

# 7. HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR BOAT

## 7.4 UPHOLSTERY (Marine Seats)

### NORMAL CLEANING

In general, most common stains using warm, soapy water and clear water rinses. Moderate scrubbing with a medium bristle brush will help loosen soiling materials from the depressions of embossed surfaces. For more stubborn stains, use the following commonly available mild detergents in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions: Fantastic or Mr. Clean.

Note: Detergents should never be used on a regular or repeated basis for normal cleaning

Full strength rubbing alcohol or mineral spirits may be tried cautiously as a last resort on very stubborn stains, if the above suggestions do not work. Indiscriminate use of any solvent, or cleaner containing solvent can severely damage or discolor vinyl's.

Certain stains may become permanently set unless removed immediately. The procedure for removing of more severe staining agents are outlined below.

### BALLPOINT INK & PERMANENT MARKER

Ink spots will stain marine vinyl permanently. Immediate wiping with rubbing alcohol in a well ventilated area will remove such stains.

### OIL BASE PAINT

The use of turpentine in a well ventilated area will remove any fresh paints. 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.



### PAINT STRIPPER

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

### LATEX PAINT

Fresh paint can be wiped off with a damp cloth. Hot, soapy water will remove dried latex paint.

### 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.

### CRAYON, MUSTARD, KETCHUP

Sponge with mild soap water. For stubborn stains that may have set, use a cloth soaked with diluted mild detergent with gentle rubbing.

### 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 when scraping. The remaining gum should then be removed in a well ventilated area using a cloth saturated with mineral spirits. Use light rubbing, and rinse thoroughly with water.

### LIPSTICK, GREASE, OIL, EYE SHADOW, SHOE POLISH

Apply a small quantity of mineral spirits by means of a cloth with gentle rubbing. Take care not to spread the stain by smearing it beyond its original source. No time should be lost when removing shoe polish since it contains a dye which will cause permanent staining. Rinse thoroughly with water.

### CANDY, ICE CREAM, COFFEE, TEA, FRUIT STAINS, LIQUOR, WINE, SUNTAN LOTION, SOFT DRINKS

Use clear, lukewarm water and a 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 water.

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### BLOOD OR LEAF RESIDUE

Rub any spot with a clean cloth soaked in cool water. If stubborn spots remain, use household ammonia and rinse repeatedly with a clean, wet cloth. Do not use hot water or soapsuds, as this will set the stain.

### BIRD EXCRETA AND NAUSEA STAINS

Sponge the stained area with soapy water containing diluted bleach until the stain is removed. Rinse thoroughly with water.



### POWDERED ABRASIVES

Powdered abrasives, cleaners containing abrasives, and industrial strength cleaners are not recommended for Morbern Vinyls.

Any lacquer solvent will cause immediate, irreparable damage to the vinyl.

Wax should never be used on any vinyl upholstery, as it will cause premature embrittlement and cracking