



## **DuraFLEX Care & Maintenance**

### **Recommended Cleaning and Disinfecting Chemicals:**

3M HB Quat – Neutral, A-456 II Disinfectant Cleaner, Acetone, Asepticare II, Birex SE, Bleach (10% Diluted), Cavi-Cide, CaviWipes, Chemspec, Citrace, Clorox Bleach Germicidal Cleaner, Clorox Broad Spectrum, Clorox EZ-KILL, Dispatch, Fade-A-Dyne, Fantastik, Formula 409, Fresh Breeze TB, GooGone Citrus Degreaser, Greased Lightning, Hydrogen Peroxide, Lysol, Mopar Total Clean, Oasis 146 Multi-Quat, Optim 33 TB, Oxivir, Oxyclean, Precise Hospital Cleaner, Resolve, Sani-Cloth AF, Sani-Cloth HB, Sanizide, Simply Green, Steriplex, Steris Coverage, Plus Wipes, Super Sani-Cloth, Virasept, Virox Accel Tb, Virex II 256 Tb, Virex Tb, Virox 5 Tb, Wexcide 128, Windex, Zep 505.

If you do not see a particular cleaning and disinfecting chemical on the list then you should look at the packaging for the chemical you prefer to use. If your preferred chemical is bottled in a plastic bottle made of LDPE or HDPE and has a #2 or #4 recycle symbol on the bottle it is highly probable that the chemical will not harm the DuraFLEX material. You should test the chemical on the underside of the furniture first. To test your preferred chemical you should wet a cotton ball with the chemical and rest it on the DuraFLEX surface for 5 minutes and then wipe with a clean white cloth and look for any DuraFLEX pigment color on the white cloth after wiping. If the chemical removes color or finish texture you should not use it on the DuraFLEX products. If your preferred chemical is bottled in a metal container, this is an immediate sign of caution and is more likely to harm the DuraFLEX surface.

Note: Bleach concentrations >10% is not recommended.

### **Normal Cleaning & Disinfecting Methods:**

Absolutely follow the chemical manufacturers handling and safety precautions. It may be necessary to agitate persistent stains and markings with a delicate non-scratch scour pad, a medium bristle brush, a sponge (including “eraser” sponges), or an absorbent towel. Some stains may not release from the flexible DuraFLEX finish and these stains will be permanent. DuraFLEX products with permanent staining can still be disinfected.

Simple Green All-Purpose Cleaner was the most effective at lifting dirt and grime. Scotch-Brite “Delicate Care” Scour Pads help to agitate and remove dirt and grime. If using a scour pad it should be a delicate non-scratch pad. Use the pad lightly in circular motions combines with Simple Green or other common Cleaner/Degreaser cleaning agents.

**Removing Grease & Adhesives:**

If Simple Green or other common cleaner/degreaser does not remove the grease or adhesive then you may use GooGone or common citrus based degreaser on the DuraFLEX surface without causing surface damage. Wearing protective gloves wet a cotton ball or paper towel with a small amount of citrus degreaser and apply the degreaser to the affected area. After using a citrus degreaser we recommend using soap and water to wash the chemical residue from the surface.

**Reducing Shoes Scuffs:**

Simple Green All-Purpose Cleaner was the most effective at reducing the appearance of shoe scuffs. Scotch-Brite "Delicate Care" Scour Pads help to agitate and reduce the appearance of a permanent scuff. If using a scour pad it should be a delicate non-scratch pad. Use the pad lightly in circular motions combined with Simple Green or other common Cleaner/Degreaser cleaning agents to lightly work the scuff mark. Note: most scuff marks are permanent. Darker DuraFLEX colors help to camouflage permanent scuff marks.

**Removing Crayon or Reducing Ink:**

As a first step it is critical to try removing Crayon or Ink specifically with chemicals specifically formulated for the removal of these stains. If you try other cleaners first you will most likely set the stain into the DuraFLEX material and not be able to reduce the stain further. As a first step we recommend Motsenbocker's Lift Off Graffiti Remover, or Krud Kutter Graffiti Remover. Apply these chemicals in small amounts directly to the stain. For some stains it may be necessary to saturate a cotton ball with these chemicals and place the cotton ball directly on the stain for up to 24 hrs. It is very likely that ink stains will not fully release from the DuraFLEX surface and will remain visible. If you frequently have people writing on furniture in your space then you should select darker DuraFLEX colors or Tenjam's FIRM hard plastic furniture products that are much more stain resistant.