dust and debris.

A mild detergent and water are the best day-to-day cleaning solutions for your vinyl fabric. With a clean sponge or soft cloth and soapy luke-warm water, wipe the vinyl to remove dirt or surface stains. Do this on a consistent basis so that dirt and grime don't accumulate and damage the fabric. Clean the area in circular motions.

If disinfection is necessary, clean with a solution of disinfectant and a damp cloth.

**Our fabrics can be used with all NHS approved cleaning solutions such as Haz-Tabs, Chlor-Clean, Milton, Virusolve, Clinell, Tristel and Vernacare Tuffie 5 Sanitising Wipes.**

**If using bleach a solution of 10% bleach to 90% water is acceptable. Never apply full strength neat bleach.**

Never use harsh cleaning solvents, wax polishes, oils or leather cleaners on your vinyl fabric, particularly cleaners that are abrasive. Check the cleaning products instructions for proper use of the product and if using for the first time test your cleaner on a sample patch of vinyl before applying to a more visible part of the fabric.

## 2. Rinse & Dry

Always follow any wet cleaning or removal of any stains with a clean cold water rinse and dry with a soft cloth or towel.

## Top Tips

- Tend to spills and stains quickly. The longer a stain remains on the vinyl, the more difficult it will be to remove.
- Do not over saturate the vinyl or let water pool in seams.
- Mop up excess liquid using a damp cloth. **Always dry the surface after cleaning.**

## Ink Stains

Do not allow your fabric to come into contact with ink from a ballpoint pen. To remove ink you must be fast, ink left for a few minutes will dry into the lacquer layer.

## Cautions

Use of solvents, abrasives, wax polishes, oils, leather cleaner or aerosol sprays is NOT recommended as this causes the plastic ingredients to harden and become brittle.

Care should be taken if using chlorine releasing agents, levels of 1 – 10,000 parts per million should pose no problems if the material does not endure long soakings. Always rinse well with clean water.

Never use boiling water, or use steam cleaners or any direct heating methods as this will affect the vinyl's plastic properties.

