

HELPFUL HINTS – VINYL CARE

PROPER CARE OF YOUR NEW SEATS

The vinyl used on your boat seat requires routine care. See the following cleaning and care instructions:

- Keep vinyl clean and dry to keep mildew from forming
- In rainy weather, cover or remove cushions since seams can trap and absorb moisture
- Keep the boat covered (when not in use) with the correct furniture covers and/or mooring cover. This will help protect against damage from the elements and/or water saturation (water logging).
THESE DAMAGES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER WARRANTY

Each week, wipe vinyl surfaces with a soft damp cloth and towel dry. For general purpose cleaning, use warm water with mild dish soap. Gently scrub with a small, soft bristle brush. Rinse thoroughly and towel dry. To remove dirt build up, use Amazing Vinyl Cleaner®. Then scrub with a soft bristle. For specific stain removal information, refer to the care and cleaning chart that is included below.

IMPORTANT: Harsh detergents, abrasives, bleach, and solvents can cause permanent damage to vinyl upholstery. Protect your vinyl from being ripped or torn, mildew, or a condition known as pinking or yellowing, can occur in any vinyl openings, and this type of damage is **NOT COVERED BY YOUR WARRANTY.**

The upholstery on your seats is made to withstand the effects of sun, heat, rain and soiling under normal conditions. While your vinyl is made to withstand the elements, it is important to care for it by keeping it clean at all times. Many substances may stain your vinyl if left on over a period of time. Remember to remove any contaminant and clean vinyl immediately.

Keep your seats in like new condition with quality mooring and/or seat covers. They'll keep your furniture dry, protect against UV sunlight degradation, leaf stains, pollen stains, and dramatically reduce your cleaning time! Remember that winter storage in snow and ice areas require additional protection. Also note typical plastic tarps don't provide ventilation, and may promote mold, mildew or pink staining of your seats. This potential damage **IS NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR WARRANTY.**

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Type of Stain	Steps:	1	2	3
General Care		A	B	
Dirt Build-Up		A	B	
Ballpoint Ink*		E	B	A
Chewing Gum		D	A	
Coffee, Tea, Chocolate		B		
Grease		D	B	
Household Soil		A	B	
Ketchup		A	B	
Latex Paint		A	B	
Lipstick		A	B	
Mildew or Wet Leaves*		C	B	A
Motor Oil		B		
Oil-Based Paint		D	B	
Permanent Marker*		E	B	C
Spray Paint		B		
Suntan Lotion*		A	B	
Tar/Asphalt		D	B	
Yellow Mustard		A	B	C

- Legend:**
- A. Medium-soft brush, warm soapy water. Rinse/Dry
 - B. Bio Kleen Amazing Vinyl Cleaner. Rinse/Dry
 - C. One (1) tablespoon of ammonia; one-fourth (1/4) cup of water. Rinse/Dry
 - D. Wipe or scrape off excess (chill gum with ice beforehand.)
 - E. Hemisphere Ink Remover®. Rinse/Dry

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All cleaning methods must be followed by a thorough rinse with clean warm water.

Certain household cleaners, powdered abrasives, steel wool, and industrial cleaners can cause damage and discoloration and are not recommended. Dry cleaning fluids and lacquer solvents should not be used as they will remove printed patterns and gloss. Waxes should be used with caution as many contain dyes or solvents that can permanently damage the protective coating.

*Suntan lotion, tree pollen, wet leaves, and some other products can contain dyes that stain permanently.

Things you can DO to care for your furniture:

1. Dish Soap (Dawn, Ivory)
2. 303 Aerospace Protectant
3. Bio Kleen Amazing Vinyl Cleaner

Things you should NOT DO to your furniture:

1. Formula 409 (states do not use on vinyl)
2. Murphy's Oil Soap
3. Simple Green
4. DC Plus
5. Armor All
6. Top Kote Sealant
7. Son-of-a-Gun
8. Roll Off
9. Bleach/Baking Soda
10. Turtle Wax/Tar Remover (states not for use on vinyl)
11. APCO
12. Harbor Mate

Do not use kerosene, gasoline, or acetone, as they will remove the protective marine top coat. Do not use any silicone-based protectants. They will extract the plasticizer, leaving vinyl hard and brittle, and eventually cracking will occur.