

## Cleaning - Duette® and Plissé Shades

The fabric of both Duette® and Plissé Shades cannot be separated from the head rail and bottom rail. To prevent the Duette® and Plissé fabrics from becoming dirty, the blinds should be cleaned regularly with a feather duster or with a vacuum cleaner at a low setting.

Stains should be removed as quickly as possible with a soft sponge and lukewarm water containing a non-synthetic detergent, if required.

NB. Duette® and Plissé fabrics with a metallic back should not be cleaned with water, since this could damage the metallic coating.

In order to clean the whole blind, it is possible to submerge non-metallic Plissé, coated Duette® and Plissé fabrics in a bath together with the bottom rail. This does not apply to the black-out version.

Proceed as follows:

Fill a container, bath or basin with lukewarm water (30 °C) and add one scoop or cap non-synthetic detergent. Lay the fabric in the water and hold the head rail above the water. (Applies only for motorized models.) The cleaning result will be better if the pleats are not held in the water as a bundle, but opened preventing creasing or deforming of the fabric and the pleats. Use a soft sponge or brush on the fabric to clean any stains. Do not leave the fabric in the water for longer than two hours.

Hang the fabric out fully above the bath (tilt over the fabric, so the head rail and bottom rail stand upright) and spray-clean it front and back, to ensure that dirt and soap residue are removed from the fabric. Pull the fabric up carefully and ensure that the pleats fold correctly. Once the bundle of material has been completely folded together, press the head rail and bottom rail together again with both hands. This will wring as much water as possible out of the fabric. Now replace the Duette® or Plissé Shade in the mounting brackets, and allow the fabric to drop completely.

You can try again to remove any marks or residual dirt with a slightly damp sponge. Now raise the fabric to  $\pm 300$  mm under the head rail. Raise the fabric once every hour and then allow it to drop before raising it again to 300 mm under the head rail. Repeat this cycle until the fabric is dry. If the shade is wider than the bath at your disposal, you can clean the fabric with a soft sponge or have it cleaned by a professional cleaning service.