PROTECTIVE SLEEVE FOR CHAIRS

Decorative sleeve means for protectively covering the radial leg portions of the base of a swivel-type chair, characterized in that the sleeve means are provided at one end with fringe means that conceal the extremity of the leg portion and protect an occupant against damage thereby. Preferably the sleeve means comprises a tubular body consisting of a stretch fabric formed of a synthetic fiber. At least one end of the sleeve is provided with a resilient portion of reduced diameter adapted to tightly engage the leg portion upon which the sleeve is mounted.

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During normal office or home use of chairs of the swivel type including a base having a plurality of radially extending generally horizontal legs, users oftentimes touch or drag their shoes against the leg portion, causing damage to the finish, or running the chair on a smooth surface, cause the legs to wear prematurely. A more specific object of the present invention is to provide a protective sleeve means adapted for concentrically mounting around the leg portion of the chair base, and a more specific object of this invention is to provide a protective sleeve means to protect the roller supporting extremity of a chair leg. A more specific object of the present invention is to provide a protective sleeve means that will reduce the risk of scratching the work area and will not only aid in protecting the chair base but also provide a unique decorative appearance, to protect an occupant from damage by the leg portions of the chair base. A primary object of the present invention is to provide a protective sleeve means that is preferably formed of a tubular flexible body having a plurality of radially extending generally horizontal leg portions and resiliently mounted to the leg portion of the chair base.

In accordance with the present invention, protective sleeve means are provided that are adapted for concentric mounting upon the leg portions of the chair base as shown in FIG. 1. Referring to FIGS. 2 and 3, each protective sleeve means is provided with a tubular flexible body 16 that is formed of a stretch fabric (preferably consisting of synthetic fibers), said sleeve including at one end integral fringe strands 16a of a length to at least partially conceal and protectively cover the associated roller 12. In order to assure that the sleeve is positively retained on the chair leg portion, the sleeve is provided at one end with a resilient portion of reduced diameter 16b. If desired, the end adjacent the fringe 16a may similarly be provided with a resilient portion of reduced diameter 16c. The sleeve may be given a decorative color and/or design, as desired.

To apply the sleeve to the chair, the resilient end 16b is manually expanded and slipped onto the free extremity of the leg portion 10a, whereby the sleeve is slid into the leg to the position illustrated in FIG. 1. The tubular body 16 affords protection to the occupant's stocking, and the fringe strands 16a conceal the rollers and protect the occupant from injury thereby. It is apparent that the length of the sleeve generally equals the length of the leg portion 10a.

While in accordance with the Patent Statutes, the preferred form and embodiment of the invention has been illustrated and described, it will be apparent that changes may be made without deviating from the inventive concept.

1. A protective sleeve adapted for use with a swivel-type chair having a base including a plurality of generally horizontal radial leg portions provided at their extremities with rollers, including a tubular flexible decorative body (16) having an internal diameter and length corresponding generally with the outer diameter and length of one of said radial leg portions; said body including at each end a resilient radially inwardly biased portion of reduced diameter (16b, 16c) arranged to tightly engage said radial leg portion when said body is mounted concentrically thereabout, said body further including at the end adjacent the free extremity of said radial leg portion a plurality of integrally connected circumferentially arranged fringe strands (16a) of a length to cover the free extremity of said base leg portion and the associated roller, whereby the extremity of said base leg portion is both concealed and protectively covered by said fringe strands.

2. A protective sleeve as defined in claim 1, wherein said tubular body comprises a stretch fabric including filaments formed of a synthetic plastic fiber.

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