



Care and cleaning

Although the fabric does not promote mildew growth by itself, mildew may develop on dirt and other foreign substances that are not removed. This is especially true in warm, humid, dark environments.

A program of keeping the fabric clean through regular washings, BEFORE it gets dirty, will enhance the life and beauty of the acrylic and make successive cleaning easier.

For normal care & cleaning

The Haartz Corporation recommends using **Bimini Topp™ Marine Cleaner** and **Bimini Topp™ Marine Protectant**

- Hand washing in shade or partial shade, not direct sunlight, is best.
- DO NOT USE DETERGENT.
- Bird and tree droppings, as well as other loose particle soils, should be removed immediately.
- Vacuum with a brush attachment and rinse thoroughly with water to remove loose particle soils. This will also prevent the soils from being redeposited during the cleaning process.
- Once the fabric has been rinsed thoroughly, spray **Bimini Topp™ Marine Cleaner** evenly over the entire surface while still wet.
- Allow the cleaner to soak for 10 to 20 minutes and then scrub lightly with a soft nylon brush or terry cloth rag.
- Rinse thoroughly, preferably until no remaining soap foam is observed.
- Additional cleanings may be required. It is best to determine the need for additional cleanings after the fabric has dried completely..

Washing with soap (ie. Ivory or Lux) and warm water is a safe alternative to **Bimini Topp™ Marine Cleaner**, but not as effective.

For more stubborn cases

- Mix a solution of no more than 1/2 cup (4 oz.) bleach and 1/4 cup (2 oz.) **Bimini Topp™ Marine Cleaner** per gallon of water
- Soak for approximately 20 minutes and scrub lightly as indicated above.

Warning: Excessive soaking with the bleach solution can deteriorate seam threads.

- Rinse thoroughly to prevent streaking on painted and chrome surfaces.
- Several cleanings may be necessary.
- Once dry, cleaning must be followed by re-water repelling with **Bimini Topp™ Marine Protectant**. (This product does not contain CFC's and therefore is not harmful to the environment.) Failure to apply will result in rapid resoiling of the unprotected fabric.

Re-Treating the fabric

As part of the finishing process, SeaMark fabrics are treated with a fluorocarbon finish, which enhances water repellency. This finish is designed to last for several years, but must be replenished after a thorough cleaning. Based on test results, Haartz recommends **Bimini Topp™ Marine Protectant** as the preferred re-treatment product for SeaMark fabrics. Fabrics should be re-treated after thorough cleaning or after five years of use.

For more information on re-treatment products, please visit www.wolfsteins.com

Bimini Topp™ Marine Cleaner and **Bimini Topp™ Marine Protectant** is available through Wolfsteins Pro-Series to purchase this product, please visit website: www.wolfsteins.com or call (800) 377-4700

Professional cleaners

You may have access to professional cleaning firms. In evaluating the services of a professional firm, you should inquire about a firm's experience in working with SeaMark fabrics and knowledge of cleaning and re-treatment requirements.

DO NOT dry clean SeaMark fabrics.

Helpful hints

Protect the area around the SeaMark fabric when using a bleach solution-bleach may discolor non-SeaMark fabrics. Always rinse SeaMark thoroughly to completely remove bleach.

SeaMark air dries very quickly. Machine drying is not necessary.

If fabric has some wrinkling, use an iron, if necessary, but only on the synthetic setting. As some irons exceed the recommended 100°F/38°C temperature on the synthetic setting, test a small inconspicuous area before ironing entire piece.

DO NOT use a steamer or iron set to steam setting.

Use of bleach and/or advanced age of the fabric application may impact the deterioration of the sewing thread and other non-SeaMark components.