



# Fabric Protector EDP #1957

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Malco Fabric Protector, #195701 & 195705, is a water based, ready to use protectant for use on fabric, upholstery and carpet. Fabric Protector is a polymer-based coating that is designed to block stains from both oil and water based spills. Fabric Protector bonds to the individual fibers and forms a barrier against all contaminants. As a result, liquids bead up on the surface and can be quickly and easily removed. Fabric Protector also prevents stains from setting into fibers. This protective coating, when dry, is odorless and colorless and does not affect carpet or fabric texture. Fabric Protector is also VOC compliant.

The Malco Fabric Protector protection process involves three steps:

- 1. Cleaning the fabric/carpet surface
- 2. Applying the Fabric Protector
- 3. Allowing the Fabric Protector to dry and cure

## **Directions:**

#### Cleaning the fabric/carpet surface

- 1. A clean surface is important to properly treat the fabric/carpet for maximum protection. Fabric and carpeting in new cars should be sufficiently clean for application of Fabric Protector.
- 2. Always check for colorfastness by cleaning an inconspicuous area first. If color comes off onto a clean, white cloth or the texture and/or appearance changes, discontinue the use of that particular product. Pre-spot any stains with Instant Out Spot & Stain Remover, #126419, before completing a general cleaning of the fabric or carpet. For best results, Malco's Xtrax Xtractor machine, #800184 and #800062, using Xtrax Liquid Fabric Cleaner & Deodorizer, #118701 will provide an excellent cleaning.
- 3. Make sure the fabric/carpet surface is completely dry before applying the Fabric Protector. If surface is wet or damp, it could prevent proper penetration of the Fabric Protector into the surface and alter the effectiveness of the polymeric coating.

## **Applying the Fabric Protector**

- 1. Always check for colorfastness by applying to an inconspicuous area first. If color comes off onto a clean, white cloth or the texture and/or appearance changes, discontinue the application of the Fabric Protector. Malco will not assume liability for damage caused by misuse. Do not apply to leather, vinyl or hard plastic.
- 2. Do not apply in windy conditions that could spread the spray onto surrounding surfaces. If overspray gets on other surfaces, wipe residue up immediately before it dries, to prevent damage.
- 3. Shake the bottle before beginning use.
- 4. Fabric Protector is best applied with a sprayer. A trigger sprayer or Chapin-style sprayer works best. Using a fine mist pattern, spray the surface to be treated evenly until damp to the touch. Fabric/carpet must be thoroughly coated for maximum protection. The wicking action of the Fabric Protector will ensure that all fibers are protected against damaging stains. When the protector dries the entire fiber will be encapsulated in a durable polymer shell. Liquids will bead up and can be quickly removed and stains will not set into the fabric or carpet allowing for easy cleaning.
- 5. Use with adequate ventilation during application and drying. Make sure car doors are open during application and drying. If applied indoors provide for adequate ventilation of the interior space. Use of protective glasses, gloves and an organic filter respirator is recommended during application.

#### Allowing the Fabric Protector to dry and cure

- 1. The fabric/carpet material must be dry to the touch before using. Typical drying time will be 2-4 hours depending on the application rate of the Fabric Protector, humidity, temperature and air movement. A fan can be used to speed up drying time as it will increase the evaporation rate of the liquids, this improvement will be dependent on temperature, humidity and CFM of the fan.
- 2. For maximum protection allow Fabric Protector to cure for at least 24 hours.
- 3. Provide for adequate ventilation during drying. Make sure car doors are open during drying. If applied indoors provide for adequate ventilation of the interior space.

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## FAQ's

## 1. Storage and recommended temperature for use of Fabric Protector

- a. How should I store the sealant?
  - i. Fabric Protector is water based and should be stored at temperatures above freezing 32°F(0°C).
- b. Will temperature effect the application and drying of Fabric Protector.
  - i. Since Fabric Protector is water based, application should not be attempted when temperatures are below 45°F(7°C).
  - ii. If allowed to freeze on the fabric/carpet surface, the effectiveness of the protection could be affected.
  - iii. If Fabric Protector is allowed to freeze, the product will not perform as intended.

#### 2. What is the best way to handle spills or stains?

- a. Liquid spills will bead up and can be quickly removed using an absorbent towel.
- b. If the liquid spill is allowed to soak into the surface, patting with an absorbent towel will soak up the liquid. If allowed to dry, the use of an extraction system like Malco's Xtrax system is recommended to remove all traces of the spill and eliminate any lingering odors. Regular use of a cleaning product or extraction system will impact the protective coating of the fabric or carpet fibers and Fabric Protector will need to be reapplied.
- c. It is best to clean up a spill or stain as quick as possible. The longer the stain is allowed to remain on the fabric or carpet the more difficult it will become for removal.

## 3. What types of liquids will Fabric Protector work best on?

- a. Fabric and carpet properly treated with Malco Fabric Protector will protect against accidental spills and stains such as water, tea, coffee, soft drinks, most Kool-Aid, milk, catsup and ice cream.
- b. Fabric Protector is not designed to protect against stains caused by acids, solvent dyes, inks, gum, tar, paints, red wines or any caustic or corrosive materials

#### 4. Will Malco Fabric Protector work on convertible tops?

a. Malco does not recommend that Fabric Protector be used on convertible tops or exterior applications where exposure to the weather will be an issue.

#### 5. Does Malco Fabric Protector come with a manufacturers warranty?

a. There is no warranty for fabric/carpet protection for liquid repellency or stain removal provided by Malco for this product.