Matrix 50 Vinyl Care and Pink Stain Information

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Vinyl Coated Fabrics (Acrylic or Napa Topcoat) **Cleaning and Care: Colors and Accent Vinyls**

Step 1: For light soiling, a solution of 10% household liquid dish soap in warm water, applied with a soft damp cloth. Rub gently and rinse with a water-dampened cloth.

Step 2: For heavy soiling, dampen a soft white cloth with a one-to-one (1:1) solution of *Formula 409® and water or *Fantastik® and water. Rub gently and rinse with a waterdampened cloth.

Step 3: For more difficult stains, dampen a soft white cloth with a solution of household bleach (10% bleach and 90% water). Rub gently and rinse with a water-dampened cloth to remove bleach concentration.

Do not use with alcohol-based cleaning agents!

A list of "Approved" cleaners can be found online at: http://spradlingvinyl.com/asset/docs/research/ApprovedCleaners.pdf

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

Failure to care for your vinyl properly, or use of improper cleaners, may void your warranty & damage your vinyl!

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 pattern 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.

Do not clean with power washers, as they can generate 3500 PSI and could damage the surface of your interior. Do not use kerosene, gasoline, or acetone, as they will remove the protective marine top coat. Do not use any siliconebased protectants. They will extract the plasticizer, leaving vinyl hard and brittle, and eventually cracking will occur.

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Formula 409® is a registered trademark of the Clorox Company.® Fantastik® is a trademark of DowBrands, Inc.® Trademark of the Dow Chemical Co.® Fantastik® & Formula 409® are safe to use if cleaner is diluted (1:1), then thoroughly rinsed and used following manufacturers' instructions.

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Please check compatibility when using this product in combination with painted or varnished surfaces



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Beware of the Microorganisms!

The two principal causes of offensive odors and unsightly stains and growths are bacteria and fungi, commonly called microorganisms. Bacteria are simple, single-celled organisms. Fungi, referred to as



mold and mildew, are significantly more complex. A subset of fungal organisms is a type that produces colored by-products as part of its digestive process. These by-products are recognized as stains and are typically **pink**, yellow, purple or black.



To have a mildew problem you need four elements, which are referred to as the Mildew Square. In order for mildew to proliferate, spores, food, warmth, and moisture are necessary. Elimination of one of these elements would break the square, and the mildew problem would be eliminated. The most likely element to control is moisture. Keep a surface dry and the ambient air dry, and you can break the link in the Mildew Square. In actuality, this is very difficult. Marine upholstery may be dry when one sits on it, but it is constantly exposed to rain, splashes and wet bathing suits.

Additional Pink Stain/ Mildew information can be found at: http://spradlingvinyl.com/asset/docs/research/CFFA%20Mold%20and%20Mildew.pdf

Keep it Clean!

- To decrease risk of pink stain:
- Keep your boat free of dirt and debris, and upholstery as dry as possible.
- Clean frequently with mild soap and water, paying special attention to crevices.
- Always allow upholstery to dry completely!
- Cover the boat when not in use, allowing for adequate venting.

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