

GUIDANCE FOR USE

As part of INSTYLE's ongoing commitment to minimise impact on the environment, we have established this guide to ensure minimal impact occurs during the later stages of the LIFE Textiles® life cycle.

Finishing Treatments

LIFE Textiles® with high wool content have the ability to absorb certain volatile organic compounds from the air. Finishing treatments such as soil resist may impair this ability as the surface energy of the fibres will be modified.

Maintenance

LIFE Textiles® should be regularly maintained according to the care instructions. Environmental impact can be minimised during maintenance if you ensure that your upholstery cleaner has a Health and Environmental Cleaning Systems certification. Certified cleaners have a duty of care, where the impact of cleaning is minimised to occupants and the environment. Please contact the Australasian Carpet Cleaning Institute for certified cleaners near you.

Australasian Carpet Cleaning Institute: 02 4322 2652 or 0414 187 175

Product Stewardship - Reuse and recycling of LIFE Textiles®

In 2006, INSTYLE launched REVIVE®, a reuse/recycling program designed to give wool-rich contract textiles a second life.

The REVIVE® program was the result of extensive research conducted by INSTYLE over the past three years to identify textile reuse/ recycling options. INSTYLE found that only wool-rich contract textiles could be reused or recycled in Australia. This is because wool remains a valuable fibre due to the absorbent and thermal comfort properties inherent in the fibre.

INSTYLE will organise the reuse and recycling of its uncontaminated wool-rich textiles. The textiles must be removed from furniture, be dry and clean and free of foreign substances such as glues, laminates, staples and foams. The textiles can be recycled into products such as removal blankets, carpet underlays and acoustic felts.

REVIVE® is another positive step in conserving valuable resources and reducing the amount of waste destined for Australian landfill.