

# CLEANING KOROGARD PROTECTIVE WALLCOVERING



## General Information

Korogard Protective Wallcovering 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:

- ♦ Joy®
- ♦ Fantastik®
- ♦ Janitor in a Drum
- ♦ Formula 409®
- ♦ Cascade®
- ♦ Isopropyl alcohol
- ♦ all® Detergent (powder)
- ♦ SoftScrub®

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®
- ♦ Persil® ProClean®
- ♦ Gasoline
- ♦ Tetrahydrofuran
- ♦ Lestoil®
- ♦ all® Detergent (liquid)
- ♦ Brake Fluid
- ♦ Meguiar's® Carpet & Upholstery Cleaner
- ♦ Abrasives
- ♦ Dynamo
- ♦ Kerosene
- ♦ Methanol
- ♦ Ketones
- ♦ Cold Power® Liquid
- ♦ Isopar™ K
- ♦ Pine-Sol®
- ♦ Endust®
- ♦ Hexane
- ♦ Goof Off "Works The 1st Time!"\*

\*Note: The chemical composition of Goof Off has been reformulated. This updated 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 updated formulation may be identified by the phrase "Works The 1st Time!" 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, heel marks, etc., usually require cleaners such as DWR-II®, Zep® Write Away, and Valspar® Goof Off to 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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## Chemical Resistance ASTM D-543

PROBLEM	Staining Agent	SOLUTION
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®, Formula 409®, etc.) that does not include bleach or ammonia. 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®, Formula 409®, etc.) that does not include bleach or ammonia. 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.
Extreme stains on sheet	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. These cleaners should be rinsed thoroughly with clean water
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

### \*Sources for Graffiti Removers:

Crown® Anti-Vandal Spray by Aervoe Industries	800.227.0196
DWR-II® by Chemique, Inc.	800.225.4161
Zep® Write Away	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  
 Leaves a hazy film

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