

HOUSE/LAUNDRY ROOM/INTRO TEXT : ANNEX 3

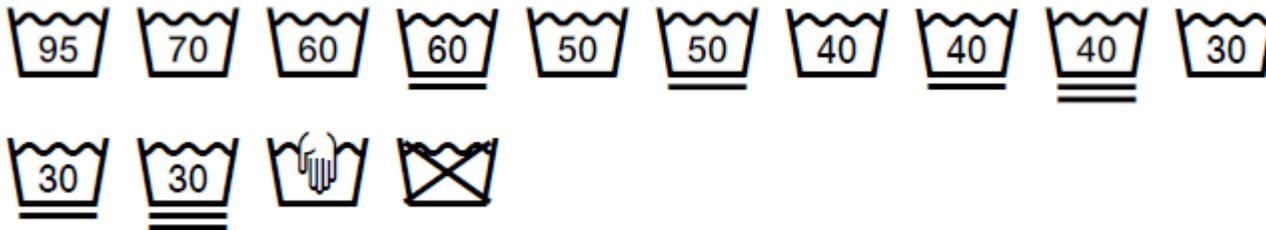
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Understanding textile care symbols

The care label on your garment provides 5 maintenance instructions: for washing, bleaching, drying, ironing, and professional cleaning. These care symbols are registered collective trademarks at WIPO and INPI and are the co-ownership of GINETEX (International Association for Textile Care Labelling, together with COFREET, French Association for Textile Care Labelling).

They indicate the most severe treatment and care of clothes without irreversible damage. Care treatment performed as indicated on the label provides a guarantee that the textile product will not be damaged. However, it does not guarantee that all dirt and stains will be fully removed. Milder forms of treatment and lower temperatures than those indicated on the label are always permitted.

WASHING



The wash tub symbol.

Machine washing

-  The number in the wash tub indicates the maximum washing temperature.
-  Underlined: Choose a special washing programme (such as delicates or synthetics) and reduce the load.



- Double underlined: Select a washing programme with a very mild process (such as wool), and only wash a few items.

Hand wash only



- Hand in the tub: Only a quick and careful hand wash at a water temperature at maximum of 40 °C.

Not suitable for washing



- Crossed tub: This item cannot be washed (it probably requires professional cleaning).

BLEACHING



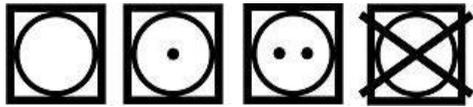
The triangle symbol concerns bleaching.

-  Triangle: Chlorine and oxygen bleach is allowed.
-  The triangle with two oblique lines indicates that only oxygen bleach (contained in universal detergents) is permitted but not chlorine bleach.



- Crossed triangle: Bleaching is not allowed. This means that you also need to be extra careful with local stain removal - try with a concealed area of clothing first.

(TUMBLE) DRYING



The square symbol concerns drying. The symbol with a circle in a square gives instructions for using a tumble-dryer (or not).

-  Square with circle: suitable for tumble drying.
-  Square with circle, one dot: Tumble dry at a low temperature; select mild process.
-  Square with circle, two dots: Tumble dry without limitations.
-  Crossed square with a circle: do not use a tumble-dryer for this garment.
- Some articles should not be tumble-dried (note the care symbols). Examples:
 - Cotton knitwear (shrinkage).
 - Wool (felt formation, shrinkage).
 - Silk and polyacryl articles (heat damage).

- Curtains (risk of creasing).

Tips for sustainable drying:

Outdoor-line drying saves energy and money. If you line-dry inside, the room should be well-ventilated.

- Extract water thoroughly before drying. Look at the washing symbol to see if the garment can be spin-dried on a high-revolution program.
- Only place articles that require the same drying time. Cotton and synthetics, for example, have different drying times and residual humidity.
- Some tumbler driers have sensors measuring residual humidity; these will stop drying as soon as the predefined level has been reached. If you use a tumbler dryer with a time-based programme, try to choose shorter programmes to save energy.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and do not overfill the drum.

Definition of the natural drying symbols you may see on labels, if tumble drying is not permitted:

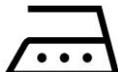
-  Flat dry
-  Flat dry in the shade
-  Line dry
-  Line dry in the shade

-  Drip flat dry
-  Drip flat dry in the shade
-  Drip line dry
-  Drip line dry in the shade

IRONING



The number of dots in the iron indicate the severity as regards to temperature.

-  One dot: Iron cold (110 °C; for example “Polyacryl, polyamide (nylon), acetate” setting / work without steam)
-  Two dots: Iron warm (150 °C; for example “Wool/silk/polyester/viscose” setting)
-  Three dots: Iron hot (200 °C; for example “Cotton/linen” setting)

-  Crossed iron: Do not iron (to avoid damage to the garment).

PROFESSIONAL CLEANING



These symbols provide instructions concerning professional dry and wet cleaning.

- The letters indicate the type of solvent.



Crossed circle: Do not dry clean. Do not use stain removers that contain solvents.



Any solvent such as tetrachloroethen is authorized,



Exclusively hydrocarbons solvents



Wet cleaning symbol



Do not wet clean



Warning : sensitive material, gentle process

Warning : very sensitive material, very gentle process