

## THE CARE AND CLEANING OF *POLYURETHANE COATED FABRICS (CARRFLEX® EXTREME & MEDIPLUS)* FROM CARR AUSTRALIA

### General Directives

- Attention must be given to the characteristics of any other materials that may be combined with CARRFLEX® in the final product (e.g. dimensional stability, colour fastness, washing instructions).
- Some surface wrinkling may result from cleaning procedures. This has no adverse effect on CARRFLEX® properties.
- Abrasive cleaning agents should not be used.
- Additionally, due to the range of cleaning equipment and conditions being used, customers should ascertain that any CARRFLEX® fabric does perform as expected, in any given situation.
- If customers have their own particular cleaning methods that must be used and that are not covered in this article, they should consult Carr Australia Pty Ltd for further direction.

### Washing and Disinfection

- CARRFLEX® needs to be treated with care when cleaning the surface. Many industrial cleaning agents are extremely harsh on the coating and can cause it to break down. **Please refer to the list of cleaning products (available from the Carrgroup website) that have been tested and approved for use on CARRFLEX®.** If your particular cleaning solution does not appear please contact us as we can test CARRFLEX® with any submitted cleaner. We will respond with our findings and recommendations.
- To avoid premature degradation of the surface coating never use an abrasive cloth, sponge or other similar device on the surface. Carefully follow manufacturer instructions for recommended exposure time of cleaner on surface. Wipe off cleaning product residue with a clean, soft cloth after cleaning and allow the surface to dry completely before use.
- The normal cleaning instructions are to wipe the surface clean with a sponge or cloth with warm soapy water.
- CARRFLEX® is able to be washed in warm soapy water at up to 95°C.
- Do not use solvent on CARRFLEX®.
- CARRFLEX® is able to be autoclaved at a temperature of 134°C for 3 minutes. However, care must be taken to first clean the surface with pure water and then to make sure mattresses are not stacked on top of each other without any air gap separation. Spacers should be placed between mattresses when a number of them are being autoclaved at the same time.
- CARRFLEX® is dry-cleanable with all dry cleaning fluids except trichloroethylene.

### Drying

- CARRFLEX® can be tumble dried provided the operator ensures it is removed as soon as all moisture is removed. CARRFLEX® must not be left sitting on the heated bowl of the dryer when drying is complete.
- Do not mangle.

**Ironing** - Do not iron CARRFLEX®.

**Storage** - Store in a cool dry area. Avoid excessive pressure and contact with non-colourfast materials.

**NB: Please consider other materials used in the cover construction as different conditions for cleaning will apply.**

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