



## Prevention and Cleaning Guide for Synthetic Leader

There are many factors that contribute to the increase of synthetic leathers lifetime.

Knowing how to choose the type of vinyl, its texture and colour according to the application area is crucial. Think well before you purchase any product, establish its functions and location, its main users and anticipate accidents.

Regular care and a constant awareness also help to maintain the vinyl in good conditions for a longer period of time. The implementation of usage and maintenance instructions is essential.

### **Basic maintenance:**

Clean regularly with a soft cloth soaked in warm water and a neutral soap. Rinse with a slightly soaked cloth and let it dry naturally.

If you have a light coloured material you must be aware and careful.

Immediate cleaning is required for stubborn stains like ink, ballpoint pen, coffee, red wine and eosin, to avoid any permanent absorption into the fabric and an everlasting stain.

### **Forbidden Products:**

- Undiluted alcohol and / or acetone;
- All solvents and detergents;
- Abrasive cleaning products;
- Perchlorethylene;
- All types of wax;
- Trichlorethylene.

**N.B.:** Before using a solution, or detergent, test it on an inconspicuous area such as the back or the underside. After a few minutes, inspect the test area looking for fading, dulling or damage. If it happens you must discard the solution and consult a professional cleaner.

We cannot be held responsible for the improper usage of detergents and solutions that may damage the protective varnish and / or the material.

### **Guide to remove stains from synthetic leather:**

#### **Blood:**

Clean using soapy water. In the event of stubborn stains, use ethanol diluted to 10%, though traces may persist. Rinse with clean water. Coloured liquids will migrate into the varnish and leave an indelible stain which will appear less intense on darker prints. Anios-type disinfectant products, of the type used in hospitals, are less probable to stain.

#### **Ink / Ballpoint pen:**

Whether using soapy water, 10% diluted alcohol or acetone, ink stains of the type made by ballpoint pens will be reduced but not removed. Always rinse with clean water.

#### **Chocolate / Coffee / Sauce:**

Cleaning using soapy water will enable stains to be removed. A faint ring may persist depending on the colour of the vinyl. It is recommended that the stain should be cleaned quickly. In the event of stubborn stains, use alcohol diluted to 10% to reduce the intensity of the persistent stain. Rinse with clean water.

#### **Wax / Gum:**

Cool it with a bag with ice cubes until the wax / gum gets rigid. Scrape very gently and vacuum immediately. You can also use a warm water solution with 1:10 neutral soap, wipe the solution and apply only the foam, rub gently in circles. Let it stand for a few minutes. Rinse with clean water and let it dry naturally. (Before using a solution, or detergent, test it on an inconspicuous area such as the back or the underside. After a few minutes, inspect the test area looking for fading, dulling or damage. If it happens you must discard the solution and consult a professional cleaner). You can also use Anios-type disinfectant products.

**N.B.:** These are just general cleaning recommendations, it is impossible to insure that they are 100% efficient in stain removal. Please contact a professional cleaner if you have any doubts.

**Attention:** Certain cloths and accessories, like jeans, can dye lighter colours. This phenomenon is increased by humidity and temperature, and it is irreversible. We understand the distress end-users may experience as a result of this but we cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience caused by external contaminants. We do not assume any responsibility that may arise from a bad usage, maintenance and / or cleaning.