

THE ADULT WAREHOUSE GUIDE TO TOY

MAINTENANCE AND CARE.

So you have chosen your new toy. So you get the maximum life and enjoyment out of your new best friend we have put together this little guide to maintaining your new bedroom buddy. With proper care an adult toy will last longer, be safer and more hygienic. The many different materials that sex toys are made of mean that each requires a different care regime, so make sure you make note of your new toys material so you can care for it in the best possible way.

PLASTIC.

Plastic toys are generally hard, smooth and inflexible and for this reason they are a snap to clean. Warm soapy water and a good rinse is usually all that is required. We find that the antibacterial hand soaps are particularly good for cleaning hard plastic toys. Unless the toy is waterproof don't rinse it under running water. Once you have cleaned the toy pat dry and store in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight.

JELLY.

Jelly toys are porous, so cleaning is especially important as they tend to absorb lubricants and bodily fluids. They are easily cleaned with an antibacterial soap and warm water, however this will not sterilise the surface, so with Jelly toys we strongly recommend a speciality toy cleaner. The "Pjur Med Clean" is great, as it is antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral and contains no alcohol. This last one is especially important as you must NEVER wash a Jelly Toy with alcohol cleansers, especially rubbing or ethyl alcohol as it dissolves Jelly, and it is quite disappointing to watch your new pal turn into a puddle. Pipedream also do a great toy cleaner and is also highly recommended for Jelly Toys. Once clean pat dry and store in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight.

SILICONE.

Silicone is an extremely tough and resilient material, and as a consequence any toys made from silicone are the easiest of the soft toys to maintain. Unlike Jelly or Latex, Silicone isn't porous, so it will not absorb fluids or trap bacteria. In fact silicone is so durable that non vibrating toys can be boiled or even washed in a dishwasher. Warm water and an antibacterial soap are all that is required to clean silicone, however a spritz with a good quality toy cleaner such as Pjur Med Clean is always a good idea to ensure total

cleanliness. Once clean pat dry and store in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight.

REALISTIC MATERIALS. (Cyberskin, UR3, Futurotic etc)

The softest and most realistic materials are also the ones that require the most care to maintain their supple and flesh like feel. They are porous like Jelly and Latex, and so have the same issues as these toys. Wash with warm water and a mild antibacterial soap. It is important not to immerse your realistic toy in water as it will absorb fluid. You can purchase excellent cleaners for these toys, and Fleshlight (the makers of the range of Fleshlight men's toys) make a really good cleaner, but Pjur Med Clean will do an outstanding job as well. One clean pat dry any excess water and leave out to dry completely. Once dry these materials require a light dusting with the supplied powder to maintain the soft feel. Again Fleshlight make an excellent renew powder but if you can't locate this (we do have it on the website) you can use cornstarch, but this can be problematic if you haven't completely dried your toy. When clean, dry and powdered store in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight. This sounds like a lot of mucking about, but doing so will keep your real feel toy soft, flesh like and supple.

GLASS.

Glass toys are by far the easiest to maintain as they are virtually indestructible and non porous. Basic washing with warm water and an antibacterial soap is all that is required to keep these toys in tip top condition. Take extra care with cleaning any glass anal toys as these tend to have bumps and ridges where bacteria love to live. To be absolutely certain you can boil, bleach or even place in a dishwasher any non vibrating glass toys.

METAL.

Metal toys are not all that common, but they are available. Like glass they are extremely tough, and non porous so warm water and an antibacterial soap is usually enough. There are some metal toys that incorporate silicone sections so if you have one of these (like the Vibe Therapy Relinquish and Exude) take particular care to clean where the metal comes into contact with the silicone. Once clean pat dry and store in a dry, cool place away from direct sunlight.

STORAGE

How you store your toys when not in use is very important. You should NEVER store your toys in direct sunlight (except glass and metal). U.V. will

STORAGE (continued)

break down your soft toys and also cause them to fade and crack which gives bacteria an excellent little place to hide. It's always a good idea to safely store your toys in a place where others can't get to them. Its bad enough should your kids find them, but dogs, cats and insects seem to find them irresistible, so get yourself a good solid storage box and keep it up high in a cool, dry spot.

You should also NEVER store your toys so they touch each other. Toys made of different materials can react with each other, fuse together and even melt. The result is no usable toys and a really odd looking piece of modern art. An easy way to combat this is to wrap each toy in a cotton bag (an old pillow case works really well) after you have cleaned and dried them.

With any battery operated toy it's important to remove the batteries before storing. This reduces the risk of battery leakage and corrosion, and your batteries will also last a lot longer.

TOY CLEANERS.

Only ever use cleaning solutions designed for the materials sex toys are made of. We have listed a few excellent ones in this guide so please look for them as they are highly effective. Products like Kitchen Cleaners, Windex, Methylated Spirits and Dishwashing Liquids are caustic, powerful and will harm the surface of your toy.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

Your new sexy friend will certainly last longer and give you more pleasure if you maintain and care for it. The very best way to maintain any toy in as new condition is to use it with a condom. This is particularly effective with Jelly or Realistic materials, however this doesn't mean you don't need to clean it after use, however if you do use a condom with your toy a simple spray and wipe with a toy cleaner will usually suffice.

Only use water based lubricants with your toy. They are easier to clean and don't react with your toy. Under no circumstances use oil or petroleum based lubricants. Not only will they affect the toy they will trap bacteria in more porous materials and provide a perfect home for them to breed and multiply like mad. Besides which they are sticky and horrible so stick with the water based jobs.

ENJOY, PLAY SAFE and HAVE FUN !!!