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How to care for your couch

Please read carefully

Thank you for buying a Plinth Medical couch!

We hope you will be very happy with your new piece of equipment, and that it serves you well for many years to come.

In order to extend the life of your new couch, there are a few easy things we recommend doing in order to keep it in tip-top condition. If you require the full user guide for your model you can find these on our website or by contacting our customer service team.

Foot Caps & Adjustable Foot

Depending on the model of couch you have purchased, it is possible that you may have three black foot caps and one adjustable foot on the bottom of the legs on the couch. We know that these sometimes dislodge or are damaged during transit and delivery. We are sure you are eager to use your new couch so we always send out a spare pack of foot caps and an adjustable foot just in case you need to use them to replace any missing or damaged items. You can usually find these attached to the metal framework underneath the upholstery. Should you ever need to replace these foot caps or an adjustable foot in the future, please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Service team on +44 (0) 1449 767887 who will be happy to help.



Foot Cap



Adjustable Foot

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Covering

We always recommend covering your couch with paper roll, towelling cover or equivalent. This will prevent any bodily fluids, oils and other substances from reacting with the vinyl and causing cracking and hardening. Please note: we can supply you with a paper roll holder for your couch or towelling covers if you have not already ordered them.

Patient Transfer

Care should be taken prior to patients/customers mounting the couch to ensure that nothing is protruding from their pockets or on their clothing which could damage the couch upholstery, for example studs on denim jeans.

Cleaning

It is vitally important to keep your couch clean, however vinyl can be particularly susceptible to harsh chemicals and solvents. For best results, follow our instructions below.

Wipe clean regularly with a microfiber cloth and warm, soapy water to remove dust particles and light soiling.

If spilages occur, remove promptly with an absorbent dry cloth.

Following the above, use clean water to rinse the couch and dry with a soft cloth or towel.

For any heavy or ingrained soiling, follow the cleaning steps above, then scrub the affected area using a soft brush and warm, soapy water, followed by a clean water rinse and dry.

The following products are approved for use on Plinth Medical couches: Clinell Sporocidal Wipes; Clinell Universal Sanitizing Wipes; Clinell Multi-Purpose Wipes; Accel TB; Chlorclean; Haz-Tab; Milton; Tristel; Certainty Disinfectant Wipes; Tuffie 5 Wipes; Actichlor Plus (1 tab per 1L of water); Chlorine Dioxide (10%); Terralin and Sodium Hypochlorite (<10%). When using bleach, a 5% solution (50,000ppm) is acceptable.

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Please note:

- The use of solvents, abrasives, synthetic detergents, wax polishes, leather cleaner or aerosol spray is not recommended. Do not machine wash or dry clean vinyl fabric.
- Do not use felt tip or ball point pen on the vinyl as this will cause permanent staining.
- Vinyl will react badly to oil contamination as it removes the protective lacquer layer. Please do not use any oils on the couch without protecting it first.
- Remove indigo dye from denim and canvas garments immediately as these will produce permanent staining if not dealt with promptly.

Using cleaning products contrary to these instructions may compromise the integrity of the fabric. Unsuitable cleaning products will remove the lacquer layer which protects the vinyl fabric and result in hardening and/or cracking of the fabric.

The below images show two examples of when vinyl begins to harden and crack as a result of it coming into contact with oils. We cannot stress the importance of covering your couch and following our cleaning instructions.





Wiping

Using a dry cloth, regularly wipe the gas struts or hydraulic pump (should you have these on your couch) to stop the build up of dust which could affect the smooth functioning of the components.

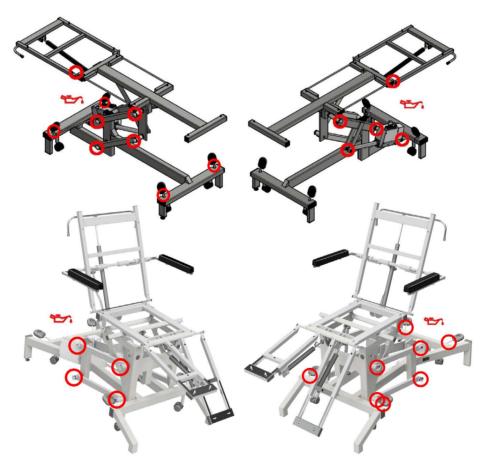
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Lubrication

A little bit of lubrication every 6 months or so will reduce the likelihood of your couch creaking or juddering when being raised or lowered.

Using a good quality lubricant, like 3 in 1 oil or spray grease, lubricate the points highlighted below. We advise against using water-based lubricants.

These include the 6 pivot points on the side arms, the pivot points on either end of the motor, the hinge on the backrest and the retractable castors (or wheels).



Once again, we thank you for choosing Plinth Medical and hope you enjoy working with your new piece of equipment.

Our customer service team are always here to help so if you have any questions or would like to speak to them about any of the points above, please call +44 (0) 1449 767887 or email customerservice@plinthmedical.com.