

GUIDE FOR REMOVING DENIM FROM FABRICS

Singer Neil Diamond may have been happy “Forever in Blue Jeans,” but when a favorite pair of damp dungarees stains the upholstery fabric, most of us are singing the blues. It’s a common problem that we here at Crypton hear about a lot, actually. Customers often ask us, “Can blue dye from denim be removed from your fabrics?”

The answer is: you bet! Although there’s no bulletproof treatment to eliminate denim transfer to fabric, we’ve done our science homework (because we’re a studious bunch) and found a reliable way to keep those jeans from ruining a perfectly good sofa or chair. How did we do it? We’re glad you asked.

METHOD BEHIND THE MADNESS

At Crypton, one of the mottos we live by is: “We’re the lab. The world is our proving grounds.” So, we decided to put our fabrics to the test. In short, we took several perfectly good textile samples and ruined them with blue jean dye to find out if we could get them looking like new again.

Here’s how our little experiment worked:

- » We used a standard denim fabric sample to mimic dye transfer in the real world
- » Then, we soaked the sample with water to apply the blue jean dye wet
- » A crockmeter (a fancy term for a machine that creates standard pressure and a rubbing motion to provide reliable and reproducible test results) was used to apply the blue jean dye to the fabric using 10 strokes
- » We let the stain dry for 1 hour before cleaning
- » To make sure our method was effective before and after cleaning, we applied the dye twice to each fabric

The results? Drum roll please ...





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When treated with our proprietary [Crypton Leather/Vinyl Cleaner](#), denim transfer was effectively removed from our fabrics (see Before & After photo above). This is one experiment you can try at home but only if it's done correctly, so listen up ...

CLEANING TIPS: DO THIS, NOT THAT

If you love wearing jeans (and who doesn't?) the need to clean your Crypton fabric and get rid of blue denim stains is pretty much inevitable. When the need arises, just make sure to follow our Spot Cleaning Method:

NOTE: Always test in an inconspicuous area first to make sure the cleaner doesn't affect the color of the fabric, particularly on natural fibers such as cotton.

- » Blot up as much of the stain as possible with clean towel
- » Apply a small amount of the [Crypton Leather/Vinyl Cleaner](#) to the stained area
- » Grab a soft bristle brush (or use your finger) to lightly rub the stained area to lift the stain
- » Allow the cleaner to sit for about 5 minutes
- » Blot up the stain using a clean towel
- » Rinse the fabric with water to remove any residual cleaner
- » Allow to air dry
- » Repeat as necessary

That's it! Good as new. Remember, our [Crypton Leather/Vinyl Cleaner](#) is your best bet for removing denim stains from your Crypton fabrics. Don't have any on hand? No worries! To order our proprietary cleaner in packets or bottles, simply visit crypton.com/cleaners or call 800.279.7866.