

## HOW DO I TAKE CARE OF IT?

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Knowing what the care label on a garment means is being a smart consumer! Complete the following chart and learn information that could save you time and money.

If the Label says:	It Means This:
Machine Wash	Wash, bleach, dry and press by any customary method including commercial laundering and dry cleaning.
Home Launder Only	Same as above but do not use commercial laundering.
No Bleach	Do not use any type of bleach. If the label says No Chlorine Bleach - Oxygen bleaches may be used.
Cold Wash/Cold Rinse	Use cold water from tap or cold washing machine setting.
Warm Wash/Warm Rinse	Use warm water or warm washing machine setting.
No Spin	Remove wash load before final machine spin cycle.
Hand Wash	Launder <b>only</b> by hand in lukewarm (hand comfortable) water. May be bleached. May be dry cleaned.
Wash Separately	Wash alone or with like colors.
Delicate/Gentle Cycle	Use appropriate machine setting; otherwise wash by hand.
Tumble Dry	Dry in tumble dryer at specified setting: high, medium, low or no heat.
Tumble Dry/Remove Promptly	Same as above, but in absence of cool-down cycle remove at once when tumbling stops.
Drip Dry	Hang wet and allow to dry with hand shaping only.

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Line Dry	Hang damp and allow to dry.
No Wring/No Twist	Hang dry, drip dry or dry flat only. Handle to prevent wrinkles and distortion.
Dry Flat	Lay garment on flat surface. Smooth out to shape.
Block to Dry	Lay garment flat. Maintain original size and shape while drying.
Cool Iron	Set iron at lowest setting.
Warm Iron	Set iron at medium setting.
Hot Iron	Set iron at a hot setting.
Do Not Iron	Do not iron or press with heat.
Steam Iron	Iron or press with steam.
Iron Damp	Dampen fabric before ironing.
Dry Clean Only	Garment should only be dry cleaned professionally or can be self-service.
Professional Dry Clean	Do not use self-service dry cleaning. Take to a professional.
No Dry Clean	Use recommended care instructions. No dry cleaning materials should be used.