

# GUIDE TO COMMON HOME LAUNDERING AND DRYCLEANING SYMBOLS

DOS/WIN  
Code Ref#

## Care Symbol

## Written Care Instructions

## What Care Symbol and Instructions Mean

### Wash

MW\_Norm



### 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.

MW30C



### Machine Wash, Cold

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

MW40C



### Machine Wash, Warm

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

MW50C



### Machine Wash, Hot

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

MW60C



### Machine Wash, Hot

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

MW70C



### Machine Wash, Hot

Initial water temperature should not exceed 70C or 160F.

MW95C



### Machine Wash, Hot

Initial water temperature should not exceed 95C or 200F.

MW\_Pres



### Machine Wash, Permanent Press

Garment may be machine laundered only on the setting designed to preserve Permanent Press with cool down or cold rinse prior to reduced spin.

MW\_Gentl



### Machine Wash, Gentle or Delicate

Garment may be machine laundered only on the setting designed for gentle agitation and/or reduced time for delicate items.

Hndw



### Hand Wash

Garment may be laundered through the use of water, detergent or soap and gentle hand manipulation.

W\_DoNot



### Do Not Wash

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

### Bleach

B\_Any



### Bleach When Needed

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

B\_NonChl



### Non-Chlorine Bleach When Needed

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

B\_DoNt\_S



### Do Not Bleach

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

#### NOTE:

SYSTEM OF DOTS INDICATING TEMPERATURE RANGE IS THE SAME FOR ALL WASH PROCEDURES.

#### 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.

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**Dry**

TD\_Nor



**Tumble Dry, Normal**

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

TD\_Nor\_L



**Tumble Dry, Normal, Low Heat**

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

TD\_Nor\_M



**Tumble Dry, Normal, Medium Heat**

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

TD\_Nor\_H



**Tumble Dry, Normal, High Heat**

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

TD\_NoHet



**Tumble Dry, Normal, No Heat**

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

TD\_PP



**Tumble Dry, Permanent Press**

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

TD\_Gen\_L



**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.

TD\_DoNot



**Do Not Dry**

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

Dr\_DoNot



**Line Dry**

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

Dry\_Line



**Drip Dry**

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

Dr\_Drip



**Dry Flat**

Lay out horizontally for drying.

Dr\_Flat



**Dry In Shade**

Usually added to Line or Drip Dry. Dry away from direct sunlight.

Dr\_Shade

**Wring**



**Do Not Wring**

Do not wring.

Wr\_DoNot

**NOTE**  
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**Iron**

Ir\_Tall



**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.

Ir\_Tall\_L



**Iron, Low**

Regular ironing, steam or dry, may be performed at Low setting (110C, 230F) only.

Ir\_Tall\_M



**Iron, Medium**

Regular ironing, steam or dry, may be performed at Medium setting (150C, 300F).

Ir\_Tall\_H



**Iron, High**

Regular ironing, steam or dry, may be performed at High setting (200C, 290F).

Ir\_NoStm



**Do Not Steam**

Steam ironing will harm garment, but regular dry ironing at indicated temperature setting is acceptable.

Ir\_DoNt



**Do Not Iron**

Item may not be smoothed or finished with an iron.

**NOTE**  
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DOTS  
INDICATING  
TEMPERATURE  
RANGE IS THE  
SAME FOR ALL  
IRONING  
PROCEDURES.

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

**Dryclean**

DC\_Circle



**Dryclean**

Dry Clean, any solvent, any cycle any moisture, any heat.

DC\_A



**Dryclean, Any Solvent**

Dry Clean, any solvent. Usually used with other restrictions on proper dry cleaning procedure.

DC\_F



**Dryclean, Petroleum Solvent Only**

Dry Clean using only petroleum solvent. Usually used with other restrictions.

DC\_P



**Dryclean, Any Solvent Except Trichloroethylene**

Any dry cleaning solvent other than trichloroethylene may be safely used.

DC\_S\_Cyc



**Dryclean, Short Cycle**

May be used with A, P, or F solvent restriction.

DC\_RMois



**Dryclean, Reduced Moisture**

May be used with A, P, or F solvent restriction.

DC\_LHet



**Dryclean, Low heat**

May be used with A, P, or F solvent restriction.

DC\_NSt



**Dryclean, No Steam**

May be used with A, P, or F solvent restriction.

DC\_DoNot



**Do Not Dryclean**

Garment may not be commercially drycleaned.