

Care & Maintenance



Guide to cleaning and disinfecting AKUART acoustic panels

Cleaning and disinfecting is the new black

Securing a hygienic work environment has more than ever become crucial for making people feel safe and healthy in their workplace. Cleaning and disinfecting is a vital tool to help prevent the spread of virus and bacteria. However, it is important to remember that there is a difference between cleaning and disinfecting.

Cleaning

is the process of physically removing germs, dust, dirt, and other impurities from surfaces. This process also maintains the appearance as well as extends the lifespan of your acoustic panels.

Disinfecting

Is the process of killing germs such as bacteria, viruses and fungi. But it is important to note that disinfectants do not clean soils from surfaces. Disinfectants need to be used after cleaning agents because they can not break through soils on surfaces.



Cleaning your Akuart acoustic panels

To make sure that your Akuart acoustic panels maintain the appearance and always look as good as possible throughout their continuance we recommend regular cleaning in the form of dusting / vacuuming and cleaning with water and soap (or a similar universal cleaning product).



Dusting / Vacuuming

Needs to be done on a regular basis to hinder the accumulation of dust and dirt on both frame and canvas fabric. Use a soft brush when dusting/vacuuming as it will treat the panels more gently and prevent the acoustic panels wearing out before their time.



Cleaning with soap and water

Use liquid soap or a similar universal cleaning product in warm water. Wipe down with a clean cloth or a clean soft sponge. Squeeze the cloth or sponge out well in order to not over wet the acoustic panels. Make sure to keep the panels as dry as possible, after cleaning to prevent the development of bacteria.



Machine wash

Remove the canvas fabric by pulling the Akuart handtag. The canvas endures frequent machine wash up to 90 degrees celsius. Make sure that the canvas is dry when mounted again to prevent the development of bacteria.



Stain removal

In case of stains on your acoustic panels we recommend to react to them as quickly as possible. Try to soak up any excess liquid before it has time to soak in and dry out in the canvas fabric or the underlying acoustic base material. Proceed with the above mentioned guidelines for cleaning with water and soap for finalizing stain removal. If cleaning with water and soap does not remove the stain completely, then remove the canvas and machine wash it.

Disinfecting your Akuart acoustic panels

The Akuart detachable canvas fabric has a natural inherent ability to reduce bacteria without any treatment. As it does not easily attract water it is more resistant towards microorganisms than other regular fabrics. All together this makes it easier to disinfect than regular fabric types. Before disinfecting your Akuart acoustic panels, they should be thoroughly cleaned to remove germs, dust, dirt and other impurities.



Ethanol / Alcohol

Ethanol / alcohol-based disinfectants can be used without damaging the canvas fabric nor the print. Concentration should be between 70-85%. Always follow the specific manufacturer's instructions.



Antibacterial spray / wipes

Antibacterial wipes or spray and wipe can be used to disinfect the acoustic panels. without damaging the canvas fabric nor the print. Always follow the specific manufacturer's instructions.



Bleach

Bleach disinfectants can be used without damaging the canvas fabric nor the print. Use a 5% bleach concentration, mix 1 part bleach to 10 parts water. Use a lightly colored cloth and soak it in the solution, squeeze out any excess liquid and gently wipe the canvas fabric. If a higher concentration of bleach is required (e.g. healthcare environments) it is possible to mix 1 part bleach to 4 parts water. Always follow the specific manufacturer's instructions and safety guidelines.



Machine wash

The canvas fabric can be machine washed in temperatures up to 90 degrees celsius. It comes off easily by pulling the Akuart handtag. Make sure that the canvas is dry when mounted again to prevent the development of bacteria.



Steam cleaning

Steam cleaning can be used to disinfect your akuart panels without the use of chemicals. Always follow instructions and safety guidelines.

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