

Cleaning and Disinfecting

NAMC uses medical-grade fabrics that are designed to be safe, comfortable, and long lasting in a healthcare setting. Our fabrics are stain resistant from most medications, oils, grease and contaminants. The antimicrobial fabric protection system lasts for the lifespan of the fabric. To maximize the life of your mattress cover, NAMC recommends regular cleaning as follows:

GENERAL CLEANING:

- Soils or Stains: Use neutral soap suds and lukewarm water. Do not use harsh cleansers, solvents or detergents.
- Hard-to-Clean Spots: Use standard household/vinyl cleansers, a soft bristle brush and gentle agitation on troublesome spots or stains. Pre-soak heavy, dried-on soil.

DISINFECTING:

- Phenolic disinfectants, such as "Simple Green d PRO 5", are the best choice for vinyl products, though properly diluted quaternaries are also acceptable. Phenolic should be avoided on urethane.
- Ammonia disinfectants are recommended for urethane products. Quaternary/Isopropyl disinfectants are recommended for urethanes, but not recommended for vinyl.
- All NAMC fabrics are cleaned with a 1:30 dilution of "Simple Green d PRO 5" There is no harmful effect on the fabric when used in this dilution ratio.

SPECIFIC COMMERCIAL DISINFECTANTS:

- There are many popular disinfectants being used in care facilities. Cavi-Wipes and Virox5 are two of these that have been tested by Herculite and found to be acceptable for use with NAMC healthcare fabrics when used according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- Other specific products can be tested by NAMC when the request is accompanied by an unopened product sample. Contact your Sales Representative to coordinate this. Results are communicated in approximately 4-6 weeks.

LAUNDERING:

- Machine washing or drying vinyl-laminated or rubber-coated NAMC fabrics is not recommended. Laundering may substantially decrease the useful life of the fabric.
- Polyurethane-coated Sure-Chek fabrics: machine-wash with detergent up to 120°. (Some surface wrinkling may occur. This wrinkling has no adverse effect on the fabric properties). Hang or tumble dry thoroughly at 140° before storage. Using Hypochlorite as recommended by the Center for Disease Control, there is no harmful effect on the fabric when used in this dilution ratio.

PRECAUTIONS:

- Disinfectants applied at full concentration or in highly concentrated solutions may damage the fabric and will decrease the useful life of Sure-Chek fabrics.
- Iodophor type disinfectants used on NAMC fabrics may result in staining. If stains from Iodopher (i.e. iodine bearing) type disinfectants are not treated with a diluted (10:1) bleach solution within 20 minutes of application or spillage, staining will occur.
- Storage of fabrics that have not been dried thoroughly before folding and storing can promote the growth of mildew.

LIST OF CHEMICALS TESTED BY NAMC:

Believed to be safe to use on NAMC brand healthcare fabrics when used according to manufacturer's directions.

- Simple Green d PRO 5 (used by NAMC)
- Virox 5 Cleaner
- Oxivir® TB Disinfectant Cleaner
- CaviWipes Disinfecting Towels
- ProCure V - Active Ingredient: Chlorine Dioxide
- PDI Sani-Cloth HB Germicidal Disposable Wipe
- Clorox Healthcare Bleach Germicidal Wipes
- Super Sani-Cloth
- Pro-Q256 Cleaners