



Marine Care & Cleaning Solutions

Care and Cleaning for Morbern Marine Exterior Vinyl

Morbern vinyl requires periodic cleaning to maintain its neat appearance and to prevent the build-up of dirt and contaminants that may permanently stain and reduce the life of the vinyl if they are not removed. The frequency of cleaning depends upon the amount of use and environmental conditions to which the vinyl is subjected. Vinyl upholstery will absorb stains and dyes from fabrics that "crock" or bleed, for example blue denim or bright prints. Some household cleaners and solvents remove plasticizers from vinyl making it brittle. The procedures used for cleaning are dependent upon the end use circumstances.

Normal Cleaning: In general, most common stains can be easily cleaned using warm, soapy water and clear water rinses. Moderate scrubbing with a medium bristle brush will help to loosen soiling materials from the depressions of embossed surfaces. For more stubborn stains use Formula 409® commercially available mild detergent in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.

*Note: When opening a new container, please test the cleaner in an inconspicuous area as cleaner manufacturers may change formula without notice

Certain stains may become permanently set unless they are removed immediately. The procedures for the removal of more severe staining agents are outlined below.

Ballpoint Ink, Permanent Marker: Ink spots will stain vinyl permanently. Immediate wiping with rubbing alcohol in a well-ventilated area will remove much of the stain.

Oil Based Paint: The use of turpentine in a well-ventilated area will remove any fresh paint. Dried paint must be moistened carefully with a semi-solid gel-type stripper so that the softened paint can be gently scraped away. Rinse with soap and water.

Caution: Direct contact with paint strippers will remove the print pattern from a vinyl. Paint strippers are very corrosive. Take care to avoid skin contact by wearing protection.

Latex Paint: Fresh paint can be wiped off with a damp cloth. Hot soapy water will normally remove dried latex.

Surface Mildew: Wash with diluted bleach; use soft brush for stubborn growth. Rinse repeatedly with clear, cold water.

Tar, Asphalt: Remove immediately, as prolonged contact will result in a permanent stain. Use a cloth lightly dampened with mineral spirits and rub the stain gently, working from the outer edge of the stain towards the center in order to prevent spreading. Rinse with soap and water.

Urine Stains: Sponge with soapy water containing a small amount of household ammonia. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Crayon, Mustard, and Ketchup: Sponge with mild soap and water. For stubborn stains that may have set; use a cloth soaked in a diluted mild detergent with gentle rubbing. Any remaining stain should be washed with diluted bleach. Rinse repeatedly with clear cold water.

Chewing Gum: Scrape off as much as possible with a dull knife. Rubbing with an ice cube will assist and make it easier to remove on scraping. The remaining gum should then be removed in a well-ventilated area using cloth saturated with mineral spirits. Use light rubbing. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Lipstick, Grease, Oil, Eyeshadow, Shoe Polish: Apply a small quantity of mineral spirits by means of cloth with gentle rubbing. Take care not to spread the stain by smearing it beyond its original source. No time should be lost in removing shoe polish, as it contains a dye, which will cause permanent staining. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Candy, Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea, Fruit Stains, Liquor, Wine, Suntan Lotion, Soft Drinks: Use clear, lukewarm water and sponge repeatedly. Any loose material should be gently scraped with a dull knife. Any soiled area remaining after drying should be gently rubbed with a cloth spotted with a mild detergent solution. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Blood, Leaf Residue: Rub out any spots with a clean cloth soaked in cool water. If stubborn stain remains, use household ammonia and rinse repeatedly with a clean, wet cloth. Do not use hot water or soap suds, as this will set the stain.

Bird Excreta, Nausea Stains: Sponge the area with soapy water containing diluted bleach until the stain is removed. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

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