

# LEN-TEX

## **Wallcovering Care and Maintenance**

As with any quality product, proper care and routine maintenance of your wallcovering will safeguard your investment by helping to maintain its original beauty and finish; thereby extending its useful life. All Len-Tex wallcoverings are finished with water based protective topcoating for enhanced cleanability.

The following general cleaning instructions should serve as a guide for normal maintenance practices.

### **General Cleaning**

Ordinary dirt and smudges can be removed by using a mild soap, warm water and bristle brush if necessary to remove dirt from the crevices of deeply textured patterns. We recommend Liquid Sunshine, made by Vermont Soap Organics, a non-toxic cleaner made with organic oils. It contains no sodium lauryl sulfate or other harsh detergents, alcohols, d-limonene, or synthetic chemicals. For more information, see <http://vermontsoap.com/wholesale/whntc.shtml>. Clean from the bottom of the wall upward and allow to soak for several minutes. Rinse thoroughly from the top of the wall down using clean water and a clean sponge (change rinse water often). Dry wallcovering with a soft, lint free cloth or towel. Repeat, if necessary.

### **Special Cleaning Conditions**

For more difficult stains that are only surface deep, the use of a stronger detergent such as Fantastic, Formula 409 or similar non-abrasive household cleaner or isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol is recommended. Stains should be removed as quickly as possible to eliminate any possible reaction between the staining agent and wallcovering. Timeliness is especially important for removing stains that contain colorants or solvents such as ball point ink, lipstick, etc. Scrape off as much as possible and rub gently from the outside edge of the stain to the center to prevent spreading of the stain.

### **Sanitizing Care**

Virex<sup>®</sup> Tb commercial cleaning solution can be used on all Len-Tex wallcoverings. When used as directed, this one step cleaner, deodorizer and disinfectant shows proven resistance to damage even after multiple cleanings.

The use of a dilute solution (5%) of chlorine bleach is acceptable for sanitization purposes. It is important to limit the set time and dry the surface after sanitization is complete. If other products are specified at your site, test a small inconspicuous area prior to cleaning to ensure there will be no damage to the wallcovering. Or contact Len-Tex for testing using your cleaner.

Never use abrasive cleansers or steel wool as they can mar the surface. Do not use solvents such as nail polish remover as they will remove the topcoat finish.

**NOTE:** When using rubbing alcohol, first test on an inconspicuous area. **NEVER MIX CLEANING AGENTS TOGETHER – VIOLENT REACTIONS CAN OCCUR.**