



# UPHOLSTERY

## Synthetic

### INTRODUCTION

Synthetic fibers are man-made as opposed to fibers that occur in nature, which are referred to as natural fibers. The list of synthetic fibers includes:

- Nylon
- Olefin
- Polyester
- Acrylic
- Rayon
- Acetate

Since Rayon and Acetate are actually made from natural fibers, we treat those as if they were cotton. For cleaning these fabrics refer to the brochure on Cotton Upholstery. The remaining four fibers are made from thermoplastic materials and, with minor differences, they are cleaned the same way. Polyester fabric is sometimes harder to clean due to the fact that it attracts and holds oil. Extreme procedures may be needed for polyester and you may not be able to achieve perfect results.

### PROCEDURE

The following procedures are from the Bridgepoint Fast Track Upholstery System.

- **STEP 1**  
Use the Burn Test to determine that the fabric is synthetic and what fiber or fibers are present. See Fiber Identification brochure.
- **STEP 2**  
Vacuum the upholstery.
- **STEP 3**  
Before cleaning the entire item, be sure to do a cleaning test on an inconspicuous area.
- **STEP 4**  
Use the appropriate formula from the choices below according to soil level.

1. Use for: Medium to heavy soiled synthetics such as nylon, olefin and polyester. This formula used approximately 50% of the time.  
**PRESPRAY:** 1 part HD FABRIC PRESPRAY, 1 part hot water  
**EXTRACT:** AVENGE CLEAN RINSE  
Portable: 1 oz. per gallon hot water  
Truckmount: 1 qt. per 5 gallons water
2. Use for: Heavily soiled synthetics with heavy stains and body oils. This formula used approximately 30% of the time.  
**PRESPRAY:** AVENGE HD FABRIC PRESPRAY, do not dilute  
2 oz. Citrus Solv per gallon of Avege HD  
**EXTRACT:** AVENGE CLEAN RINSE  
Portable: 1 oz. per gallon hot water  
Truckmount: 1 qt. per 5 gallons water
3. Use for: Exceptionally heavy soils, grease and stains on synthetics. This formula used approximately 20% of the time.  
**PRESPRAY:** AVENGE HD FABRIC PRESPRAY, do not dilute  
1 oz. Boost All-dissolve first in quart of hot water then add to Avege HD  
2 oz. Citrus-Solv per gallon of Avege HD  
**EXTRACT:** AVENGE CLEAN RINSE  
Portable: 1 oz. per gallon hot water  
Truckmount: 1 qt. per 5 gallons water

- **STEP 5**  
Protect with **Maxim Fine Fabric**.
- **STEP 6**  
Dry with **Air Movers**.

### Chemicals Needed



**Avege Fabric Pre-spray**  
**Type:** Prespray  
**Highlights:** Preconditions fine fabrics on upholstery.

**Avege Heavy-Duty Fab. Prespray**  
**Type:** Prespray  
**Highlights:** Uses a strong odorless ammonia-based formula to precondition fabrics.



**Avege Clean Rinse**  
**Type:** Emulsifier  
**Highlights:** Rinses away soil and chemical residue.



**Citrus Solv**  
**Type:** Spotter/Degreaser  
**Highlights:** Easily cuts through gum, grease, tar, cosmetics and more.



**Boost All**  
**Type:** Oxygen Bleach  
**Highlights:** Increases soil suspension. Dissolves oils.



**Maxim Fine Fabric Protector**  
**Type:** Protector  
**Highlights:** Keeps spills and stains from damaging fine upholstery.

### Accessories Needed



**HyDry™ Tool**  
**Description:** Hand tool  
**Purpose:** Uses adjustable vacuum relief to optimize cleaning, and internal jet to avoid over-wetting.



**2-Quart Pump Sprayer**  
**Description:** Pump sprayer  
**Purpose:** Applies chemicals quickly, and efficiently.

**Horsehair Brush****Description:** *Brush***Purpose:** *Agitates chemicals on upholstery.***Power Sprayer****Description:** *Electric sprayer***Purpose:** *Easily disperses a wide range of chemicals.***Air Movers****Description:** *High volume air movers***Purpose:** *Dries upholstery quickly.***Equipment Needed****Truckmount****Description:** *Hot water extraction machine***Purpose:** *Portable unit that extracts water and chemical from carpet and upholstery.***Olympus Portable****Description:** *Portable Extractor***Purpose:** *Portable unit that extracts water and chemical from carpet and upholstery.***HELPFUL HINTS** – Use chemicals according to label directions.

Be sure to apply enough prespray to allow complete soil suspension. A common mistake is to use too little prespray. Boost customer satisfaction and your profit by applying **Maxim Fine Fabric Protector** after cleaning.

**Quick Guide****PROCEDURE**

- 1 Perform the burn test to determine fiber type.
- 2 Vacuum upholstery.
- 3 Pre-spray with the appropriate product.
- 4 Extract with the appropriate product.
- 5 Dry quickly using **Air Movers**.

**Other Resources**

Fast Track Manual and Cleaning Guides  
 Bridgepoint Upholstery Cleaning Manual  
 Bridgepoint Catalog  
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