















GUIDE TO COMMON HOME LAUNDERING AND DRYCLEANING SYMBOLS

DOS/WIN Code Ref#	Care Symbol	Written Care Instructions	What Care Symbol and Instructions Mean
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.
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



Tumble Dry, Normal

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

TD_Nor



Tumble Dry, Normal, Low Heat

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

TD_Nor_L



Tumble Dry, Normal, Medium Heat

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

TD_Nor_M



Tumble Dry, Normal, High Heat

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

TD_Nor_H



Tumble Dry, Normal, No Heat

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

TD_NoHet



Tumble Dry, Permanent Press

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

TD_PP



Tumble Dry, Gentle

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

TD_Gen_L



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

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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.

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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.