

Stage Curtain and Track Care & Maintenance

With regularly scheduled maintenance, you can extend the life and improve the appearance of your curtains. Here are some basic steps to help you maintain your curtains and track systems.

Curtains

1. Using a soft bristle brush, move down the face and back of the curtain. Start at the top (either right or left side and brush the entire curtain (annually)).
2. Another option is to use an industrial wet/dry vacuum instead of the brush. (annually).
3. Spot clean any stains or markings on the curtain face immediately. Use a soap and water solution or a spot cleaning chemical. Test the cleaning solution on the back of the curtain in an inconspicuous area prior to using it on the face of the curtain. (as needed).
4. Have any tears or holes repaired immediately to avoid additional damage to the curtain. (as needed)
5. Make sure that the bottoms of all curtains do not drag on or touch the floor. The bottom of the curtain is typically the first area to show wear. The length of the curtain can change over the course of time due to humidity and stretching of the fabric. If this occurs, the chain/s-hooks used to attach the curtains to the tracks may need to be adjusted (as needed).
6. The curtains have a certificate of flame retardancy permanently affixed on the back. The typical curtain is constructed using inherently flame retardant (IFR) polyester which is permanent for the life of the curtain and can be washed without losing the flame resistance properties inherent in the yarn. Although there will be no degradation from washing, the factors of environment, use of added components and further processing may compromise its flame resistance. Retesting every few years may still be required.

Tracks

7. The control cords on the curtain track system can wear prematurely as a result of too much slack. This slack is a typical occurrence that results from cord fibers stretching. The excess cord slack is prone to sliding off the tensioning wheel and rubbing up against the metal housing. The cord slack should be drawn up immediately by locating the knot in the master carrier (center of the track when curtain is closed), pulling the excess cord through and terminating with a new knot. The extra cord can be cut and discarded. Replace entire cord if fraying or dry rotting is identified. Never pull on the curtain panel by hand (as needed).
8. All tracks pipes, chains and cables should be kept free of dust build-up and debris by vacuuming regularly (annually).
9. Do not lubricate carriers and pulleys. The addition of lubricant to bearings or bushings will attract lint and dirt which will cause problems with the components.