

WASHING ABC

Every clothing has directions that tell you, how to avoid shrinking, stretching, frizzing and the fading of colors. Therefore before washing you should take a minute to have a look at the seams.



Following the washing instructions is important because the instructions are based on tested qualities and by following them the cloth stays in the best condition. If the instructions are not followed, you can no longer plead on the faulty of the product.

The instructions are given to the product by taking care at the clothing's fabric features, buttons and other parts. The fabrics are constantly being tested at their color qualities, shrinking and other washing-related features, frizzing, wrinkling and flame proofing.

Not following the washing directions can affect the product in many ways. For example, washing a silk fabric in too hot water can be very destructive, when others like cotton won't mind at all.

Along with the washing and caring instructions it is important to remember the dosing amount of the detergent and sorting of the laundry.

The less you know about the fabric's features, the stricter you should follow the instructions.

Common Instructions

- Always follow the directions given at the washing.
- The temperature markings in washing and ironing are at maximum temperatures.
- The laundry should be sorted by color, dirt, needed temperature and mechanics.
- The dark and the light fabrics must be washed separately.
- White cotton textiles need whitening detergent to stay white.
- Colored cotton textiles need so called color detergent so the colors won't fade.
- For delicate fibers, like wool, silk and acryl must be chosen a detergent that's acidness level is neutral (7-8).
- The line under the washing tag means the delicate mechanic of the washing machine. That is when the washer should be loaded with less clothes than in the normal program.
- Most clothes are better to wash upside down. That is how to avoid washing lines and fading of the colors.



You should always believe the washing directions, especially when something is forbidden.

Washing Labels



WATER WASH



Normal program, max temperature 95 degrees.
For example, white cotton textiles.



Delegate program, max temperature 95 degrees.
For example white cotton textiles, partial washer filling.



Normal program, max temperature 60 degrees.
For example, colored cotton textiles.



Delegate program, max temperature 60 degrees.
For example, colored cotton textiles, partial washer filling.

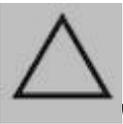


Normal program, max temperature 40 degrees.
For example, delegate laundry.



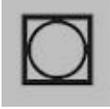
Delegate program, max temperature 40 degrees.
For example, delegate laundry, partial washer filling.

	<p>Delegate program, max temperature 30 degrees. For example, delegate washing required delicates, like wool and silk. Partial washer filling.</p>
	<p>Very delegate program, max temperature 30 degrees. For example, textiles that require very delegate washing and handling, like wool or silk, very low washer filling.</p>
	<p>Washing with hands only. The washing container must be large enough and have plenty of water, usually the fabric must not get rubbed or twisted roughly.</p>
	<p>Water washing forbidden. Do not remove even the smallest stains with water, the product must be taken into dry cleaners.</p>

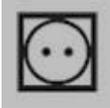


WHITENING

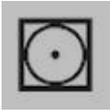
	<p>Whitening allowed. The product can be whitened.</p>
	<p>Oxygen whitening only. Whitening can include only oxygen based whitening liquid.</p>
	<p>Whitening forbidden. The product cannot be handled with any kind of whitening liquid.</p>



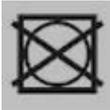
TUMBLE DRUM DRYING



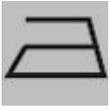
Normal tumble drum drying.
 The product can be dried with the normal program of the dryer.



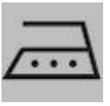
Careful tumble drum drying.
 The product can be dried in a tumble drum with a low temperature, but the dryer should not be filled full.



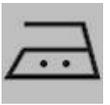
No tumble drying allowed.



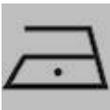
IRONING



Ironing temperature max 200 degrees.
 The product can be cotton, flax etc.



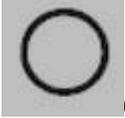
Ironing temperature max 150 degrees.
 The product can be cotton-polyester.



Ironing temperature max 110 degrees.
 The product can be for example silk, polyamide or other heat-sensitive material.



Ironing forbidden.
 The product cannot be ironed at all.



CHEMICAL WASH

	<p>Chemical wash with perchlorate. Product must be taken to the dry cleaners for a chemical wash.</p>
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	<p>Chemical washing forbidden.</p>
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Unofficial washing labels

The washing labels are standard. But in clothes you can still see tags, that cannot be found in the Finnish caring directions. Unofficial labels are for example:

	<p>Dry hanging, put the clothing hanging to dry. Remember to straighten the seams.</p>
	<p>Dry the clothing horizontal, spread the clothing into a steady plinth, straighten wide. This is used for example in knitted fabric.</p>
	<p>Must be hanged soaking wet.</p>
	<p>The clothing must be dried indoors. The fabric can get discoloration at outdoor drying. This tag can be seen in silk clothes.</p>
	<p>After washing, gentle twisting is allowed, or a light sling in washer. This is how to get the extra water out before drying.</p>
	<p>Do not twist the clothing.</p>
	<p>No tumble drying.</p>