

CARE AND CLEANING

SHUTTERS

Our shutters are made to resist most staining substances and may be easily cleaned by simply wiping down or dusting. For any stains or marks, a soapy water solution may be used along with a damp cloth. To clean, open the louvers and wipe down the front and the back of the shutters. You may also remove the panels from the frame to take down.

WOOD BLINDS

DUSTING

Like any wood furnishings wood blinds should be dusted regularly to keep them looking new. Use a soft, clean cloth, chemically-treated dust cloth, or dusting mitt. Lower the blind to its full length, tilt the slats almost all the way down and dust. Then tilt the slats almost all the way up and dust. (Not fully closing the slats in either position allows dusting where the slats overlap.)

VACUUMING

Blinds may also be cleaned by vacuuming them with the brush attachment of a vacuum cleaner, using the procedure just described.

DAMP CLEANING

Only painted wood blinds should be cleaned by wiping them with a soft, damp rag. Do not damp-clean blinds with a stained finish, since water could affect their sheen and surface appearance.

TREATING STAINED FINISHED BLINDS

Rather than damp cleaning, stained finished blinds should be treated periodically with lemon oil or other wood preservative to protect their finish.

CELLULAR SHADES

Durability is a hallmark of Cellular Shades. The strong, anti-static fabrics resist dust and dirt, and so require little cleaning and maintenance. Regular dusting with a feather duster is all that's necessary in most circumstances. For a more thorough cleaning, the fabric can be lightly vacuumed with a brush.

SPONGE OR SPOT CLEANING

When needed, most fabrics can be cleaned by gently blotting with a soft, damp cloth or sponge. Use lukewarm water and a mild detergent. Do not apply too much pressure to the fabric. Excessive pressure could cause "pilling" (the formation of small balls of fabric).

BASIN OR BATHTUB CLEANING

To clean the entire shade, immerse the assembly in lukewarm water with a mild detergent and move it around lightly with your fingers. Wash for about 5 minutes, then rinse with clean water. Close the shade before removing it from the rinse water. Holding the rails, tilt the shade to allow excess water to escape. Re-install the damp shade back into the window opening and lower the shade all the way to allow it to dry completely.

ULTRASONIC CLEANING

Professional ultrasonic cleaning is generally a very safe and effective method for comprehensively cleaning a cellular shade. However the shade should be handled carefully and only mild cleansing solutions should be used. In addition, the fabric should be in a stacked or closed position when removed from the tank so that water cannot become trapped in the honeycombs.

VERTICAL BLINDS

Vertical blinds are easy to clean and maintain. Vinyl vertical blinds can be wiped clean with a damp cloth or sponge. Leaving a very thin film of detergent on each vertical vane will reduce buildup of static electricity.