

# Technical Brief

## Cleaning Korogard® Protective Wallcovering

### General Information

Korogard® sheet will retain its original beauty with reasonable handling and care. To ensure that your wallcovering maintains its original appearance, please review the following guidelines.

To clean Korogard sheet, dust it with a soft, damp cloth or chamois and wipe the surface gently. Use soap and lukewarm water to remove light dirt. After washing and rinsing, be sure to dry the surface by blotting with a damp cloth or chamois to prevent streaking and water spots.

For general (routine) cleaning, the following mild detergents and multi-purpose cleaners are recommended:

- Top Job® with Ammonia
- Spic & Span®
- Johnson's Pledge®
- Joy® Detergent
- Fantastik®
- Mr. Clean®
- Janitor in a Drum
- Formula 409®
- Cascade®
- Isopropanol
- All® Detergent (Powder)

Normal cleaning methods may not remove ground in dirt or grease. To remove dirt or grease from texture valleys, a short stiff bristled brush should be used to loosen the material followed by a water rinse.

### Cleaners Not Recommended

- Wisk®
- Gasoline
- Tetrahydrofuran
- Lestoil®
- Liquid All®
- Brake Fluid
- Meguiar's® Carpet & Upholstery Cleaner
- Abrasives
- Dynamo
- Kerosene
- Methanol
- Ketones
- Cold Power Liquid
- Isopar K
- Johnson's Pride
- Pine-Sol®
- Endust®
- Hexane
- Goof-Off® "The Miracle Cleaner"

Note: The chemical composition of Goof-Off has recently been reformulated. This new formulation has been observed to have an affect on Korogard sheet. The previous formulation may be identified by the phrase "The Professional Cleaner" on the can and is produced by Valspar. This formulation is still recommended for use on Korogard sheet. The new formulation may be identified by the phrase "The Miracle Cleaner" on the can and is produced by W.M Barr & Co. Korogard is investigating suitable alternatives to the Goof-Off product.

### In-Use Spot Cleaning

Tough marks or stains due to spills, graffiti, heal marks, etc., usually require cleaners such as "DWR-II," "Zep," "Write Away" and Valspar's "Goof-Off" provide good results when trying to remove graffiti marks. These are specialized spot cleaners that should be used for small areas only. A short stiff bristled brush may be necessary to remove some stains from the textured surface. These cleaners should also be rinsed thoroughly with clean water. Some heel marks or abrasions from rubber bumpers on carts may be removed simply by brushing without a cleaner.

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| Problem  | Staining Agent   | Solution   |
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| Discoloration at seams and edges of sheets.        | Dried adhesive or caulking residue from installation of protective wallcovering. | Use mineral spirits, naphtha, or other commercially available solvent. Apply sparingly with a clean rag and rub in a small circular manner, being careful not to spread the adhesive over a larger area. The reactivated adhesive or caulking will be suspended in the solvent. The entire stained area should be rinsed with clean water before the solvent evaporates. |
| Residue from general pedestrian traffic.           | Oils, soda, juice, coffee, mustard, food stains, etc.                            | Use a commercially available liquid cleanser (SoftScrub®, Fantastik®, 409®, etc.) <b>that does not include bleach or ammonia</b> . Apply product sparingly and wipe in small circles with clean, damp rag.   |
| Tough stains embedded in texture of sheet.         | Grease, ink, blood, betadine, etc.   | Use a commercially available liquid cleanser (SoftScrub®, Fantastik®, 409®, etc.) <b>that does not include bleach or ammonia</b> . Apply product sparingly and scrub in small circles with a stiff nylon bristle brush. Rinse the area with clean water. Repeated treatment may be required for especially tough stains.   |
|  | Permanent marker, paint, nail polish, etc.                                       | Use a commercially available graffiti remover*. These are specialized spot cleaners that should be used for stained areas only. A stiff nylon short bristle brush may be necessary to remove some stains from the textured surface of the sheet. <b>These cleaners should be rinsed thoroughly with clean water.</b>   |
| Scuff marks and black streaks on texture of sheet. | Rubber transfer from carts, gurneys, wheelchairs, heel marks, etc.               | Use a stiff nylon short bristle brush with a mild soap and water solution. Repeated scrubbing may be required to remove rubber that has transferred to the textured surface of the sheet.  |
| Dull appearance or haze.                           | Residue from cleaning agents not properly rinsed from wallcovering.              | Use special cleaners such as Johnson Wax Step-Off and a stiff nylon short bristle brush. <b>These cleaners should be rinsed thoroughly with clean water.</b>   |

### \*Sources for graffiti removers:

"Crown Anti-Vandal Spray" by Aervoe Industries

"DWR-II" by Chemique, Inc.

"Write Away" by Zep

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877-428-9937

### Do Not Use the Following Products:

Powdered cleansers (Ajax®, Comet®, Spic and Span®, etc.)

Ammonia based cleansers (Mr. Clean®, Top Job®, etc.)

Acrylic floor strippers

Undiluted bleach

### Why Not?

Leaves a chalky residue.

Leaves a hazy film.

Permanently discolors surface.

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