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### **How to Specify Crypton**

For 15 years Crypton has been setting the standards by which other fabrics measure themselves, whether it's technical performance, aesthetics, or environmental attributes. But at Crypton the job is never done. We will continuously raise the bar by focusing on the A & D Community, the end user, and by never leaving well-enough alone.

We hope that you will reach new heights with your next project by specifying either Crypton or Crypton INCASE, the standards for high performance fabrics. Visit us at [cryptonfabric.com/specify](http://cryptonfabric.com/specify) to see how easy it is to download specifications for Crypton barrier fabrics, as well as Crypton InCase.

At Crypton, we understand that the way we create products not only affects our local environment, but our entire planet. Our Green initiatives are across the board, whether you specify traditional barrier Crypton fabric, or Crypton InCase, we are dedicated to making smart choices that help us all minimize our environmental footprint. With each environmentally responsible treatment or product we design and manufacture here in the United States, we offer responsible choices that are good for our environment, and we always strive to do more. Also, visit our fabric website at [cryptonfabric.com/distributors](http://cryptonfabric.com/distributors) to find a current listing of those who distribute Crypton globally.

### **How important is understanding MSDS?**

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are the cornerstone of chemical hazard communication, and central to the safe handling of hazardous substances. Even water as a "chemical" has a MSDS that fully explains the makeup of its ingredients! They provide most of the information needed to work with the material safely, and is a legal requirement that users have easy access to them. Each hazardous material listed must also have a corresponding MSDS which is readily available to the user of the material

When specifying cleaners for any textile, it is very important to know the ingredients of the products being used. As an example, certain nationally branded, butyl based cleaning products like 409® claiming to remove ink...when used on leather and vinyl can actually "set the stain", and eventually ruin the surface. It is important to use safe chemistry designed to remove specific stains from surfaces...use common sense always. Obviously, you wouldn't use bathroom cleaner for porcelain tile on windows.

While manufacturers are required by OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) to provide MSDS, it is sometimes difficult to obtain information on old chemicals. The preferred source of the information is the actual manufacturer of the chemicals. Crypton is totally transparent to users of its cleaning chemicals by providing toll free information and website access to the latest MSDS available. [www.cryptoncare.com/MSDS](http://www.cryptoncare.com/MSDS) Crypton can be cleaned safely using a mixture of liquid soap (Tide® or Cheer®) and water for most stains, mixing 1 part soap to 5 parts water. Be sure to rinse thoroughly to remove any soap residue. But when in doubt about what type of cleaner is safe, always seek out the MSDS and be sure to contact Crypton toll free at 1.800 CRYPTON if you need help determining the effectiveness or safety of a cleaner on your textile surface.