



BEEHIVE ESKY BAG CARE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Congratulations on your purchase of an original Beehive Vinyl Esky bag.

Your Beehive Vinyl Esky bag is designed and manufactured to last in tough site conditions; however, to achieve a long life expectancy and safe usage of your bag and to avoid voiding your warranty, the following care & maintenance instructions must be followed:

- ✓ Only use warm soapy water such as mild dishwashing liquid to clean your Esky bag - do not use strong acids, strong alkaline, pure chlorine, truck wash, pure bleach or other harsh cleaners to clean.
PVC Bags - Most soiling can be removed with warm soapy water and several clear water rinses. We recommend the use of "simple green" all purpose non toxic cleaner (available at most hardware stores) to clean most marks off the PVC. If necessary, for stubborn marks or mould/mildew, a 1:10 dilution of household bleach containing 5.25% Sodium Hypochlorite will not harm the fabric however you must ensure you flush with water after cleaning. Moderate scrubbing with a soft to medium bristle will help loosen the soiling agent from the depressions of embossed surfaces. Powdered abrasives, steel wool and industrial strength cleaners are not recommended, as they will dull the surface gloss. Dry cleaning fluids and lacquer solvents attack the surface, and should not be used.
Rinse thoroughly after cleaning & hang esky upside down with zips open to let dry.
- ✓ Do not place **dry ice** in the bag, this can cause the vinyl to crack & split.
- ✓ Ensure frequent visual inspections are undertaken prior to use. Check the Esky bag for signs of damage or weakness, paying particular attention to the threads and webbing on the straps on the Esky bag. Check inside bag for mould/mildew & clean first before use.
- ✓ Check for visible signs of degradation of the webbing fabric at handle, (Black does hold its colour best due to yarn being black itself & not being dyed after it is woven like coloured webbing). Normal wear and tear can reduce the strength of the webbing strap. If webbing becomes significantly damaged due to abrasions, cuts, prolonged exposure to sunlight over time or chemicals then it should be repaired/ replaced. Signs of severe fading on the webbing can indicate prolonged exposure to sunlight.
- ✓ Check zippers operate smoothly as they should zip & unzip easily with no "catching". If zippers are starting to catch, lubricate the zippers using a silicon spray, or if you work in a fairly dusty environment use paraffin wax as less dust will stick to it than silicon spray.
- ✓ The PVC vinyl has good acid and other chemical resistance, however avoid standing your Esky bag in acid, fuel, alkalis or other chemicals as exposure to these chemicals can reduce the life expectancy of your bag. If your bag is exposed to any of these chemicals, we recommended rinsing the bag off at the earliest opportunity with water.
- ✓ Our Esky bags are manufactured from a specialised heavy duty, fire resistant, high quality vinyl that we have manufactured for us in Australia by an Australian owned company. These materials are tested to AS2001.2.3 tensile strength standard, BS 3424.5 Tongue tear standard, AS1441.6 flex cracking standard and flame retardant tested to parts 2 & 3 of AS1530 standard.
- ✓ Whilst Beehive Esky bags are made tough to last in the toughest and harshest environments, the bags still need a little TLC as they are not completely indestructible. By giving your bag a little care & maintenance, you will be rewarded with an esky bag that will outlast any other manufacturers bag for many years to come.

NOTE: For warranty terms and return conditions contact Beehive Vinyl Products or download T & C's from our website www.beehivevinyl.com.au

