M 54 MARKETING BULLETIN

Cleaning Tectum™ Panels - Standard & Fabric-Wrapped

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QUESTION: How do you clean Tectum panels?

ANSWER: Normal surface dust and dirt can be removed from Tectum panels by sweeping them with a nylon bristled broom or by vacuuming them. For panels that have been stained by water, either the use of Procoat (See Marketing Bulletin M-41) or repainting will solve the problem. Tectum panels can be spray painted up to six (6) times without affecting their sound absorption qualities. Tectum Touch-Up paint, natural or white, is available for small spots or stains. For spots or stains from oil-based materials, sealing the surface with a spray-on sealer may be required before painting.

QUESTION: How do you clean Tectum Fabri-Tough panels and Tectum Fabri-Glass panels?

ANSWER: Again, normal surface dust and dirt can be removed by sweeping or vacuuming the panels. For spots or stains on Fabri-Tough and Fabri-Glass with Hytex fabric, they recommend utilizing commercially available rug spot cleaners such as Johnson's Rugbee, Johnson's Glory, Woolite or K2R. Treat spots according to specific product instructions.

For Fabri-Tough, Hytex states that their fabric is a completely washable wallcovering using a mild detergent or cleaning solvent. Utilize a damp sponge in a gentle sweeping motion.
DO NOT SCRUB!

An important factor in removing a spot or stain on either fabric is immediate attention. Most stains can be removed if attended to promptly. In all cases, it is important to avoid excessive scrubbing.

QUESTION: How do you clean Tectum Fabri-Tough II panels with woven fabric?

ANSWER: Routine Maintenance: Vacuum with an upholstery attachment or use a soft nylon brush for removal of dry dirt and grime. Common commercial stains such as scuff marks, heel marks and soiling often can be removed completely with a dry brush.

Stain Removal or Spot Cleaning: Because olefin fibers absorb virtually no moisture, spots and stains stay on the surface of yarns and can be easily removed. For best results, follow the steps listed below. Always treat stains promptly when possible.

1. Spots from dust and other loose particles should be removed from the fabric surface by use of a commercial vacuum.

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2. Brush dry stains off with a soft nylon brush. Many times this will be all that is necessary to get a good result.

3. Blot wet stains with a clean absorbent cloth to wipe away as much as possible.

4. If stain is not removed, use a cloth and warm water, and a soft brush if necessary, to loosen the stains. Brush in both directions working outside in and use a minimal amount of water to avoid saturation.

5. If stain is not removed with warm water, use a common detergent with warm water brush if necessary. Avoid saturation. Rinse with warm water and blot the area dry with a clean dry cloth to prevent resoiling.

* Most stains, such as coffee, cola, catsup, mustard, washable ink, carbon black, etc. can be removed 100% by utilizing either step four (4) or five (5).

6. If stain is still not removed, it most likely is an oil-based stain. Some examples are: permanent ink marker, shoe polish, lipstick, hair dye, paint (oil), make-up, furniture polish, nail polish, etc. Commercially available cleaning solvents or even a strong bleach solution may be used to loosen the stains from the surface of the yarn.

   Again, apply with a clean cloth or soft brush (possible diluting with water); use sparingly to avoid saturation to the backing. Rinse with water and blot the area dry.

   Note: Due to solution-dyed olefin yarns, bleach and other harsh cleansers will not affect the yarn's color or performance.

7. Any of the aforementioned steps may be repeated as often as necessary for complete removal of stains.

8. It is permissible to use the hot water extraction method of stain removal on woven wallcoverings. This method will give an excellent result.

QUESTION: How do you clean smoke from Tectum Ceiling Panels?

ANSWER: Smoke could possibly penetrate a Tectum Ceiling Panel. To prevent this from occurring, the ceiling panels can be foil-backed at the factory. Foil facings, because they are impervious to moisture and vapor transfer, will deter smoke from traveling through the panel. Tectum panels can be field painted to eliminate smoke stains; please refer to Marketing Bulletin M-77.