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Cleaning and maintenance of Avery® FasFlex 3000

General

In order to maintain a high quality image of FasFlex graphics once they have been applied to a curtain, they need to be cleaned regularly. Any vehicle cleaning schedule is dependent on the weather, traffic and road conditions, but generally speaking cleaning once a month with one of the recommended detergents listed below should be sufficient.

Regular truck cleaning/maintenance following schedule

For regular cleaning schemes the normal procedure should be followed as recommended by the manufacturers of the detergents that are listed below. Regular cleaning will reduce the need for further "deep cleaning".

Note: Cleaning agents may vary in composition, so it is essential that manufacturers' recommendations on the use and dilution of their specific products are followed to the letter.

Cleaning of heavily-soiled curtains and graphics

- Dilute the cleaning agent according to the manufacturer instruction. Spray the cleaning solution generously over the entire surface of the curtain to be cleaned, starting at the bottom of the curtain working upwards. Using a standard soft vehicle brush, thoroughly agitate and mix the cleaning agents solution into the dirt on the curtain's surface.
- Rinse off dirt and cleaning solution together using a pressure washer, water hose or brush wash. When
 using high-pressure equipment, a pressure of 80 bars (1200 psi) and a watertemperature of 70° C
 should not be exceeded with. A minimum distance of 30-cm (12")should be maintained between curtain
 and dispenser nozzle.
- Inspect the cleaned curtain for any ingrained grease or scuff marks, and remove them withthe aid of a soft brush or cloth and a hand sprayer containing cleaning solution.
- Rinse off.

Points to watch:

- Do not clean FasFlex graphics within 48 hours after application.
- FasFlex graphics may be cleaned using all normal truck washing methods,but high pressure steam cleaning should be avoided as the extreme heat can interfere with the adhesion on the films.
- The cleaning solution should fall within the mild acid or mild alkaline limits (pH 3-11).
- Do not use solvents and/or abrasive cleaning agents.
- The high pressure cleaner nozzle shall be pointed perpendicular the the curtain surface: angled aiming may damage the graphics.





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Recommended cleaning agents

The products listed below have been tested and found satisfactory for the cleaning of FasFlex 3000 graphics applied to PVC curtains:

Manufacturer:

Product name:

Dreumex BV

Dreumex Heavy Duty Industrial Cleaner

Dommelstraat 1

5347 JK Oss - The Netherlands

Tel.: +31 412 648506 Fax: +31 412 648386

Quill Intern. Industries PLC

Curtain and Cab Cleaner

Castle Lane.

Melbourne DE73 1DY / U.K. Tel.: +44 1332 864664 Fax: +44 1332 863292

Autosmart Ltd.

Lynn Lane, Shenstone Lichfield WS14 0DH / U.K.

Tel.: +44 1543 481616 Fax: +44 1543 481549 Triple Biocidal Cleaner. Product No 1719

Applied Chemicals Ltd.

Applied House, Wilcone Lane Coventry CV6 6JA / U.K. Tel.: +44 1203 368800

Tel.: +44 1203 368800 Fax: +44 1203 366639 Fastklene CV3 Product No 5004

Important

The above recommendations and cleaning instructions are intended only as a source of information and are given without a guarantee and do not constitute a warranty. Purchasers should independently test cleaning agents and methods, prior to use, to determine their suitability. The uses of any of the recommended cleaning products above will not invalidate our warranty on FasFlex 3000.

Manufacturers can provide COSHH regulations on request.





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