



PINK STAIN INFORMATION SHEET

DISCLAIMER: Selecting black or dark fabric colors may result in the “pinking” of your vinyl. The SewLong warranty DOES NOT cover any repairs or any expenses incurred relating to pinking.

What is Pinking?:

Pinking began when vinyl manufactures complied with government regulations to discontinue the use of arsenic in vinyl.

While pinking can occur in all boats, it is most common in boats built from 2005-2015.

Two Types of Pinking:

BACTERIAL PINKING is caused by a bacteria by-product that is soluble in plasticizers. It shows up on boats with white or light colored vinyl.

CHEMICAL PINKING is caused by heat melting the glue in vinyl, resulting in a pink or red color on the surface of the material.

Recommendations and Prevention:

Choosing a light fabric color can prevent or slow pinking.

If you choose a dark fabric color, SewLong will put a felt barrier between the cover and your vinyl by adding a protective layer to the bottom side of your cover.

If there are any questions or concerns while selecting your fabric colors,
please ask a member of our SewLong team!