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General Care & Cleaning Tips: Drapery

Note: These are general window treatment instructions. Each fabric reacts different to the below cleaning instructions. AmeriFab International will NOT be held responsible for any damage to window treatments following the below cleaning instructions. Customer is advised to follow the instructions at their own risk.

Special care should be taken to protect drapery from potential harm. Many drapes are unnecessarily dry cleaned. A regular soft brushing or careful vacuum will generally keep them looking new for many seasons. If dry cleaning does become necessary, be sure to use a **Professional Dry Cleaner**. Operated machines can harm the lining and face fabric as well.

Proper Hand-Washing:

- **Remove all hooks, hangers, and any other sharp objects** that may damage the fabric during washing.
- Lightly vacuum drapes to remove loose dirt prior to cleaning. This will prevent dirt from entering the fabric.
- Wash only one panel at a time. Do not wash with other items.
- Using a strong brush, apply a Mild Detergent or cleanser on face fabric only; follow label recommendations if applicable. **Do not apply any cleanser to the Blackout fabric.** It is already a chemically flocked fabric. Applying cleaner may result in damages.
- Do not rub or scrub the fabric too harshly.
- Use a damp sponge or cloth to remove the remaining cleanser after a few minutes.
- **Do not use bleach!**

Drying Instructions:

- Before drying, **do not replace hooks, hangers or any other sharp objects** as they may damage the fabric while drying.
- After washing, shake the fabric to remove excessive water.
- **Do not wring out.** Only squeeze gently.
- Hang on a padded line evenly to allow drip dry in full length, open width. Hang blackout side out. Blackout side cannot touch itself or any other surface while drying.

Spot Cleaning:

- Apply a light mist of mild soap and water mixture using a spray bottle.
- Work the solution into the stain by lightly scrubbing the area with a sponge or very soft bristle brush.
- Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- Blot excess moisture with a clean, soft towel or sponge.
- Air dry; repeat steps 3 and 4 until all soap residue is removed.

Ironing:

- Most wrinkles and creases will hang out over time or be hidden in the pleats or folds of the drapery. If you wish to remove a wrinkle or crease, special care should be exercised to protect them from potential damage.
- Use household steam iron, ironing board with pad and a damp pressing cloth.
- Sole plate of the iron must be free of any dirt, rust, build-up or damage as it may snag fabric.
- Set iron to polyester or synthetic (290° - 350° F).
- Use the damp cloth between the iron and drapery. Steam while ironing.