

Cleaning

STRETCHER CLEANING (CONTINUED)

RECOMMENDED CLEANERS

Suggested cleaners for stretcher surfaces:

Quaternary Cleaners (active ingredient - ammonium chloride).

Phenolic Cleaners (active ingredient - o-phenylphenol).

Chlorinated Bleach Solution (5.25% - less than 1 part bleach to 100 parts water).

Avoid over saturation and ensure the product does not stay wet longer than the chemical manufacturer's guidelines for proper disinfecting.

CAUTION

Some cleaning products are corrosive in nature and may cause damage to the product if used improperly. If the products suggested above are used to clean Stryker patient handling equipment, measures must be taken to ensure that the stretcher is wiped with a damp cloth soaked in clean water and thoroughly dried following cleaning. Failure to properly rinse and dry the stretcher will leave a corrosive residue on the surface of the stretcher, possibly causing premature corrosion of critical components. Failure to follow the above directions when using these types of cleaners may void this product's warranty.

Stretchers must have maintenance performed after a minimum of every fifth washing. See the maintenance manual for specific lubrication instructions.

Do not use abrasive cleaners to clean the display enclosure for the optional scale system. Do not allow cleaning solutions or other fluids to pool on the display unit. Wipe dry all surfaces after spills or cleaning.

MATTRESS CLEANING

These instructions are intended to provide recommended cleaning methods for stretcher mattresses.

RECOMMENDED CLEANING METHOD

- Hand-wash all surfaces of the mattress with warm water and mild detergent cleaner.
- Dry thoroughly.
- Apply disinfectant solution either by spray, solution or pre-impregnated wipes (do not soak mattress).
- Clean per hospital protocol for mattresses.
- Wipe up excess disinfectant.
- Rinse with clean water.
- Allow surface to dry.

RECOMMENDED DISINFECTANTS

IMPORTANT: DILUTE ALL DISINFECTANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER'S DIRECTIONS

When used in concentrations recommended by the manufacturer, diluted bleach, diluted phenolic, or diluted quaternary germicidal disinfectants are recommended. Chlorine Bleach, typically 5.25% Sodium Hypochlorite, should be used at a dilution ratio of 1 part bleach to 10 parts water.

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RINSE OFF CORROSIVE CLEANERS

These products are NOT considered mild detergents. They are corrosive in nature and may cause damage to your stretcher mattress if used improperly. Mattresses must be rinsed with clean water and dried thoroughly after using corrosives such as quaternary, phenolic, or chlorine bleach. Failure to properly rinse and dry the mattress leaves a corrosive residue on the surface, likely causing premature corrosion.

Iodophor type disinfectants are not recommended for use because staining may result.

The following table lists the recommended cleaner types for each mattress cover material (see definitions below):

	Vinyl Mattress Cover	Polyurethane Mattress Cover
Recommended	Phenolics	Quaternary, Quat/Isopropyl
Acceptable	Quaternary, Chlorine Bleach (1:10)	Chlorine Bleach (1:10)
Not Recommended	Quat/Isopropyl	Phenolics

Quaternary Cleaners: identified by ingredients containing the phrase "...yl ammonium chloride"

Quat/Isopropyl Cleaners: identified by a quaternary ingredient above plus isopropyl alcohol

Phenolic Cleaners: identified by ingredients containing the suffix "-phenol"

Chlorine Bleach: known generically as "Sodium Hypochlorite"

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Velcro	To clean and disinfect, saturate with disinfectant, rinse with water, and allow it to evaporate.
Soils or Stains	Use neutral soaps and warm water. Do not use harsh cleansers, solvents or abrasive cleaners.
Hard-To-Clean Spots	Use standard household/vinyl cleansers and a soft bristle brush on troublesome spots or stains. Pre-soak heavy, dried-on soil.
Laundering	Laundering is NOT RECOMMENDED. Laundering may substantially decrease the useful life of the mattress.

DO NOT STEAM CLEAN, PRESSURE WASH, HOSE OFF OR ULTRASONICALLY CLEAN MATTRESSES.

Using these methods of cleaning are not recommended and may void this product's warranty.

REMOVAL OF IODINE STAINS

1. Make a solution of 1–2 tablespoons Sodium Thiosulfate in a pint of warm water and use it to wipe the stained area. Clean the stain as soon as possible after it occurs. If stains are not immediately removed, allow solution to soak or stand on the surface before wiping.
2. Rinse surfaces which have been exposed to the solution with clear water before returning mattress to service.

Note: Failure to follow the above directions when using these types of cleaners may void this product's warranty.