

## Alcantara® Ecsaine® Maintenance and Care Instructions

### Ordinary maintenance

In order to preserve the beauty of Alcantara® it is possible to clean Alcantara® by following these instructions:

Dust the material with care; moisten a soft cloth or a sponge in clean water, wring it thoroughly and run it over the whole Alcantara® material, making sure not to wet it excessively; rinse the cloth or sponge and repeat as necessary.

Leave to dry (overnight). Once dried, in order to restore the material, brush it delicately with a soft bristle brush.

### General instructions for stain removal

? In the case of *localized stains*, the material can be cleaned as follows:

? Act immediately (within 30 minutes) and begin treating the stain from the outside edge into the center in order to keep the stain from spreading

? Never pour any cleaning product directly onto Alcantara®

? Before removing the stain, remove any of the substance that has fallen on the material: if its thick (yogurt, jam, etc.) use a spoon or a plastic spatula; for liquids, use non-printed absorbent paper or sponge

? Avoid rubbing to prevent the stain from spreading or going deep into material; use a white cloth or a well-wrung sponge for the removal of the stains.

? When using a sponge, rinse it in clean water and wring it well between each wipe.

For the *specific treatment of the different types of stains* and the relative materials that should be used, follow the instructions below:

### WATER-SOLUABLE STAINS

It is recommended, depending on the type of stain, that you should use water, lemon juice, or pure ethyl alcohol (from liquors) and follow the instructions below:

#### **Fruit juice, jam, jelly, syrup, ketchup:**

Use lukewarm water, rinse by dabbing with clean water.

#### **Blood, egg, excrement, urine :**

Use cold water; avoid warm water as it makes these substances coagulate, rinse by dabbing with clean water.

#### **Liquors, alcoholic beverages, wine, beer, coke and tea:**

Use lukewarm water; if the color mark remains, treat with lemon juice and then rinse well.

#### **Indelible pencil, cocoa, chocolate, pastry with cream or chocolate, ice cream, mustard:**

Use lukewarm water; rinse by dabbing with clean water.

#### **Vinegar, hair gel, tomato sauce, coffee with sugar:**

Use lemon juice and then wipe with lukewarm water; rinse by dabbing with clean water.

## **NON WATER SOLUABLE STAINS**

It is recommended, depending on the type of stain, that you should use water, or lemon juice or pure ethyl alcohol (from liquors) and follow the instructions below.

### **Lipstick, foundation, mascara, eye-shadow, perfume, shoe polish, oil and grease, grass stains and felt tip markers (including the indelible kind):**

Rub with ethyl alcohol, then with water and rinse. For grass stains and felt tips, which are quite difficult to remove, especially on light colors, it is necessary to act as soon as possible in order to prevent them from becoming too "dry"

### **Chewing-gum and wax:**

Put a plastic bag full of ice on the stain; when the material becomes hard remove the pieces and then treat with ethyl alcohol.

### **Resistant stains:**

Repeat the above described treatments as often as necessary. Even the stains that are not soluble in water often require to be treated afterwards with water.

### **Old stains of unknown origin:**

First of all treat with lukewarm water, then rinse by dabbing them with clean water. If you see that the stain begins to dissolve in the water, repeat the treatment as often as necessary; let it dry and, if necessary, treat with ethyl alcohol.