

## Wetcleaning Tips for Specific Garments and Fabrics

### Products/Procedures

#### **ACETATE** - Wash 80-90°F (27-32°C)

- Clean acetate knit in a mesh bag – **Silky Clean Detergent** and **Condition-It** is needed to add body
- Machine dry at low temp 110°F (43°C), do not over-dry, hang garment to complete drying

#### **ACRYLIC** - Wash 80-90°F (27-32°C)

- Use **Silky Clean Detergent** and **Condition-It** in the last rinse
- Limit mechanical action, can be easily damaged
- Clean in a mesh bag
- Heat and moisture can damage acrylic; dry at low temp and use minimal steaming

#### **BEADED GARMENTS** - Wash 80-90°F (27-32°C)

- Use low mechanical action
- Minimize drying at low temp and air dry to complete
- If bead glue is water soluble, do not wet clean
- Measure garment before and after process
- Wash and dry in mesh bag; do not leave in dryer
- Depending on type of garment, use **Titanium** or **Silky Clean Detergent**

#### **DENIM** - Wash 80-90°F (27-32°C)

- Use medium mechanical action
- Try to identify weak or worn areas and possible dye fade before processing
- Remove from dryer while damp
- Use hot head for finishing
- Wash in **Titanium** or **Cotton Clean Detergent**

#### **DOWN COMFORTERS** - Wash 100-110°F (38-43°C)

- Wash in **Cotton Clean**, use **Titanium** on heavily soiled garments
- Medium mechanical action
- Extract high speed to limit drying time; must be completely dry 120-140°F (49-60°C)
- Add tennis balls to the dryer to improve fluffing

#### **KHAKI** - Wash 110-130°F (43-54°C)

- Wash in **Titanium** or **Cotton Clean**
  - Use **Condition-It** in last rinse to simplify finishing
- Machine dry to 10% moisture or slightly damp, then finish on hot head

#### **OUTERWEAR/ALL-WEATHER COATS** - Wash 90-100°F (32-38°C)

- Remove lining and wet clean according to fabric type
- Wash in **Cotton Clean**, use **Titanium** on heavily soiled garments
- Prespot oil-based stains with **LPS**
- Use medium mechanical action and extract speed
- **Care Coat Extra** should be added to final rinse at the rate of 1 to 2 oz. per gallon of water
- Dry with warm heat 120°F (49°C) but do not over-dry

#### **RAYON** - Wash 80-90°F (27-32°C)

- **Silky Clean** is the preferred detergent
- Use medium mechanical action and extract speed

- Use a mesh bag in both the cleaning and drying process to prevent stretching
- Add **Condition-It** to the final rinse to give body to the garment and to make finishing easier
- Rayon gabardine and crepe are not recommended for wet cleaning

**SILK** - Wash in COLD water

- Use **Silky Clean Detergent**, and add **Condition-It** to the final rinse
- Mechanical action and extract speed should be gentle, silk is weakest when wet
- Important to test all silk items for dye stability
- Remove silk from dryer while still damp, then finish drying by hanging
- Silk ties are usually not recommended for wet cleaning

**WEDDING GOWNS** (Polyester) - Wash 90-100°F (32-38°C)

- Test glue for water solubility; DO NOT wet clean if glue is water soluble
- Use mesh bag with heavily beaded gowns
- Use medium mechanical action and **Titanium** or **Silky Clean** (silks)
- Machine dry gowns 6-8 minutes, hang dry to complete
- Use **Condition-It** to reduce wrinkling and to produce a softer hand

**WOOL** - Wash 80-90°F (27-32°C)

- **Silky Clean Detergent** must be used
- Use very gentle mechanical action
- Measure all wool garments prior to wetcleaning
- Wool crepe and wool gabardine will shrink: wetcleaning is not recommended
- **Add Condition-It** to last rinse to help protect wool fibers, maintain softness and aid in finishing
- Use a mesh bag when cleaning loosely-woven garments
- Machine dry wool sweaters for a short cycle, remove while damp and place garment on a flat surface to avoid stretching

