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# Curtains



# **Welcome to the** Luxaflex lifestyle

Thank you for purchasing Luxaflex® Curtains. With proper operation and care your new curtains will provide years of beauty and performance. Please review this instruction booklet thoroughly for operation and care information.

# Operation

## Wand operation

To open and close the curtain, gently pull the wand across the track until the fabric is stacked in the desired position.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not pull the wand out away from the curtain as this will impact the gliding motion and long term performance of the curtain. Pull the wand to the left or right along the curtain track.

## Motorised operation

For motorisation information, please refer to the PowerView® or Somfy® product brochure that is supplied with your curtains.



# Care and cleaning

The curtain fabric construction, composition and weight are all important factors when maintaining your curtains. Each fabric requires different care; therefore, we recommend the following to help you extend the life of your curtains:

## Care instructions

- Allow 3% for possible shrinkage or stretching after curtains have been installed. The movement depends on the fabric and climatic conditions, however, all fabrics will adjust to their environment. We recommend waiting approximately 3 months before making any adjustments to the curtain after installation.
- Due to the high UV index in Australia, all fabrics, regardless of the dyes used, will be susceptible to light fading depending on the degree of exposure or may deteriorate under direct sunlight. If the sun is directly reflecting on the fabric from behind a glass window, consider using a window covering product where possible, such as Luxaflex® Duette® Shades or Luxaflex® Roller Blinds to protect the curtain fabric.
- Do not operate or handle your curtain fabric by hand. Handling or grasping the fabric by hand may soil or damage the fabric. Please review the operation instructions for correct operation information.



## IMPORTANT NOTE

Before cleaning, always refer to the '**Care Label**' attached to the rear of each curtain fabric.

The '**Care Label**' provides specific cleaning instructions relevant to each fabric. For further '**Care Label**' information, visit [luxaflex.com.au/care](http://luxaflex.com.au/care).

## Cleaning instructions

### Professional cleaning

- Professional cleaning is recommended every 12 months. Use expert curtain dry cleaners recognised by the Window Coverings Association of Australia Inc (WCAA). Shrinkage in any fabric can be minimised if your curtains are dry cleaned.

### Dusting

- It is recommended to regularly dust your curtains to reduce the build-up of dirt and dust in all areas and folds. To keep your curtains dust-free, gently and regularly vacuum your curtains using low suction and the appropriate soft vacuum attachment.

### General washing

- It is highly recommended to professionally curtain dry clean your fabric. General wash only if necessary. **IMPORTANT:** Always use professional curtain dry cleaning services for all lined curtains.
- Remove hooks and trims before cleaning.
- Cold or warm (max 40°C) hand wash. The use of suitable detergents for the fabric composition is recommended.
- Do not soak. Do not bleach. Do not wring or rub.
- Do not use a domestic washing machine.
- Do not tumble dry.
- Drip dry in shade with the internal fabric face down. For the best results, re-hang the curtains by their hooks to dry immediately. Do not use pegs or fold over clothesline.

- Curtains made from coated fabrics need to be spot cleaned and not hand washed.
- Warm iron the internal fabric side only. Do not iron the coated side. Use a cloth when recommended. Sheers should not be ironed at a temperature higher than 120°C.
- If needed, use a fabric steamer to remove creases from your curtain fabric. Do not steam in one spot on the fabric for too long.

### **Spot cleaning**

- Treat spills and stains as soon as possible.
- Exercise caution and pre-test cleaning agents on an inconspicuous fabric area.
- Gently scrape any soil or mop liquid from the surface of the fabric.
- Apply proprietary cleaning agents strictly according to instructions to remove the residue of the spill or stain.
- Do not saturate the fabric with water or cleaning agents.
- Avoid excessive rubbing and abrasion.

### **Velvet curtain cleaning**

- Extra care is required when handling and cleaning velvet fabrics. Stiff brushing or strong vacuuming on the fabric backing can pull at the pile and cause fabric damage.
- Correctly use the wand or motorised operating control. Handling or grasping the fabric by hand, particularly with fingernails, can cause fabric damage.
- It is recommended to professionally curtain dry clean velvet curtains.
- If needed, use a fabric steamer to remove creases.

