

Avery Dennison Instructional Bulletin 2.08

Cleaning and Maintenance of Avery SignFlex 2200

Introduction

In order to maintain the high quality of Avery SignFlex 2200 graphics once they have been applied to a curtain, they need to be cleaned regularly. Any vehicle cleaning schedule is dependant on the weather, traffic and road conditions, but generally, cleaning once a month with a mild detergent and water solution should be sufficient.

Regular Cleaning / Maintenance

For regular cleaning schemes the normal procedure should be followed as recommended by the manufacturer of the commercial cleaner. Regular cleaning will reduce the need for further harsh cleaning treatments.

Note: Cleaning detergents may vary in composition, so it is essential that manufacturers recommendations on the use and dilution of their specific products are followed to the letter.

Cleaning of Heavily Soiled Curtains and Graphics

- Dilute the cleaning solution according to the manufacturers instructions.
- Spray the cleaning solution generously over the entire surface of the curtain to be cleaned, starting at the bottom of the curtain working upwards.
- Using a standard soft vehicle brush, thoroughly agitate and mix the cleaning agents solution into the dirt on the curtains surface.
- Rinse off the dirt and cleaning solution using a pressure washer, water hose or brush wash. When using high-pressure equipment, a pressure of 80 Bar or 1200 PSI and a water temperature of 50°C should not be exceeded. A minimum distance of 30cm should be maintained between the curtain and the dispenser nozzle.
- Inspect the cleaned curtain for any ingrained grease or scuff marks, and remove them with the aid of a soft brush or cloth and a hand sprayer containing cleaning solution and rinse off.

Points to Watch

- Do not clean Avery SignFlex 2200 graphics within 48 hours after application.
- Avery SignFlex 2200 graphics may be cleaned using most normal truck washing methods, but high pressure steam cleaning should be avoided as the extreme heat can interfere with the adhesion of the films.
- The cleaning solution should fall within the mild acid or mild alkaline limits (pH 4-10).
- Do not use solvents and / or abrasive cleaning agents.
- The high-pressure nozzle should be pointed perpendicular to the curtain surface. Aiming at the graphic on an angle may damage the graphic.

For further information, contact your local Avery Graphics representative.

