Caring for Your Panel Fabric

Acoustic Pro™ panels are wrapped in Guilford of Maine FR701 or Anchorage fabric. Both carry Standard Care Label W-S, so they can be cleaned with a wide range of cleaners and disinfected with several common disinfectants. This guide covers which methods to use and how to use them.

Standard Care Label W-S

W-S fabrics can be cleaned with soap and water, water-based cleaning agents, solvent-based cleaning solutions, and other upholstery cleaning systems.

Cleaning vs. disinfecting: cleaning (a vacuum or soap) removes soil but does not remove or kill germs. Disinfecting kills bacteria, germs, viruses, and other microorganisms and lowers the risk of spreading infection.

Before You Start

1. Identify your fabric: FR701 or Anchorage.
2. Check the Cleaning Code on its spec sheet (FR701 Fabric Specs or Anchorage Fabric Specs) to see which methods are approved.
3. Test any cleaner or disinfectant on a small, hidden area first to make sure it does not change the color or texture.
4. Clean or disinfect using the instructions below.
5. Wipe the surface with a damp cloth afterward so no residue is left behind.

Everyday Cleaning

Vacuum or lightly brush the fabric to remove dust and dirt. How often depends on how the space is used.

Spills and Stains

- Blot fresh spills right away with a clean cloth.
- Apply water or cleaner and wipe with a cloth or brush until clean.
- Rinse well, since leftover cleaner can speed up soiling.
- Call a professional cleaner for large stains or an overall soiled look.

> NOTE Never soak the panel. Apply cleaner to your cloth, use as little as you can, and wipe the fabric rather than saturating it.

Disinfecting

Both fabrics can be disinfected with hydrogen peroxide-based, alcohol-based, or quaternary ammonium (quat) based cleaners.

> **FR701 ONLY** Bleach-based cleaners are also approved, using a 10% bleach-to-water solution.

Steps for Any Disinfectant

- Read the disinfectant label first (concentration, application, contact time, precautions).
- Protect your hands and eyes.
- Follow dilution directions.
- Never saturate the fabric.
- Wipe the whole visible surface.
- Rinse well, since residue can speed soiling or irritate skin.

This guide may not suit every condition, and improper care can lead to panel damage. Follow your local health authorities' recommendations on disinfecting.

Frequently Asked Questions

How often should the fabric be cleaned?

It depends on the space. Clean right away when you see dirt or dust on the surface.

How often should it be disinfected?

It depends on the space and who uses it, so follow your local health authorities' recommendations. Very frequent disinfecting, such as several times a day, can shorten the fabric's life depending on the disinfectant.

Are there side effects to disinfecting?

It's safe at regular frequencies and with proper application. Too often, or not by the instructions, can cause discoloration, weakening or early wear.

Will disinfecting kill 100% of germs?

No, germs aren't visible, so there's no guarantee every one is killed. It does greatly reduce the risk of spreading infection.

How much disinfectant should I use?

Check your fabric's spec sheet and the disinfectant label first, since directions vary. Use as little as possible to limit damage to the fabric and nearby materials.

Can I use bleach on my panels?

You can use bleach on FR701, with a 10% bleach-to-water solution, rinsed well. Do not use bleach on Anchorage. Use hydrogen peroxide, alcohol or quat based cleaners instead.