



Care & Cleaning Instructions



For CARRFLEX® DEFENCE, BARRIERPRO & PILLOWSOFT

PVC Fabrics from The CARR Group

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Care and cleaning procedures must consider not only the PVC fabric but also the properties of other materials used in the final product construction, including:

- Dimensional stability
- Colour fastness
- Compatibility with washing and disinfection methods
- Other materials used in the cover construction (e.g. zippers, foam layers, textile backings) may have separate care requirements that should be observed to maintain product integrity.

 Some surface wrinkling may result from cleaning procedures. This has no adverse effect on the properties or performance of CARRFLEX® PVC and is considered normal.

Before implementing any cleaning protocol, users are advised to:

- Avoid the use of **abrasive cleaning agents or tools**, as these may damage the surface of the fabric.
- Confirm that CARRFLEX® PVC **performs as expected** in their own situation, as cleaning equipment and conditions vary widely between facilities.
- Contact the CARR Group if cleaning methods are required that fall outside the scope of this guidance.

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CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

Cleaning should always precede disinfection.

CARRFLEX® PVC 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, decreasing the life of the PVC.

Routine Cleaning:

- Wipe the surface clean with a soft sponge or cloth and **warm soapy water**, using a mild concentration of detergent (1:20) or a phenolic-based commercial cleaner in warm water.
- CARRFLEX® PVC can be washed in warm soapy water at up to **40°C / 104°F**.
- Do **not** use detergents containing **solvents, peroxides or bleaches** on CARRFLEX® PVC without consultation with the Carr Group.
- Do **not** excessively rub or scrub, and do not use abrasive implements to clean, as these may damage the surface of the fabric.
- After applying detergent, **remove all residue** with a clean, soft cloth and allow the surface to air dry completely before returning to use.

Disinfection:

- For disinfection, use a **water/bleach solution of 10:1**. Ensure the bleach does not have a sodium hypochlorite level higher than **5%**.
- After applying disinfectant, **remove all residue** with a clean, soft cloth and allow the surface to air dry completely before returning to use.

 Frequent or prolonged exposure to higher concentration disinfectant solutions may prematurely age the fabric.

Autoclaving:

- CARRFLEX® PVC is not able to be autoclaved.

Dry Cleaning:

- **Do not** dry-clean CARRFLEX® PVC.

DRYING INSTRUCTIONS

- **Do not** tumble dry CARRFLEX® PVC.
- **Do not** mangle or press.
- Allow items to air dry completely before returning to use.

IRONING

- **Do not** iron CARRFLEX® PVC. Direct heat application may damage the PVC coating.

STORAGE

- Store CARRFLEX® PVC items in a **cool, dry environment**, free from direct sunlight or excessive humidity.
- Avoid applying **excessive pressure** or storing in contact with **non-colourfast materials**, which may lead to staining or material transfer.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

These care instructions are intended to support safe and effective cleaning of CARRFLEX® Defence, BarrierPro and Pillowsoft fabrics only. Users should assess each cleaning protocol based on their specific application, equipment and hygiene requirements.

If your facility employs unique or regulated cleaning processes not addressed here, please contact the CARR Group for tailored recommendations.