

# CEILING SYSTEMS

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## SUBJECT: CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS ARMSTRONG CEILING AND GRID PRODUCTS

Due to differences in the finishes and textures of our various ceiling, wall, and grid products, different methods of cleaning are recommended for the product groups. Listed below are the products by groups or specific items (parentheses denote the old name of a product). The various cleaning methods are indicated by a letter or letters that refer to the list of cleaning methods which follows.

<b>Product</b>	<b>Cleaning Method</b>
Armatuff	C
Cirrus	A or B
Clean Room Mylar	C, D
Clean Room VL	C, D
Cortega	B
Cortega Second Look	B
Crossgate	B
Designer	A or B
Designer Second Look	A or B
Dune	H, D
Dune Second Look	H, D
Fiberglass, Nubby Open Plan	A
Fiberglass, Optima	H
Fiberglass, Optima Plank & Vault	H
Fiberglass, Optima Vector	H
Fiberglass, Pebble	B
Fiberglass, Vinyl Faced	B
Fine Fissured	B
Fine Fissured Ceramaguard	C, D
Fine Fissured Fine Look	B
Fine Fissured Open Plan	B
Fine Fissured Second Look	B
Fissured	B
Georgian	B, D
Graphis	B
Grid	F
Highspire	A
MetalWorks	G
Natural Fissured	B

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Sanserra	A
Soft Look	E
Stratus	A
Tin Craft	B
Tundra	B
Ultima	H
Ultima Vector	H

## Cleaning Methods

- A - A commercial vacuum system with 100-inches/H2O vacuum capacity is recommended for removing dust particles. The vacuum system cleaning attachment should be a 3" diameter wand with natural hair bristle. A HEPA vacuum filter is recommended to minimize air borne dust during the cleaning process. Avoid using a rubbing motion directly on the surface of the Painted Nubby panel. Use a blotting action to minimize rubbing off the Painted Nubby particles.
- B - Using a damp cloth or sponge with a mild detergent, wipe lightly on surface of board to remove dirt.
- C - Use a damp cloth or sponge with a mild detergent to wipe with medium pressure on surface to be cleaned.
- D - Using a soft bristled brush with water and a mild detergent, gently scrub the face of the product.
- E - Routine maintenance on Soft Look consists of frequent vacuuming to minimize dirt accumulation. A dry shampoo from a spray can is applied to the fabric as foam and worked into the fabric with a damp sponge. The residue is then vacuumed to remove the foam and dirt. A wet shampoo is a sprayed cleaning agent that foams after it is applied. Work in with a damp sponge and vacuum to remove residue.

To remove stains that do not respond to removal by wet or dry shampoo (oil or grease type spots), use a solvent cleaner. Be sure to have proper ventilation and apply the removal agent to a clean cloth or sponge, not directly to the fabric. Blot the stain using a twisting and lifting motion toward the center of the spot. Repeat as necessary.

Badly soiled Soft Look can be cleaned using a steam cleaning or hot water extraction process. Small residential steam cleaners can be used much in the same manner as when cleaning upholstery. However, be very careful not to over wet the panel surface since this can cause fabric to delaminate. Commercial steam cleaners should use their upholstery tool since this applies only a fine mist and will not over wet the fabric. The commercial vacuum should be reduced to about 30 psi to prevent damage to the panel.

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- F - Use a mild household cleaner like Fantastic and a soft cloth. Before cleaning the grid, remove the ceiling panels to prevent cleaning solution or dirt from getting on the panels.
- G - Dust shall be removed from the surface of painted panels by wiping with a clean, soft cloth. Grease and fingerprints are to be removed with a mild household cleaner that is safe for use on painted surfaces. Apply the cleaner to the cloth and wipe the entire surface of the panel. Change or rinse the cloth often to avoid streaking. Do not scrub and do not use abrasive cleaners.
- H - Use a clean, dry, soft, white cloth to wipe off any dirt or greasy fingerprints. If this does not clean the panel, use a damp, clean, soft, white cloth or sponge with a mild detergent to wipe the panel.

--Where " mild detergent" is referenced - use dishwashing liquid.  
-- For greasy stains - products like Fantastik can be used.