



## Upholstery fabric guide

### ***Fluffing upholstery, how is it possible?***

#### **Right material choice**

Have you ever had pilling complaints on your seating furniture? Chances are you will get it again. Pilling is household-bound as long as you do not address all of the causes below. Is this not possible? Then choose a fabric that does not pill easily. You can check the pilling resistance of our fabrics in our article passport. The higher the score, the less likely the fabric is to show pilling.

#### **What pilling is**

Small balls of fabric are starting to form on the surface of your upholstery. They keep growing in size and in number. This is what we call "Pilling". It is most common on upholstery fabrics and absolutely nothing to be worried about. Besides these small balls you could also see small pieces of fluff. The main cause of pilling is friction. It causes superfluous pieces of fabric to cling together and to the surface. You can remove any kind of pilling without consequences.

#### **Good maintenance**

Preventing pills starts with proper maintenance of your couch or upholstery. Household dust that settles on your couch or armchair must be removed regularly. Do this by vacuuming with the right attachment. Do not apply too much force to prevent damage to your upholstery (lint). Never use an adhesive roller for removing dust or hair. This puts all the fibers of the upholstery upright, resulting in even more pilling.

#### **External sources of the pilling**

If you do not find the source of the pilling, you will continue to be bothered by the balls on your couch. Common sources are house dust, pillows, (fleece) plaids, sport socks, hairs etc. Remove the source of the external fibers and the pilling will continue to decrease.

#### **No pets on the furniture please**

Another factor that has a major influence on the occurrence of pilling is the presence of pets. Pets have a greasy skin and coat on their upholstery. This allows hair and house dust to adhere faster to your upholstery, creating pills. Therefore never leave pets on your couch. Pets shed and the hair then adhere to your seating furniture. Vacuum carefully and prevent damage. If this does not have sufficient effect, remove the hair gently with a damp cotton cloth or special hairbrush. Never use an adhesive roller.

#### **Humidity**

Too low a humidity has a negative influence on the occurrence of pilling. Too low a humidity gives synthetic materials a static charge. As a result, the upholstery attracts hair, (house) dust and other fibers. These then stick to pilling balls. By keeping the humidity level up, you prevent your upholstery from becoming static.