



# Reflective Fabrics Handling & Cleaning Instructions

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Fabrics with a reflective/metalized backing provide more choice in fabric options for windows that receive ample sun exposure. Reflective fabrics can keep a room up to 5 degrees cooler in hot weather, resulting in up to a 20% reduction in air conditioner use when used properly. Reflective fabrics add an extra layer of insulation to your windows, adding the equivalent to one extra window pane.

## Fabric Handling

Fabrics with a reflective/metalized backing require some extra care compared to other fabrics. The metalized backing is more sensitive to showing marks from contact with sweat and alkaline cleaning products. When handling the fabric, it is best to do so with white cotton gloves or other gloves if cotton is not available.

Installation should only be completed by installers wearing gloves.

## Cleaning Instructions

**DO NOT clean the metalized side of the fabric.**

If the front of the fabric becomes dirty, you can spot clean it with a damp cloth using only mild soap and water. Note that any liquid that gets through to the back may leave a mark on the metalized side.

When cleaning the window behind the shade, ensure that the shade is fully retracted and only spray window cleaners lower down on the window or onto a cleaning cloth to avoid spray getting onto the fabric. Commercial window cleaners are known to cause marks on the reflective backing if the spray comes into contact with the fabric.