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New Standard Published: ANSI/IICRC S300 Standard for Professional Upholstery Cleaning

Las Vegas, NV – SEPTEMBER 09, 2025 – [The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification](#) (IICRC) announces the publication of a new American National Standard - ANSI/IICRC S300 Standard for Professional Upholstery Cleaning.

The ANSI/IICRC S300 standard describes the systems, methods, and procedures to be followed when performing professional upholstery cleaning. It does not specifically address the processes and procedures for restoring or remediating smoke or microbially contaminated upholstery. Refer to the latest editions of *ANSI/IICRC S500 Standard for Professional Water Damage Restoration* and *ANSI/IICRC S520 Standard for Professional Mold Remediation*.

This standard was created primarily for use by professional cleaners, and secondarily for other Materially Interested Parties (MIPs) (e.g., upholstery fabric and furniture manufacturers, industry suppliers, retailers, and distributors).

The ANSI/IICRC S300 Standard for Professional Upholstery Cleaning includes the following which are described in the Standard:

- Fiber, Construction, and Styles
- Principles of Professional Upholstery Cleaning
- Equipment and Tools
- Pre-Cleaning and Post-Cleaning Inspections (Administrative Procedures)
- Methods and Systems of Cleaning
- Leather Cleaning
- Spot and Stain Removal
- Fabric Protectors
- Residential vs. Commercial Maintenance and Cleaning
- Safety and Health
- Limitations, Complexities, Complications, and Conflicts

Ed Hobbs, IICRC S300 Consensus Body Chairman, said: *"It was my true honor to serve with Paul Pearce as the Vice Chair, and the other members of the S300 Consensus Body in completing the Standard. As a result of countless hours of volunteer time by the S300 Consensus Body and others over the last seven years, the Institute now has an upholstery cleaning standard that is ANSI accredited and includes many updates from the First Edition."*

Brandon Burton, IICRC Standards Chairman, said: *"It takes a massive commitment from a large body of volunteers to bring a new Standard to the Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Industry. On behalf of the industry at large, I'd like to extend our gratitude to the S300 Consensus Body, and in particular to Ed Hobbs and Paul Pearce, Chair and Vice Chair, for bringing this valuable Standard of Care to reality as an American National Standard for the first time."*

To purchase a copy of the new ANSI/IICRC S300: 2025 and other standards, visit <https://iicrc.gilmoreglobal.com/en>. IICRC standards are also available via the IICRC Standards Subscription website at <https://evantage.gilmoreglobal.com/#/>. For more information on other certification programs and standards offered by IICRC, visit www.iicrc.org.

About IICRC

The IICRC is a global standards developing organization (SDO), accredited through the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), as well as a credentialing body that certifies individuals in 20+ categories within the inspection, cleaning, and restoration industries. With more than 60,000 certified technicians and 6,000 Certified Firms in 22 countries, the IICRC, in partnership with regional and international trade associations, represents the entire industry. The IICRC does not own schools, employ instructors, produce training materials, or promote specific product brands, cleaning methods, or systems. For more information, visit www.iicrc.org.

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