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Curtains and Soft Furnishings
Care and Laundering Guide

Curtains and soft furnishings are an essential part of life, and the correct care of these items is of the utmost importance. The below laundering guide will help to ensure you get the most out of your products.



Please ensure you read the following instructions in full before laundering.

These instructions are only relevant for our most commonly supplied printed curtains - if your curtains are woven these instructions do not apply. DO NOT launder upholstered products, including removable seat cushions - please contact us or refer to our 'Upholstery Cleaning and Maintenance Guide' for these items.

If you are unsure whether these instructions are relevant to your products, please get in touch with us on 01603 664 900; our team is happy to assist.

LAUNDRY SORTING

It is recommended that whites and coloured items are washed separately. FR polyester should not be washed with cottons as this would adversely affect the flame retardancy of the fabric through migrating cotton fibres.

WASHING

Do not overload the washing machine - with polycotton best results are achieved with a 70% load by weight.

FIRST WASH: To reduce surface soiling, wash using non-ionic detergents at 40°C for 8-12 minutes.

MAIN WASH: In order to meet NHS disinfection requirements, wash using non-ionic detergents at 71°C for 10-15 minutes. For stain removal, the occasional use of dilute Hydrogen Peroxide is suggested. Do not use Sodium Hypochlorite (Chlorine) bleach.

RINSING: Cool slowly to 20°C in order to avoid excessive creasing by temperature shock. Add a small amount of cationic softener to reduce staticity.

DRYING: A short tumble dry is all that is necessary at a max temperature of 80°C. After drying, only calender fabric at 20-50% residual moisture content.

CALENDERING: As polyester dries quickly, this allows a fast calendering speed - the temperature should not exceed 120°C.

DRY CLEANING: All fabrics can be dry cleaned using Perchloroethylene or Fluorocarbon solvents under easy care conditions. This will not affect the flame retardant fabric qualities.

Note: Other than the fabric conditioners mentioned above, such conditioners and fabric fresheners can mask flame retardant

GENERAL TIPS

- Polyester in general doesn't need long, hard washes as any soiling generally tends to sit on surface fibres rather than in them.
- If the washing machine has a polyester setting, this will be sufficient! As polyester doesn't absorb water, there is a reduced need for long extraction times (spins).
- If you are setting the wash programme by hand, we recommend using a two wash system followed by a short extraction time of approx. 3 minutes.
- If your washing machine allows you to select a spin speed,

Thank you for reading me.

If you have any further questions or queries regarding laundering your products, please do not hesitate to contact the team on 01603 664 900.

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