

PRODUCT MAINTENANCE

Most of our window treatments do not require frequent cleaning. A light dusting with a vacuum cleaner brush attachment on a regular basis will keep them looking new for years.

DESIGNED FOR EASY CARE

- All MyBlinds products are made for a lifetime of wear-resistant, trouble-free performance.
- Many shade fabrics are specially treated to repel dust and dirt.

RECOMMENDED CLEANING METHODS

- **Dusting.** Regular light dusting maintains a like-new appearance of most blinds, shades, shadings, and sheers.
- **Vacuumping.** For deeper cleaning, vacuum gently with a brush attachment of any vacuum cleaner. Most products may be vacuumed using a vertical stroke; however, *do not* use a brush attachment with Vertical Sheers.
- **Compressed air or hair dryer (non-heat setting).** Use to blow dust off selected window coverings.
- **Spot-cleaning.** Spot-clean shades and blinds with soft cloth or sponge moistened with lukewarm water. Add mild detergent if needed. Blot gently to avoid creasing or damaging the fabric. Rubbing can damage fabrics. Spot-cleaning may result in cleaner areas.

Note: Our blackout honeycomb fabrics should not be spot-cleaned.

- **Vinyl vertical blinds.** Reduce build-up of static electricity by applying a very thin film of detergent on all vanes.
- **Bathtub cleaning/water immersion.** This method is used for faux wood blinds and most, but not all, honeycomb fabrics.



Dusting



Vacuumping



Spot-Cleaning

1. Immerse entire shade assembly in lukewarm water with mild detergent. Wash for five minutes by gently moving liquid around with your fingers. Not recommended for blinds with cotton or decorative tapes.
2. Rinse with clear water.
3. Close shade before removing from rinse water.
4. Hold rails and tilt the shade to allow excess water to drain off.
5. Re-install damp shade into window opening.
6. Lower shade all the way to allow it to dry completely.

Note: Honeycomb shades should be dried in the fully lowered position.

Products not recommended for bathtub cleaning. Blackout Honeycomb fabrics, Skylights, Sheer Shadings, Smart Roman, Vertical Fabric blinds, Woven Woods, Vertical Sheers, Roller and Wood blinds. Important! Do not immerse headrail on Cordless Lift, Continuous Loop, Vertical Honeycomb systems or Faux Wood Blinds.

- **Ultrasonic cleaning.** Professional ultrasonic cleaning is recommended for several products. **Do not use this method for:** wood blinds, honeycomb Skylights systems, faux wood blinds, room darkening sheer shadings. **Important! Do not immerse headrail on Cordless Lift, Continuous Loop, or Vertical Honeycomb systems.**
- **On-Site injection/extraction cleaning system.** This type of cleaning injects a cleaning solution into the fabric and extracts the dirty solution in the same motion. It is a very effective way to deep clean your window treatments. The service is typically performed in the home so there is no need to remove the window treatments. One of the leading companies that provides this service is **On-Site Cleaners**. They have a national network of trained professionals that can clean any soft, fabric-based product including Vertical Sheers, Sheer shadings, Smart Roman Shades and honeycomb shades. Dry method is recommended for certain fabrics. **Important! Do not clean Smart Roman fabric-covered headrail.**

To locate the **On-Site** dealer nearest you, check the yellow pages, on-sitecertifiedtechnicians.com or call **1-800-598-9043**. We acknowledge these cleaning methods as being safe and effective. We cannot attest to the quality of equipment or services provided by any independent cleaning facility.

- **Steaming.** Steaming can be done to remove wrinkles from some fabrics. A hand-held travel size steamer that provides continuous steam is best. Heavy-duty steamers are not recommended.

HELPFUL HINTS

Faux Wood or Vinyl Products

- To reduce static cling and help repel dust, wipe the product with dryer sheets.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners or chemical solvents, as they will scratch or damage the surface.

Wood Products

- Clean using a dry and soft feather duster, clean cloth, dust cloth or dusting mitt. A vacuum with the soft brush attachment can also be used.
- Ultrasonic cleaning or use of chemical solvents and scrubbing cleansers are not recommended. They will damage the product.
- Protect all fine wood products from exposure to steam or high moisture areas, rain or outside irrigation systems to ensure their long life.
- When cleaning any window, spray glass cleaner on a cloth rather than spraying directly on the window. This will prevent damage to the wood finish by splattering cleaner.

Cloth Tapes

- Spot-cleaning with fabric cleaning wipes found at your grocery store is recommended for all tapes. These will typically not leave a stain or discolor the tapes. We suggest a cleaning test on the underneath side of the blind where the tape wraps around the bottom rail where any stain would be the least visible.
- 100% polyester tapes can be spot-cleaned with cool distilled water using a clean white cloth. Support the tape from behind using another clean cloth that is dry. Use a gentle blotting action to clean the spot or soiled area. Rinse by blotting with clean distilled water. Let air dry. A gentle detergent can also be used on the 100% polyester trims. Spot-cleaning may result in cleaner areas.
- If the tape is shiny or has a luster, DO NOT USE WATER. It is most likely rayon or acetate. The result will be a water stain. Wipes are the best for all fiber contents.

Fabric Shades or Shadings

- **Do not use magnetic cleaners** such as a dusting mitt on room-darkening fabrics. This will damage the room-darkening backing.
- When cleaning any window, spray glass cleaner on a cloth rather than spraying directly on the window. This will prevent damage to the fabrics by splattering cleaner.
- While some fabric window covering products may seem perfect for an outdoor setting, all are recommended for indoor use only.

Sheers

When choosing an ultrasonic cleaning technician for Vertical Sheers, be sure to ask:

- Do you have the proper equipment Vertical Sheer product knowledge? The ultrasonic cleaning process requires the sheers to be removed from the home and transported back to the cleaning facility. And, sheers should be rolled on a tube during transport to minimize wrinkling and damage.
- Will the temperature of the bath water exceed 90°F? If the water temperature is higher than the recommendation, oxidation may occur in room-darkening vanes.
- Is your tank long enough to accommodate the length of the sheer? **(Very important.)** The tank used should be *at least* as long as the height of the sheer to allow for cleaning without folding and wrinkling the vanes.

Notes

- Dry environmental conditions in different parts of the country at various times of the year may generate static on fabric home furnishings — including window coverings. Should this occur, lightly apply a static spray for home furnishings, being sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions. Allow the shade/shading to dry in the fully lowered position. If necessary, reapply the static spray each time the shade/shading is professionally cleaned.