

Washing and Drying Instructions For Use

Washing:

- Use warm water (100oF or 40oC) in wash cycle. Cold wash will not be effective in stain removal and may leave wrinkles. High temperature will be ineffective in removing stains and will cause “harshness” or “beads” and lessen life of polyester fiber by damaging it.
- Use Micro Gown wash cycle (Number 7).
- Wash gowns separately from other classifications of cloths. Do not wash polyester gowns with cotton because lint from cotton will cling onto polyester and will affect the intended property of the gown by clogging microfiber pores.
- A thorough rinse is required to remove all surfactants
- PH level of 5.5 - 6.0 and should not pass 10.5 throughout the wash cycle.
- Do not use detergents that contain softener built into it.
- Do not use liquid softener in the washing cycle.
- Do not use bleach.
- High temperature and bleach may also adversely affect the barrier coating of the gown.
 - A DWR (Durable Water Repellent) fluorochemical coating during the rinse cycle may be used at the discretion of the laundry manager. This will protect and maintain the liquid resistant qualities of the fabric.

Drying:

- Isolation gowns will be dried at a low temperature 135o C – 145oC. Temperatures not to exceed 160oC. Any exposure to drying temperatures in excess of the outlined values can contribute to the degradation of the fabric. The dryers will periodically be checked with a temperature gun to ensure the proper dryer temperature. A visual inspection of the gown will determine if over drying has occurred. Recommended cool down cycle is between 5 and 10 minutes.
- Note: Washers and dryers should be inspected regularly to ensure there are no rough spots that could damage fabrics.