

# DECODING YOUR UPHOLSTERY LABEL

Learn more about a piece of upholstered furniture by checking the manufacturer's label. Find important facts about the product, including a clean code indicating how the fabric must be cleaned.

## LOCATE THE LABEL

The tag is usually located underneath the cushions or furniture platform, and may look like this one:



## CHECK THE CLEAN CODE

A furniture tag discreetly summarises important information about how, when, where, and how a product was manufactured:

- The white label certifies that all materials used to craft your furniture are brand new.
- The tag also lists the furniture manufacturer by name or its registry number. That information helps if you ever need to source parts, or get more information about a fabric.
- That's when the labelled serial and model numbers come in handy. They provide key production details and indicate the pattern of your piece.
- The label also indicates the flammability of the product, and how well it complies with US environmental legislation.
- The Clean Code is probably the most important part of a label. Using a one or two letter abbreviation, this code tells the consumer how the product must be cleaned.

## UNIVERSAL CLEANING CODES FOR FURNITURE

**DC** - Dry Clean Only

**E** - Use a Leather Care Kit (leather cleaner plus a leather protector cream)

**N** - Use a Leather Care Kit (leather cleaner plus a leather protector cream)

**N FBR** - (Natural Fibre Rugs) Immediately blot spills to remove excess liquid with a clean white cloth or plain paper towel. Blot again with a solution of one teaspoon of mild detergent with one teaspoon of white vinegar in a quart of warm water. Do not saturate.

**S** - Clean only with a dry cleaning solvent. Do not saturate. Do not use water. Pile fabrics may require brushing to restore appearance. Cushion covers should not be removed and dry cleaned.



FURNITURE PLUS

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**SW** - Spot clean with upholstery shampoo, foam from a mild detergent or a mild dry cleaning solvent. Do not saturate with liquid. Pile fabrics may require brushing to restore appearance. Cushion covers should not be removed and dry cleaned.

**W** - Clean only with water-based shampoo or foam upholstery cleaner. Do not over wet. Do not use solvents to spot clean. Pile fabrics may require brushing to restore appearance. Cushion covers should not be removed and dry cleaned.

**WS** - Spot clean with upholstery shampoo, foam from a mild detergent or a mild dry cleaning solvent. Do not saturate with liquid. Pile fabrics may require brushing to restore appearance. Cushion covers should not be removed and dry cleaned.

**X** - Do not clean with either water or solvent-based cleaner. Use vacuuming or light brushing only.

**Wool** - Blot spills up immediately with a clean white cloth or plain paper towel.

*\*Sources:*

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