



# How To Remove Mould From Upholstery

NATURAL FABRIC



Removing mould from natural fabric upholstery can be particularly challenging, as natural fibres like cotton, linen, and wool can act as a food source for mould, enabling it to penetrate deep into the fabric and cause irreversible damage.

This process may not only remove the mould but also expose or highlight the extent of any pre-existing damage to the upholstery, such as weakened or discoloured fibres. Additionally, natural fibres often have delicate dye characteristics that can be highly sensitive to both moisture and cleaning chemicals.

Improper treatment may lead to fading, colour bleeding, or fabric distortion. Given these complexities, it is crucial to use professional fine fabric upholstery techniques and equipment to ensure the mould is effectively removed without further harming the fabric's appearance, texture, or structural integrity.

## EQUIPMENT

To remove mould from synthetic fabric upholstery, you will need:

- **Wet Extraction Machine** – Larger mould infestations should be treated using a wet extraction machine. This will minimise the risk of regrowth.
- **Upholstery Brush** – When agitating the upholstery, don't use the brushing motion as it will damage the fabric. The best method is to tamp or firmly roll the brush over the mould.
- **PPE** – All the necessary PPE needs to be use when working with chemicals.



## PRODUCTS

### Mould Remover

Actichem Responsibly Green Mould Remover is the ideal solution for removing mould from natural fabrics. It effectively eliminates mould and mildew without damaging delicate fibres like cotton, linen, or wool. Unlike harsher chemicals that can cause fading or weaken fabrics, Mould Remover breaks down mould and stains while preserving the fabric's appearance.

Its fast-acting, environmentally friendly formula ensures safe, reliable results, restoring upholstery to a clean, fresh state without the risk of damage or discolouration.

## PROCESS

### 1. Pretest the Mould Remover & Process

Before beginning, always pretest Actichem RG615 Mould Remover in a small, inconspicuous area of the fabric. This ensures that the upholstery's fibres and dyes are not sensitive to the product. Testing also helps identify any hidden damage that may be exposed during the cleaning process.

### 2. Apply Actichem RG615 Mould Remover

Apply Actichem RG615 Mould Remover directly to the affected area, using a soft cloth. Avoid over-applying, as excess moisture can affect the fabric. The key is to lightly saturate the mouldy area for effective removal.

### 3. Agitate with an Upholstery Brush

Using a soft upholstery brush, gently agitate the area to help the Mould Remover penetrate the fibres. This action loosens the mould and mildew, making it easier to clean. Be careful not to apply too much pressure, as delicate fabrics can be easily damaged.

### 4. Allow 10-15 Minutes Dwell Time

Let the solution dwell for 10-15 minutes to fully break down the mould and mildew. This allows the product to deeply penetrate the fabric, tackling the stains and contamination effectively. Avoid letting the solution dry completely during this time.

### 5. Extract Rinse Using Wet Extraction Equipment

After the dwell time, use wet extraction equipment to rinse and remove the Mould Remover solution from the fabric. This step is essential to ensure all residues are cleared away, leaving the upholstery clean and free of any remaining contaminants. Use additional vacuum-only strokes to dry the area.

Note: If the fabric is sensitive to moisture, then do not add rinse water but perform vacuum only strokes.

### 6. Repeat Steps 1 to 4 if Required

If mould or staining remains, repeat Steps 1 to 4. Multiple applications may be necessary for particularly stubborn stains. Each repeat application should be followed by agitation and adequate dwell time.

### 7. Apply a Light Solution of Actichem RG615 Mould Remover

For any remaining moisture or staining, apply a light solution of Actichem RG615 Mould Remover and blot with a clean, dry, white absorbent towel. Allow the upholstery to air dry completely to ensure no excess moisture is left in the fabric.

## FURTHER NOTES

### Suitable for Natural & Synthetic Upholstery

This cleaning process is ideal for natural and synthetic upholstery, as well as synthetic rugs and fabrics. It's gentle enough to prevent damage while effectively removing mould and mildew.

### Substitute with Actichem Percide

If Actichem RG615 Mould Remover is unavailable, you can substitute it with Actichem Percide, diluted 1:1 with water. Follow the same steps for mould removal, as Percide provides similar cleaning power without compromising fabric integrity.

### Avoid Over-wetting Fabric

Throughout the cleaning process, avoid over-wetting the fabric to prevent excess moisture from soaking into the upholstery. Excess moisture can lead to prolonged drying times and potential mould re-growth, so always aim to use minimal moisture while ensuring thorough cleaning.

### Air Dry Thoroughly

Ensure the treated area is left to air dry completely after cleaning. Using fans or increasing airflow in the room can help speed up the drying process and prevent the development of new mould growth.

## FURTHER RESOURCES

- [Mould Remover PDS](#)
- [Percide PDS](#)
- [Spotting Guide](#)
- [Knowledge Centre](#)

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