

# THIBAUT

## OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE

# Care & Cleaning of Thibaut Outdoor Performance Fabrics

### FADE-RESISTANCE

Solution dyed acrylic fabrics are unmatched in resistance to fading and the degrading effects of sunlight. These performance characteristics are an integral part of the fabric, not an applied finish that will wash off over time.

### LIMITED FIVE YEAR WARRANTY

Our five year limited warranty covers Thibaut Outdoor Performance Fabrics against loss of color or strength from normal use including exposure to sunlight, mildew and atmospheric chemicals. (1:10)

### CLEANING CODE = W S B

Fabrics are cleanable with water-based detergents, solvents and bleach.

### GENERAL CLEANING FOR THIBAUT OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE FABRICS

We recommend vacuuming regularly with an upholstery attachment, since dust and dirt cause fabric to wear more quickly.

- Flip, rotate and fluff removable cushions regularly to ensure even wear and increase longevity.
- An annual professional cleaning will keep your upholstered furniture looking its best.
- Maintenance requires promptly treating spots and stains and should include routine, on-going care which reduces soil build-up on a fabric's surface.
- Do not rub or brush excessively or you may cause fuzzing.

*NOTE: Use low temperature iron to remove wrinkles.*

### HAND WASHING

- Soak fabric in a solution of 1/4 cup mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water.
- Use a sponge or a soft bristle brush to lightly agitate the stain.
- Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- Allow fabric to air dry.

### MACHINE WASHING

Some removable casings can be washed in the washing machine, however consult the furniture manufacturer before removing the casing as cushion construction may vary. To wash, first close all zippers. Machine wash in cold water on the delicate cycle with normal amounts of mild laundry detergent. For severe mold or mildew, add 1 cup of bleach. Allow fabric to air dry.

### SPOT CLEANING

- Apply a light mist of mild soap and water using a spray bottle.
- Work the solution into the stain by lightly agitating the entire surface area of the fabric, moving from seam to seam, with a sponge or very soft bristle brush. Avoid scrubbing, and do not use a hard bristled brush or anything that will abrade the fabric.
- Rinse the entire fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- Blot excess moisture with a clean, soft towel or sponge.
- Blot or wet-vacuum excess water from the entire surface area of the fabric, moving from seam to seam.
- Air dry. Repeat rinsing and blotting until all soap residue is removed.

### OIL-BASED STAINS

Immediately apply an absorbent such as corn starch directly on the oil-based stain. Let sit for 10 minutes and remove the excess using a straight edge or ruler. This helps remove the stain and prevents it from being pressed into the fabric. Then proceed with the cleaning process.

### MOLD AND MILDEW STAINS

Thibaut Outdoor Performance Fabrics do not promote mildew growth, however, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign substances that are not removed from the fabric. To clean stubborn stains:

- Prepare a bleach-based cleaning solution. Bleach should be diluted with water on a 1:10 ratio. A small amount of mild soap can be added to the solution.
- Using a spray bottle, apply the cleaning solution to the entire area and allow to soak into the fabric for 15 minutes.
- Clean entire surface with a sponge, clean towel or very soft bristle brush.
- Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- Allow fabric to air dry.
- If stain and/or mildew are severe, bleach quantities may be increased.
- It is best to clean the entire surface area of the fabric to avoid water rings and stains.

### SEAM-TO-SEAM CLEANING

When cleaning upholstered pieces, clean the entire surface area of the fabric, from seam to seam, instead of rubbing the fabric in a circular motion on the stain. This method, along with an extractor, may be required in order to avoid water rings and stains.