

WHAT IS “PILLING”

“Pilling” is a characteristic of many upholstered fabrics that results in excess fiber coming off the surface of the material. The release of excess fiber results in small “balls” or “pills” of fiber forming on the surface of the cover. This condition is not warranted by the manufacturer because it is not seen to be a defect. It is simply excess material being released. This is similar to the “fuzzing” experienced with new carpet, or the pilling of a new sweater.

The concern on the part of most consumers is that the fabric is disintegrating and will ultimately leave a “bald” area on the cover. That is not the case. As with carpets and sweaters, the pilling will persist until the excess fiber is gone, and then it will cease. The best treatment while this is happening is simply to “shave” the cover with a battery operated furniture or sweater shaver to remove the “pills” and restore the look of the cover surface. This may need to be done a few times, but the pilling on the surface will begin to diminish, and ultimately stop.

Periodic vacuuming of your upholstered furniture is recommended.

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