

EU Product Cleaning Guidance

Fire Helmets



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Based on guidance from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) regarding COVID-19, the following cleaning methods may be used for fire helmets.

Product Cleaning Guidance for Fire helmets

Complete Fire Helmets

Follow the cleaning guidelines included in the user instruction manual.

- Immersion of helmet and/or clean under constant flow of water
 - Use soap or mild detergent
 - Scrub plastic surface with a soft cloth, with special caution for visor / eye protection elements
 - Scrub internal plastic parts and soft goods with soft cloth
- Ensure full drying of helmet and soft goods before next use

Additional Cleaning Process for Soft Goods

The following removable soft goods can be machine washed, following temperature and cleaning agent recommendation in user's manual

- Headband front and rear paddings (textile version only)
- Chinstrap (textile version only)
- Neck curtains (wool, Nomex versions)

Allow full drying before re-installing soft goods inside the helmet.

Additional Disinfection Process

In addition to regular cleaning, the use of a disinfectant is recommended in case of suspicion of exposure to virus contamination.

For Gallet helmets, Sealed Air Diversey Care Oxivir® Excel™ Broad Spectrum Cleaner & Disinfectant may be used for disinfection. Please refer to the product datasheet that can be found on the vendor's website for recommendations on method of application.

For viral disinfection, dosing and interaction time recommended is five minutes, with a 2% dosing.

Details on the exact nature of the agents that are included in the product is available on the product specifications datasheet and Safety Data Sheet.

If the indicated disinfecting product is not available in your country, please refer to its technical specifications and guidance from your local authorities to find a product with equivalent concentrations of the same active ingredients that can be sourced locally.

It is important to follow the cleaning product manufacturer's instructions, including contact time to achieve disinfection.

After using disinfectants, it is recommended that you fully rinse the product to remove any residue that may impact the product over time.

Users must maintain stringent pre-use inspection procedures as outlined in the user manual to ensure the continued integrity of the product.

If in doubt, soft clothes (headband padding, chinstraps, neck curtains, etc.), should be removed and replaced with new ones. Refer to user's manual for references of the corresponding spare parts.

Please Note

MSA relies on the expertise of CDC, EPA, ECDC, and the other cited authorities, and has not evaluated the effectiveness of these cleaning agents against COVID-19. To the extent the guidance in this Bulletin may go beyond the information in your user manual, it applies only in the context of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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US CDC	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html
US NIH	https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-officials-discuss-novel-coronavirus-recently-emerged-china
WHO	https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus
ECDC	https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/coronavirus
IAFF	https://www.iaff.org/coronavirus/#preparation_ppe_protection

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