

Recommended Maintenance for Stage Curtains and tracks.

Curtains

Annually vacuum drapes (especially velvet and wool), thus minimising the build up of dust.

Dry Clean as required – Water free process only.
White Spirit or Perchloroethylene Solvent (to AS 2001.5.7 – 1986)

Do not wet non durably flame retarded (NDFR) fabrics with water, if wetted in any way, it is essential to retreat the fabric to meet flammability requirements. This may also apply after multiple dry cleaning processes or after a period of use in a high humidity atmosphere.

As required by the Building Code of Australia (BCA) NSW Spec C1.10 6 (b) (ii), the fabric will retained flame retardancy effect after a minimum of 5 commercial dry cleaning operations. It is thus recommended that a log be kept of cleaning.

Any small tears or holes, should be repaired immediately to avoid the damage spreading.

Do not pin banners etc. directly to curtains, this may lead to fabric damage. As an alternative to pins use light duty spring clamps or bull dog clips.

Curtain fabrics do have a limited life, and factors such as UV light exposure, humidity and traffic may further reduce useful life of fabrics.

As a guide fabrics should have a useful life of:

NDFR Cotton Velvet	12 to 15 years	Dry clean only
DFR Wool / wool blends	20 to 25 years	Dry clean only
NDFR Cotton/Acrylic blackout	5 to 7 years	Dry clean only
NDFR Cotton Gauzes	5 to 7 years	Dry clean only
IFR Synthetic Fabrics	20 to 25 years	Dry clean recommended*

*(careful laundering may be possible, dependant up on curtain construction)

Tracks

Annually check and tighten all track fasteners.

3 monthly – check and adjust draw cord tension

Annually wipe down track running surfaces and lubricate running gear – use silicon spray sparingly, avoid over spraying onto curtains.