



# UPHOLSTERY

## Wool

### INTRODUCTION

Wool is not often found in upholstery. It is a warm fabric and can be uncomfortable next to the skin. When you see wool upholstery fabric, it is generally in commercial settings such as professional offices. There are a few things that you need to be careful of when cleaning wool.

- Fiber Distortion
- Damage from long-term exposure to highly alkaline chemicals
- Color Loss
- Shrinkage

These problems can be avoided easily by pre-testing.

### TESTING PROCEDURES

Test for shrinkage by marking a 2-inch square with straight pins. Clean that square and dry it. Measure it again. If it has shrunk, you can determine how much the fabric will shrink by calculating the percentage of shrinkage in the square. If significant shrinkage is likely to take place, you should clean with dry-cleaning solvents. (See the Dry-Cleaning Brochure.) Luckily, almost all wool fabrics are pre-shrunk from the mill and shrinkage is rarely a problem.

Keeping the pH of the cleaning solutions close to neutral can prevent both of the other problems (alkaline damage and color loss). This is accomplished with the procedures and formulas below.

### CLEANING PROCEDURES

The following procedures are from the **Bridgepoint Fast Track Upholstery System**.

- **STEP 1**  
Test for shrinkage and color loss.

- **STEP 2**  
Test for cleaning effectiveness by cleaning a small area.
- **STEP 3**  
Vacuum thoroughly.
- **STEP 4**  
Pre-spray with **Avenge Fabric Prespray**.
- **STEP 5**  
Extract with **Avenge Clean Rinse**.
- **STEP 6**  
Protect with **Maxim Fine Fabric**.
- **STEP 7**  
Dry quickly using **Air Movers**.

### Chemicals Needed



**Avenge Fabric Pre-spray**  
**Type:** Prespray  
**Highlights:** Preconditions fine fabrics on upholstery.



**Avenge Clean Rinse**  
**Type:** Emulsifier  
**Highlights:** Rinses away soil and chemical residue.



**Maxim Fine Fabric Protector**  
**Type:** Protector  
**Highlights:** Keeps spills and stains from damaging fine upholstery.



**Citrus Solv**  
**Type:** Spotter/Degreaser  
**Highlights:** Easily cuts through gum, grease, tar, cosmetics and more.

### Accessories Needed



**HyDry™ Tool**  
**Description:** Hand tool  
**Purpose:** Uses adjustable vacuum relief to optimize cleaning, and internal jet to avoid over-wetting.



**2-Quart Pump Sprayer**  
**Description:** Pump sprayer  
**Purpose:** Applies chemicals quickly, and efficiently.



**Horsehair Brush**  
**Description:** Brush  
**Purpose:** Safely agitates chemicals on upholstery.



**Power Sprayer**  
**Description:** Electric sprayer  
**Purpose:** Easily disperses a wide range of chemicals.



**Air Movers**  
**Description:** High volume air movers  
**Purpose:** Dries upholstery quickly.

### Equipment Needed



**Truckmount**  
**Description:** Hot water extraction machine  
**Purpose:** Provides heat, pressure and vacuum for the cleaner.



**Olympus Portable**  
**Description:** Portable Extractor  
**Purpose:** Portable unit extracts water and chemical from carpet and upholstery.

## **PROCEDURE**

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## **HELPFUL HINTS**



**Boost customer satisfaction and your profits by applying Maxim Fine Fabric Protector after cleaning. Cleaning of wool and other natural fabrics should be priced higher than synthetic cleaning due to the additional risk, value of the item, and the expertise necessary.**

## **Other Resources**

**Fast Track Manual and Cleaning Guides  
Bridgepoint Upholstery Cleaning Manual  
Bridgepoint Catalog**

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