



ADDITIONAL WORDS TO USE WITH APPAREL/TEXTILE CARE SYMBOLS

Additional words may be needed to clarify specific care



procedures. This table of

additional words to use with care symbols includes



the remaining terms listed in the Federal Trade Commission Care Labeling Glossary of Standard Terms and additional terms in common usage. *These terms are illustrative only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list of all terms that might be appropriate or necessary.* In general, whatever additional words are needed to state a care procedure that will result in the adequate refurbishment of the item should be used.

This table is referenced from ASTM D5489-96c, Table 1, Additional Words To Use With Care Symbols.

We urge you to purchase the latest Annual Book of ASTM Standards that contains the complete symbol set from the: American Society for Testing and Materials, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959

* Care instruction may be reported in words or a symbol.

PRELIMINARY AND LAUNDERING INSTRUCTIONS



FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION STANDARD TERMS:

- do not have commercially laundered
- small load
- separately
- with like colors
- wash inside out
- warm rinse
- cold rinse
- rinse thoroughly
- no spin or do not spin
- no wring or do not wring*
- no wring or twist*
- damp wipe only
- machine

TERMS IN COMMON USAGE:

- close zippers
- do not pretreat
- do not soak
- remove buttons
- remove lining
- remove shoulder pad
- remove trim
- wash dark colors separately
- wash once before wearing
- wash separately
- wash with like colors
- do not use fabric softener
- remove promptly
- rinse twice
- use oversize washing

BLEACHING



(all terms represented by symbols)

DRYING, ALL METHODS



FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION STANDARD TERMS:

- no heat*
- remove promptly
- line dry in the shade*
- line dry away from heat
- block to dry
- smooth by hand

TERMS IN COMMON USAGE:

- tumble dry, air*
- do not tumble dry*
- reshape and dry flat
- block flat to dry

IRONING & PRESSING



FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION STANDARD TERMS:

- iron wrong side only
- no steam or do not steam*
- steam only
- iron damp
- use press only

TERMS IN COMMON USAGE:

- do not iron decal
- iron reverse side only
- iron right side only
- warm iron if needed
- use press cloth

WASH OR DRYCLEAN

(can be represented by symbols)

DRYCLEANING, ALL METHODS



FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION STANDARD TERMS

- professionally dryclean
- short cycle*
- minimum extraction
- reduced or low moisture*
- tumble warm
- tumble cool
- cabinet dry warm
- cabinet dry cool
- steam only
- no steam or do not steam
- use fluorocarbon solvent

TERMS IN COMMON USAGE:

- use clear solvent
- use distilled solvent rinse
- low heat*
- no steam finishing

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION STANDARD TERMS:

TERMS IN COMMON USAGE:

- Send to a professional leather cleaner.
- Do not wash or dryclean by fabric methods.
- fur clean

For free care instruction assistance contact:

TEXTILE INDUSTRY AFFAIRS

212-372-3252 Fax: 212-505-3300 Email: Info@TextileAffairs.org

Web Site: www.TextileAffairs.org