

# Microban FAQ's

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## **What is Microban antimicrobial product protection?**

Microban® technology is built-in antimicrobial protection that gives products an added level of protection against microbes such as stain and odor causing bacteria, mold and mildew.

## **How do products with Microban antimicrobial protection work?**

Microban® protection inhibits the growth of microorganisms. When microbes come in contact with the product surface, Microban® protection penetrates the cell wall of the microorganism and disrupts cell functions making the microorganism unable to function, grow and reproduce.

## **What benefit do I get from products with Microban antimicrobial protection?**

Microban® protection continuously fights the growth of microbes such as odor and stain causing bacteria, mold and mildew. Microban protection makes products easier to clean and keeps them cleaner between cleanings.

## **What types of microorganisms does Microban protection work against?**

Microban® antimicrobial protection is effective against most common bacteria, yeasts, molds and fungi that cause stains, odors and product degradation. Microban® technology is not designed to protect users from disease causing microorganisms.

## **How do I know that Microban antimicrobial product protection is safe?**

Microban technology has undergone extensive independent laboratory testing and has a long history of safe use. It is registered with the EPA for all applications in which it is used. Microban additives can be found in leading consumer and industrial around the world.

## **Does this mean I don't have to clean my products as much or as carefully?**

No. Microban® protection provides continuous antimicrobial protection that protects the products, making them easier to clean and keeping them cleaner between cleanings. However, normal cleaning practices should be maintained.

## **Does Microban protection begin working immediately?**

Microban® protection begins to work as soon as the microorganism comes into contact with the product surface. It then works continuously to maintain a consistently lower bio-burden than would be expected on a product without Microban® antimicrobial protection. Under the right conditions, microbes on an untreated surface can double every 20 minutes! Microban technology is not a disinfectant and is not a substitute for normal cleaning practices.

## **How long does Microban® antimicrobial protection work?**

Microban® protection is built-in during the manufacturing process and will not wash off or wear away. Microban protection is engineered to provide continuous antimicrobial product protection for the useful lifetime of the product.