

Care and Cleaning

Some of the most frequently asked questions about Seamark fabrics concern care and cleaning. The good news is that Seamark is designed to be easy to maintain. By following a few simple care and cleaning steps, the fabric will maintain its good looks for many years.

Cleaning

One of the best ways to keep Seamark fabrics looking good and to delay the need for deep or vigorous cleanings is to hose fabrics off on a monthly basis with clear water. This practice will help prevent dirt from becoming deeply imbedded in the fabric and eliminate the need for more frequent vigorous cleanings. In most environments, a thorough cleaning will be needed every two to three years.

When it's time for a thorough cleaning, Seamark fabrics can be cleaned while still on a frame.

When cleaning Seamark fabrics, it is important to observe the following:

- Always use a natural soap (like dishwashing liquid). Never detergent.
- Water should be cold to lukewarm. Never more than 100 degrees.
- Air dry only. Never apply heat to Seamark fabrics.

If you are cleaning Seamark while still on a frame or on a boat, follow these simple steps:

- Brush off loose dirt.
- Hose down.
- Prepare a cleaning mixture of water and mild, natural soap (no detergents).
- Use a soft bristle brush to clean.
- Allow soap to soak in.
- Rinse thoroughly.
- Air dry.

If stubborn stains or mildew on the backing persist, you can use a diluted chlorine bleach/soap mixture for spot cleaning of mildew, roof run-off and other similar stains (see the **Stain Chart** for more specific recommendations).

Prepare a special cleaning mixture:

- Four ounces (half cup) of chlorine bleach.
- Two ounces (one-fourth cup) of natural soap.
- One gallon of water.
- Clean with soft bristle brush.
- Allow mixture to soak for up to 20 minutes.
- Scrub thoroughly with soft bristle brush.
- Rinse thoroughly.
- Air dry.
- Repeat if necessary.

Remember to protect the area around your Seamark if using a bleach solution. Carpet or other fabrics that are not Seamark may have an adverse reaction to the bleach.

If an awning or boat cover is suitable in size for a washing machine, these steps should be followed:

- Use only natural soaps. No detergent.
- Wash and rinse in cold water.
- Air dry. Never put Seamark fabrics in your dryer.