

# **BASIC WASH CARE SYMBOLS & ITS MEANINGS**

## **Introduction**

This guide has detailed information that will be helpful for understanding the wash care symbols, their meaning(s) with a detailed description.

## **What is the purpose of this guide?**

The purpose of this guide is for you to understand and to update your knowledge in terms of basic wash care symbols, match the merchandise wash care labels with this guide and appropriately follow the same to keep your merchandise in good condition and for a longer life

## **Who will be benefited from this guide?**

This will help you to understand any special wash care instructions and educate yourself about any extra care, if required.

## Wash Symbols



**Machine  
Wash,  
Normal**

Garment may be laundered through the use of hottest available water, detergent or soap, agitation, and a machine designed for this purpose.



**Machine  
Wash, Cold**

Initial water temperature should not exceed 30C or 65 to 85F.



**Machine  
Wash, Warm**

Initial water temperature should not exceed 40C or 105F.










**Machine  
Wash, Hot**

Initial water temperature should not exceed 50C or 120F.



**Machine  
Wash, Hot**

Initial water temperature should not exceed 60C or 140F.

 	<p><b>Machine Wash, Hot</b></p>	<p>Initial water temperature should not exceed 70C or 160F.</p>
 	<p><b>Machine Wash, Hot</b></p>	<p>Initial water temperature should not exceed 95C or 200F.</p>
<p><b>NOTE:</b> SYSTEM OF DOTS INDICATING TEMPERATURE RANGE IS THE SAME FOR ALL WASH</p>		
	<p><b>Machine Wash, Permanent Press</b></p>	<p>Garment may be machine laundered only on the setting designed to preserve Permanent Press with cool down or cold rinse prior to reduced spin.</p>
	<p><b>Machine Wash, Gentle or Delicate</b></p>	<p>Garment may be machine laundered only on the setting designed for gentle agitation and/or reduced time for delicate items.</p>
	<p><b>Hand Wash</b></p>	<p>Garment may be laundered through the use of water, detergent or soap and gentle hand manipulation.</p>



**Do Not Wash**

Garment may not be safely laundered by any process.  
Normally accompanied by Dry Clean instructions.

## Bleach Symbols

**NOTE:** All (98+ %) washable textiles are safe in some type of bleach. IF BLEACH IS NOT MENTIONED OR REPRESENTED BY A SYMBOL, ANY BLEACH MAY BE USED.



**Bleach When Needed**

Any commercially available bleach product may be used in the laundering process.



**Non-Chlorine Bleach When Needed**

Only non-chlorine, color-safe bleach may be used in the laundering process. Chlorine bleach may not be used.



**Do Not Bleach**

No bleach product may be used. The garment is not colorfast or structurally able to withstand any bleach.

## Dry Symbols



**Tumble Dry,  
Normal**

A machine dryer may be regularly used at the hottest available temperature setting.



**Tumble Dry,  
Normal, Low  
Heat**

A machine dryer may be regularly used at a maximum of Low Heat setting.



**Tumble Dry,  
Normal,  
Medium Heat**

A machine dryer may be regularly used at a maximum of Medium Heat setting.



**Tumble Dry,  
Normal, High  
Heat**

A machine dryer may be regularly used at a High Heat setting.



**Tumble Dry,  
Normal, No  
Heat**

A machine dryer may be regularly used only at No Heat or Air Only setting.

**NOTE:** SYSTEM OF DOTS INDICATING TEMPERATURE RANGE IS THE SAME FOR ALL DRY PROCEDURES.



**Tumble Dry,  
Permanent  
Press**

A machine dryer may be regularly used only at the Permanent Press setting.



**Tumble Dry,  
Gentle**

A machine dryer may be regularly used only at the Gentle setting.



**Do Not  
Tumble Dry**

A machine dryer may not be used. Usually accompanied by an alternate drying method symbol.



**Do Not Dry**

A machine dryer may not be used. Usually accompanied by an alternate drying method symbol.



**Line Dry**

Hang damp garment from line or bar, in or out doors.



**Drip Dry**

Hang dripping wet garment from line or bar, in or out doors, without hand shaping or smoothing.



**Dry Flat**

Lay out horizontally for drying.

### **Wring**



**Do Not Wring**

Do Not Wring.






### **Iron Symbols**







**NOTE:** IF IRONING IS NOT NECESSARY, REGULAR CARE PROCEDURE IT NEED NOT BE MENTIONED






**Iron, Any  
Temperature,  
Steam or Dry**

Regular ironing may be needed and may be performed at any available temperature with or without steam is acceptable.

	<b>Iron, Low</b>	Regular ironing, steam or dry, may be performed at Low setting (110C, 230F) only.
	<b>Iron, Medium</b>	Regular ironing, steam or dry, may be performed at Medium setting (150C, 300F).
	<b>Iron, High</b>	Regular ironing, steam or dry, may be performed at High setting (200C, 290F).
<b>NOTE:</b> SYSTEM OF DOTS INDICATING TEMPERATURE RANGE IS THE SAME FOR ALL IRONING PROCEDURES.		
	<b>Do Not Steam</b>	Steam ironing will harm garment, but regular dry ironing at indicated temperature setting is acceptable.
	<b>Do Not Iron</b>	Item may not be smoothed or finished with an iron.
<b>Dry-clean Symbols</b>		

	<b>Dry-clean</b>	Dry Clean, any solvent, any cycle any moisture, any heat.
	<b>Dry-clean, Any Solvent</b>	Dry Clean, any solvent. Usually used with other restrictions on proper dry cleaning procedure.
	<b>Dry-clean, Petroleum Solvent Only</b>	Dry Clean using only petroleum solvent. Usually used with other restrictions.
	<b>Dry-clean, Any Solvent Except Trichloroethylene</b>	Any dry cleaning solvent other than trichloroethylene may be safely used.
	<b>Dry-clean, Short Cycle</b>	May be used with A, P, or F solvent restriction.
	<b>Dry-clean, Reduced Moisture</b>	May be used with A, P, or F solvent restriction.

	<b>Dry-clean, Low Heat</b>	May be used with A, P, or F solvent restriction.
	<b>Dry-clean, No Steam</b>	May be used with A, P, or F solvent restriction.
	<b>Do Not Dry-clean</b>	Garment may not be commercially dry-cleaned.