



# STAMOID® MARINE



## Fabric Care Instructions

1. Lay the fabric out on a flat surface. Moisten the fabric with clean water. Add a solution of a proper cleaning agent to the fabric, specifically IMAR™ STAMOID® Marine Vinyl Cleaner #603, or a solution of gentle soap and water.
2. Brush the fabric using a soft bristle brush and allow the solution to do most of the work. Do not grind the bristles into the fabric.
3. Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all traces of the soapy solution. In case of severe dirt and grime duplicate this process a second time.  
  
(A solution of 10% bleach can be brushed onto the fabric to kill any mildew spores that may have remained.)
4. Rinse.  
Duplicate effort on second side  
Goods should be hung to dry.
5. Finally an application of IMAR™ STAMOID® #603 Marine Vinyl Protective Spray and or IMAR™ STAMOID® #601 Marine Vinyl Protective Cream should be added to the surface after the “post wash” drying time. IMAR™ STAMOID® cleaners and protective products are neutral pH products.

## About PVC and Top Coatings

An enlarged side view of common vinyl fabric would show raw PVC (polyvinyl chloride) covered by a thin layer of plastic called the “topcoat”. The topcoat is the part of the vinyl you can see and touch. To keep vinyl fabric soft and flexible, manufacturers add agents known as plasticizers to raw PVC. A major function of the topcoat is to hold in these plasticizers, which otherwise would quickly evaporate. If the topcoat is damaged or degraded, plasticizers begin to escape leading to embrittlement, cracking, and failure.

Therefore under no circumstances, should anyone use an abrasive cleaner or any cleaner with a solvent base. Solvents and/or abrasives can destroy the protective topcoat and decrease the expected lifespan of your fabric.

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