

# *Important Instructions!*

## **SUPER COOL PVA SPONGE PRODUCTS**

*Including: PVA Sponges, Blocks, Wipes, and Shammy*

### BEFORE INITIAL USE

- Wash well before using for the first time! Rinse thoroughly by hand with warm water, or machine wash, gentle cycle, cold water, with liquid detergent and/or ammonia.
- If hard or stuck together, do not peel apart! Soak for about 10 minutes in warm water or wash with normal laundry as described above. It will come out perfect!
- Use the product wet. PVA sponge becomes hard like a piece of cardboard when dry. Simply rewet and it will become soft!
- All PVA Sponge Products must be used wet – do not add chemicals or solutions when dry!

### HOW TO USE PVA SPONGE PRODUCTS

- Use with normal cleaning solutions including: liquid soaps, Pine Sol, various cleaning sprays, window cleaner, etc. Follow each manufacturer's suggestions. **IMPORTANT!** Remember pets or persons with allergies or skin sensitivity – some solutions shouldn't be used.
- **To deep clean or sanitize, use various products diluted in water. Do not mix combinations of solutions:**
  1. **Isopropyl Alcohol (70%): dilute 1 part isopropyl alcohol with 10 parts water. PVA sponge must be wet before using with this solution! Do not use full strength isopropyl alcohol (concentrated solution directly from the bottle) as PVA sponge will be destroyed!**
  2. **Hydrogen Peroxide and Water – dilute 1 part hydrogen peroxide with 10 parts water. PVA sponge must be wet before using with this solution!**
  3. **QUAT Sanitizers: QUAT (quaternary ammonium compounds). Follow manufacturer's instructions.**
  4. **Bleach and Water – bleach should only be used as a last resort. With PVA mops, it can be used in a higher concentration for sterilizing floors (i.e. after a flood). For counter tops and surfaces, use a diluted solution of ½ cup of liquid bleach per gallon of water. PVA will eventually crack or be destroyed using bleach and is not covered by any warranty.**
  5. **Ammonia and Water: Follow manufacturer's instructions. For floors or walls, dilute 1 part ammonia with 10 parts water. Note: Ammonia does not sterilize surfaces. Use for cleaning surfaces or floors.**
  6. **Other Sterilizing Methods NOT Recommended: Do not put in boiling or extremely hot water! Do not microwave! PVA will be destroyed and is not covered by any warranty.**

### PRODUCT CARE

- Machine wash with liquid detergent and/or ammonia – do not use bleach.
- Do not dry in dryer (product is used wet – drying doesn't hurt but is meaningless).
- PVA sport towels are not affected by mold, mildew, or odor. If product has mold or mildew (brown, black, or green spots), wash in liquid detergent and ammonia. If mold or mildew is still evident, soak in a 10:1 solution (10 parts water for 1 part bleach) for about 5 minutes. **NOTE:** product color may fade due to bleach. Test for fastness! Launder immediately. **IMPORTANT:** Do not mix bleach and ammonia as a toxic gas may occur.
- This material can be cut into smaller sizes with sharp scissors.
- Store clean product (wet) in a clean zip bag or in optional plastic container. Clean storage container before storing clean towel.
- Product works even better after washing several times.
- For extended periods of time, store in dry form to avoid mold or mildew.

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