CLEANING UPHOLSTERY

Cleaning upholstery with success requires a good knowledge of the type of fabric you will work on. Look for the cleaning instructions label sewn on the underside of the furniture for the recommended method of cleaning. If it calls for dry cleaning, do not attempt to clean by wet extraction otherwise damage to the fabric could occur. Extraction works perfectly on most synthetic fabrics including synthetic velvets.

Before proceeding, test the fabric for colourfastness. Apply a small amount of cleaning solution on the fabric in an inconspicuous spot. Wait 2 to 3 minutes and rub the area with a white terry cloth towel. If no color comes off the towel, the fabric should be safe to clean. If a little color comes off, there is some risk of colors running when you clean. It may be possible to stabilize colors by cleaning with an acidic rinse.

- 1. Prepare the machine in the same manner as for carpet cleaning (see Preparing the Machine) except attach the upholstery tool to the vacuum hose. Connect the solution hose. Pour hot water into the solution tank. Add recommended amount of cleaning concentrate into the solution tank. Turn on the vacuum and pump switches.
- 2. Adjust the pump "operating pressure" to 50 PSI or below for upholstery cleaning (See Preparing the Machine).
- 3. Clean with the upholstery tool using as little solution as possible. Make overlapping passes to prevent streaking. Go over the area you just cleaned without depressing the lever (vacuum only) and gauge the amount of moisture extracted through the view window for dryness. On heavily soiled areas like arm rests, pre-treat with a recommended pre-spray solution or hold the upholstery tool a few inches above the fabric and press lever to spray on the solution before making a pass.

DAILY MAINTENANCE

- 1. Always keep the machine clean inside and out.
- 2. Pour 2 gallons of clean hot water in the solution tank. Turn on and flush the entire system through the wand nozzles for about a minute to prevent build-up.
- 3. Remove dirt and lint build-up inside the filter screen in the recover tank. Lint should be cleaned off so that air flow is not impeded.
- 4. Check the solution tank strainer in the solution tank. If lint has accumulated in the screen, remove and rinse it in clear running water.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

All EDIC machines are engineered and built to require a minimum of maintenance. But like any machine, it does require some care to keep it in optimum working condition. Careful attention to these maintenance instructions will give you maximum operating performance and will increase the life expectancy of your machine.

- Solution Lines and Fittings: Flush the machine at least once a month with a solution of 3 parts water with 1 part white vinegar in order to neutralize the alkaline residue left by the cleaning solution.
- Quick Connect Coupler: Spray with WD-40 or equivalent lubricant to prevent coupler from sticking.
- Drain Valve: Apply light oil on gate seals. If machine has to be stored, leave the gate valve open.
- Solution Pump: The same above procedure used on the solution line and fittings applies to the pump.