



**GUARDSMAN**<sup>®</sup>  
Excellence in Furniture Care Since 1915

# FABRIC PROTECTION ELITE

INCLUDING 5 YEAR PRODUCT WARRANTY

- Be sure to carefully read through your Product Warranty
- Promptly report any claim to Guardsman<sup>®</sup>
- Keep this booklet with your important papers



**WARRANTY  
NUMBER**

Guardsman Fabric Protection Elite Including  
5 Year Product Warranty ("Guardsman Product Warranty")  
Supplied by Guardsman Australia Pty Ltd  
ABN 34 079 889 900



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THAT CAUSE UNPLEASANT STAINS AND ODOURS.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS ON CHOOSING THE GUARDSMAN• FABRIC PROTECTION ELITE INCLUDING 5 YEAR PRODUCT WARRANTY**

This booklet sets out useful information and tips for the care and maintenance of your new furniture. Please ensure that you read this booklet at your earliest convenience. The Guardsman Fabric Protection Elite Including 5 Year Product Warranty will help you protect and maintain the new upholstered furniture that you have purchased from your furniture retailer.

With the right care, using the Guardsman Protection Elite, your new furniture should give you and your family years of enjoyable use.

This warranty also applies to Fabric/Leather or Fabric/Vinyl combination lounges. Please refer to clause 6 for further details and ensure you apply the Guardsman Leather Protector to the Leather or Vinyl immediately after you receive it in accordance with the instructions for use set out on the product packaging prior to the use of the furniture.

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### **GUARDSMAN PRODUCT WARRANTY TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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The Guardsman Fabric Protection Elite Including 5 Year Product Warranty comes with a fabric protection (“Product”) is available when you purchase your new upholstered furniture from your furniture retailer. With the correct care and maintenance as outlined in this warranty book you will receive the following benefits subject to the terms and conditions outlined.

**1 The Guardsman Fabric Protection Elite Product Warranty will help protect Your New Furniture against:**

- All accidental stains
- Human and pet bodily fluids
- Ballpoint pen and lipstick
- Accidental damage - including rips, tears, cuts or burns

Provided that:

- you are the original purchaser
- the furniture is situated in Australia or New Zealand
- the furniture is exclusively used indoors for private and domestic purposes and is not abused or misused (does not apply to commercial purposes such as hotels, rental properties, boarding houses etc)
- the furniture is received from your furniture retailer with no stains or damage
- the following terms and conditions are met

**2 If within 5 years after application of the Product to Your New Furniture the covering upholstery of the treated upholstered furniture is stained and the stain cannot be removed by you using the cleaning methods outlined in this warranty book, Guardsman will arrange for a professional technician to clean the affected area at no charge to you.**

- 2(a) You must be able to identify a stain so that the technician can use the correct method of cleaning to ensure the best results. If you cannot identify the cause of the stain, Guardsman cannot guarantee removal of the stain. Where a stain cannot be identified, Guardsman's obligation under the Guardsman Fabric Protection Elite Product Warranty is limited to 1 attempt by a professional cleaning technician to clean that particular stain.
- 2(b) You must notify Guardsman of the details of the stain within 5 days of the stain occurring. A stain is like cement, the longer you leave it the harder it sets and the harder it is to remove. If Guardsman is not notified within 5 days then Guardsman's obligation under the Guardsman Fabric Protection Elite Product Warranty is limited to 1 attempt to clean that particular stain from a professional cleaning technician.
- 3 Should the covering upholstery on Your New Furniture be accidentally damaged by a rip, tear, cut or burn, Guardsman will arrange for a repair technician to repair the accidental damage.**
- 3(a) You must notify Guardsman of the details of the accidental damage within 5 days of the damage occurring.
- 4 If the technician is unable to clean or repair (as set out in condition 2 and 3 above) the affected area then Guardsman will arrange for the affected area to be replaced in the original covering upholstery at no cost to you.**
- 4(a) If the original covering upholstery is no longer available then you may elect to have the affected area recovered with a covering upholstery of your choice to the same value as the original covering upholstery. If this is not acceptable to you then you can elect for a full refund from Guardsman of the purchase price paid by you for the Guardsman Product Warranty and the Guardsman Fabric Protection Elite Product Warranty will cease.
- 4(b) If the original covering upholstery is available, Guardsman cannot guarantee the exact colour match due to dye lot variations and upholstery fading. In these circumstances Guardsman's obligation is to provide the closest possible colour match available at the time. If this is not acceptable to you then you can elect for a full refund from Guardsman of the purchase price paid by you for the Guardsman Fabric Protection Elite Product Warranty and the Guardsman Product Warranty will cease.
- 5 In all cases Guardsman's maximum liability to you under the Guardsman Product Warranty will be limited to an amount equal to the actual purchase price of Your New Furniture from your furniture retailer at which point Guardsman's obligation under this Guardsman Product Warranty is deemed to be complete and satisfied.**

**If a total replacement of Your New Furniture is undertaken by Guardsman, (at the sole discretion of Guardsman), for whatever reason, the replaced furniture becomes the property of Guardsman and Your New Furniture will not be covered under this Guardsman Product Warranty. In those circumstances this Guardsman Product Warranty will cease.**

- 6 For combination Fabric/Leather or Fabric/Vinyl lounges, this warranty includes Leather Cleaner, Leather Protector, Ink Remover Wipes, Applicator Cloth and Cleaning Sponge.**
- 6(a) The Guardsman Leather Protector must be applied to the furniture immediately after you receive it, in accordance with the instructions for use set out in or on the product packaging prior to the use of the furniture.
- 6(b) The furniture must be cared for and maintained during the 5 year warranty period in accordance with the care and cleaning instructions set out.
- 6(c) The use of any leather cleaner or protector on the furniture other than Guardsman Leather Cleaner or Protector may void this warranty.
- 6(d) The Guardsman Leather Care Kit is not suitable for Nubuck, Suede and other unfinished leathers and should not be used on those types of leathers.

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## **GUARDSMAN PRODUCT WARRANTY EXCLUSIONS**

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Guardsman is not responsible for stains or damage to the upholstery on Your New Furniture:

- 1 caused by, or arising from any, defect in the covering upholstery or the furniture or the manufacturing process (including stitching);**
- 2 caused to the covering upholstery prior to or on delivery or during shipment of the furniture;**
- 3 caused by normal wear and tear, including soiling from accumulated perspiration, body or hair oils, mould or mildew, fading or colour loss, non colourfast covering upholstery, or resulting in an odour being impregnated in, or emanating from, the upholstered furniture;**
- 4 in respect of which a claim may be made against an insurance company or against the manufacturer and/or supplier of the furniture;**
- 5 caused by mishandling, abuse, neglect, or a malicious or deliberate act, whether by human or animal (except as previously stated) or other agent or by sunlight (including fading), storm and tempest, lightning, fire, flooding, explosion, earthquake, aircraft or other vehicle impact, or by unusual use of the upholstered furniture;**
- 6 resulting from a failure to pre-test the fabric in accordance with the care instructions provided in this booklet or by the manufacturer;**

- 7 from dye transfer from furniture accessories and rugs;**
- 8 as a result of cracking or peeling on the leather or vinyl;**
- 9 as a result of animal damage other than that listed in the Product Warranty Terms and Conditions, point 1.**

This warranty is not a cleaning contract and does not apply to the cleaning of furniture that is soiled through everyday use. The addition of any other application without prior approval of Guardsman may void this warranty. Should your furniture require cleaning during the period of this Guardsman Product Warranty please contact Guardsman for an authorised cleaner in your area.

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## **WARRANTY SERVICE PROCEDURE**

To obtain service under the Guardsman Product Warranty please contact Guardsman Customer Service on the following numbers:

AUSTRALIA - TOLL FREE - 1 800 249 252

NEW ZEALAND - TOLL FREE - 0800 442 343

The Guardsman Customer Service agent will need certain information to assist with your enquiry or process your claim so please have the following at hand when you make the call:

- purchase details and a description of the upholstered furniture
- proof of purchase of the GUARDSMAN® FABRIC PROTECTION ELITE PRODUCT WARRANTY from your furniture retailer
- the Guardsman 5 Year Product Warranty number on the front cover of your warranty booklet
- specific details of the stain or damage and how it occurred
- you will also need to provide your name, address and day/evening telephone number.

### **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Under no circumstances shall coverage under the Guardsman Product Warranty extend to any loss or damage to a person or property, direct, consequential or incidental, arising from use or inability to use the Product. This Guardsman Product Warranty does not cover any defects which are subject to manufacturer's recall or which are covered under a manufacturer's program of reimbursement. This is not a guarantee or promise relating to the nature of the material, workmanship or performance of any good to which a Product covered by the Guardsman Product Warranty has been applied. This Guardsman Product Warranty does not exclude or restrict any condition or warranty imposed or implied by any consumer legislation operating in Australia or New Zealand.

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## PRIVACY POLICY

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Guardsman Australia Pty Ltd and its affiliates (Guardsman, us, we) respect your right to privacy. This policy summarises what personally identifiable information we collect, and how we use and disclose this information. This policy also describes other important topics relating to your privacy.

### INFORMATION COLLECTION

Guardsman will collect personally identifiable information (such as name, title, company name, address, telephone number, or e-mail address) that you provide through our web site, e-mail correspondence, by registering a warranty or by requesting information from us or when you otherwise contact us in person. We will also collect general information (such as the type of browser you use, the files you request, and the domain name and country from which you request information) to improve our website and better meet your needs.

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#### USE OF INFORMATION

The information will be used by Guardsman, eg, to respond to your inquiries, process your orders, supply you with requested information on Guardsman products and services or track orders you place with Guardsman. In addition, authorised third parties may be utilised by Guardsman to collect, track and process such information. If you would like to access your personal information and have it either removed or modified if it is incorrect, please contact us at [privacy@guardsmanaustralia.com](mailto:privacy@guardsmanaustralia.com). We will use reasonable efforts to comply with your request.

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## CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Guardsman does not intend to collect personally identifiable information from children without permission of the child's parent or legal guardian. Children should submit personally identifiable information to Guardsman only with the explicit permission of their parent or legal guardian. Where appropriate, Guardsman will instruct children not to submit personal information. If your child has submitted personal information and you would like to request that such information be removed, you may do so as indicated above, and Guardsman will use reasonable efforts to comply with your request.

## COMPLAINTS

If you wish to make a complaint about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles, you can contact us via the contact details below. We will promptly investigate your complaint and contact you in writing to notify you of the steps we will take to attempt to resolve your complaint.

## CONTACT DETAILS

**Telephone:** 1800 249 252  
**Email:** [info@guardsmanaustralia.com](mailto:info@guardsmanaustralia.com)  
**Post:** 13 Columbia Way, Norwest Business Park  
Baulkham Hills NSW 2153

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Guardsman website may contain links to other sites. We do not endorse or otherwise accept responsibility for the content or privacy policies of those sites.

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Guardsman reserves the right to modify this privacy policy at any time. We will promptly reflect any such modifications in these web pages.

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## THE SECRET TO STAIN REMOVAL

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Any spill, stain or spot is like cement in the way it works - the longer you leave it the harder it gets!

- Act immediately on the accidental spill for easy removal.
- Within one hour the stain has had a chance to sink and settle into the fabric.
- By tomorrow the stain is set in and will take a great deal of effort, not to mention cleaning chemicals to remove.

THE KEY TO STAIN REMOVAL IS TO ACT IMMEDIATELY!

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## AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION WILL GIVE YEARS OF BENEFIT!

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The best way to keep your upholstery clean is to vacuum. Dry soils and dust are major enemies of your new upholstered furniture. The most important aspect of proper maintenance is to vacuum often (weekly) and correctly (using crevice tools, upholstery tools etc).

General soiling from clothing, shoes, children, pets, plants, body oils, hair oils and perspiration as well as atmospheric airborne soils from ventilation systems, fire places, wood stoves, cooking oils and household dust, will accumulate on your upholstery regardless of your fabric protection.

If not vacuumed regularly, everyday general soiling will settle between the individual fibres of your fabric and eventually dull, discolour and damage your valuable fabric.

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## PROFESSIONAL CLEANING

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The beauty as well as durability of most upholstery fabrics, is vitally dependent on their cleanliness. Regular vacuuming will be the best defence against overall soiling.

No fabric protector prevents general soiling. However with proper maintenance, fabric protectors allow soils to sit on top of the fabric and be vacuumed away.

- Guardsman PROTECTION ELITE fabric protector protects against permanent spots and stains. It does not cover general soiling. That is why most manufacturers of upholstered furniture recommend professional cleaning at least once a year, depending on household conditions. Regular cleaning will remove general soiling and extend the life and beauty of the upholstery fabric.
- Specialised skills are needed to properly clean upholstery because of the many different types of construction, fibres, weaves and dyes used to make upholstered furniture. It is very important that you select a qualified professional upholstery cleaner with experience in the industry.

**Guardsman does not determine the type of cleaning method for your upholstery - your fabric content does. Guardsman<sup>®</sup> PROTECTION ELITE Fabric Protector does not need to be re-applied after any type of professional cleaning.**

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## FABRIC SPOT REMOVAL PROCEDURES

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Before calling Guardsman's Customer Service you should attempt to remove spots yourself while they are still fresh. These at-home procedures will allow you to remove most spots and spills. Please remember that these spot cleaning procedures are for spot cleaning only, not for overall cleaning. Refer to the "Professional Cleaning" section of this Care guide for information on overall cleaning.

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### TO REMOVE MOST SPOTS AND STAINS, FOLLOW THESE BASIC RULES:

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- 1 While the spill is still fresh, blot (don't rub) with a clean, white absorbent cloth.**
- 2 Identify the type of fabric by checking the manufacturer's tag.** (For example, 50% cotton, 30% rayon, 20% polyester; not the foam polyurethane content for the cushions from the law label). Knowing the fabric content and nature of the spill is important to determine which type of cleaners and cleaning methods should be used.
- 3 Check the manufacturer's tags for cleaning care instructions. Refer to this code first when determining proper cleaning method. Refer to table on back page. However, always pre-test the cleaning solution in a hidden area before attempting to clean.**
- 4 If there are no tags on the furniture, check your store receipt or with your furniture retailer for the fabric content and the manufacturer's recommended cleaning methods. Guardsman will not alter the manufacturer's recommended cleaning methods.**
- 5 Pre-test all spot removal solutions in a hidden area of the fabric. Apply a few drops of cleaning solution on each colour of the fabric. Using a white absorbent cloth, press it firmly against each colour of the fabric; hold it in place for 10-15 seconds.**  
Examine the cloth for dye transfer from the fabrics. If colours have bled into the towel, then the fabric is not colourfast for that type of solution. Allow fabric to dry completely. Do not proceed with cleaning if the pre-tested area does not dry clear or causes any other unusual changes to the fabric. Please call Guardsman for assistance - we're here to help!
- 6 Once you have tested all spot cleaning solutions to be used, proceed with spot cleaning. Do not over wet, and work with small amounts of solution, blotting frequently. Problems can result from excessive amounts of solutions. BLOT, DO NOT RUB OR BRUSH. Excessive rubbing may cause distortion of the fabric texture.**
- 7 Always work from the outer edge of the spot or stain towards the centre. If a spot is smaller than a 10 cent coin better success will result by applying to cotton buds or a cotton ball. Have patience, some spots respond slowly.**
- 8 If attempts to clean stubborn spots or stains are unsuccessful, call Guardsman within 5 days of the staining and attempted spot removal.**

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## REMEMBER TO ALWAYS

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### SCOOP OR SCRAPE UP:

Gently scoop or scrape with the blunt edge of a spoon from the outside of a spill toward the centre.



### RINSE:

To remove all cleaning solution residue, it is important to extract by blotting with a cloth slightly moistened with clear water, (excluding 100% cotton or 100% linen fabrics).



### BLOT UP:

Press straight down with a clean white cloth. (never rub, rubbing may distort the fabric texture).

- TIP** When working on a cushion with a zipper, unzip and place a clean white towel under the spot before working on the area.
- APPLY** Mixed solvents, detergents, enzymes, vinegar and water solutions should be applied to a clean white towel (not printed) and this towel should be used to dampen the fabric.

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## ABOUT GUARDSMAN

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Guardsman has been a leader in the furniture care industry for over 100 years. In addition to providing excellent coverage, our Furniture Product Warranties also offer the security of a company that knows furniture. With a history of providing solutions to furniture problems, be they lounge, dining, bedroom or outdoor, our know-how is unmatched.

### GUARDSMAN FURNITURE PRODUCT WARRANTIES

We are the leading provider of Furniture Product Warranties, having operations globally. With millions of product warranties in place, consumers have long relied on Guardsman, allowing them to enjoy their home without the worry of life's mishaps spoiling their beautiful furniture.

### GUARDSMAN FURNITURE CARE PRODUCTS

Guardsman's solid reputation is built on a rich heritage as a leader in furniture care. Guardsman offers a comprehensive line of premium furniture care and touch-up products for wood, leather, and fabric furniture. To learn more, ask your furniture retailer or visit [guardsmanaustralia.com](http://guardsmanaustralia.com) for more information.

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

Our Furniture Product Warranties are administered by its Australian based customer service centre staffed by dedicated professionals, achieving world-class customer satisfaction rates.

### SERVICE TECHNICIAN NETWORK

Guardsman's national network of highly-skilled furniture repair technicians successfully repair most damage during the first in-home service call.





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