

# Crazing- Mark Off



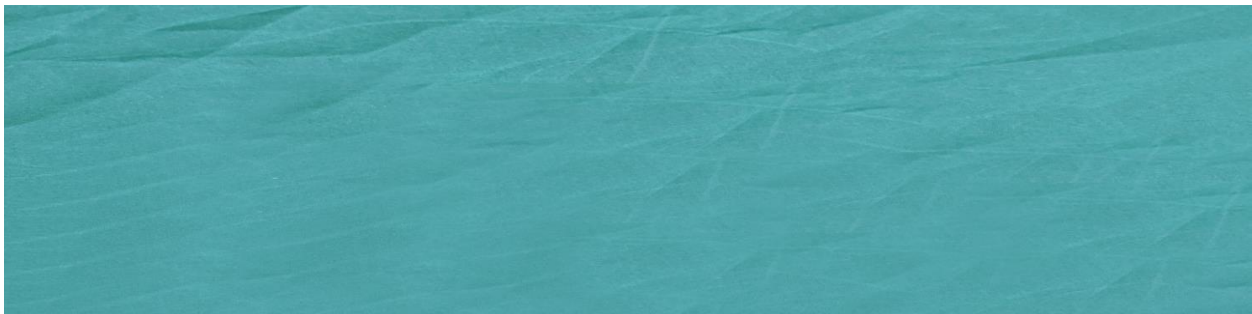
When fabric is treated with a “finish”, whether it be the Teflon it allows the fabric to offer more water, oil, and dirt repellency. It also gives the fabric a firmer hand which helps in the sewing and fabrication of products. Mark-off appears as white scuff marks on the fabrics and is caused when an object scrapes across the fabric, giving the finish of the fabric a blemished look. Crazing appears as thin white lines or a marble look, this can be caused by folding or creasing during production or transport. Trying to clean in general will not remove mark-off or crazing, however, both tend to diminish or disappear over time.

The best solution to mark-off and crazing is prevention, and by following certain standard practices during production, transportation and the installation process, you can greatly reduce or eliminate these concerns. Allowing your fabric to look as pristine as possible when installing.

Whenever possible, all fabrics should be roll and not folded. Folding materials can result in hard creases which can cause crazing. Avoid bunching up all fabrics during fabrication. Take extra caution when transporting your fabric, make sure there are no abrasion points exposed to other parts of the end products, including other fabric, carton, crate, or hardware.

Should crazing occur on your fabric, a suggested solution to improve the appearance would be as follows:

- Spray 303 Aerospace Vinyl/Cloth Protectant onto a clean washcloth or other soft cotton
- Dab the affected area with the moistened cloth
- Let Dry
- Repeat the process if necessary



This physical development will most likely occur when handling fresh new “finished” fabrics, and after normal weathering it should go away and will not affect the overall performance of the product.

