



# TB051810-001 Textile Product Cleaning

#### **Laundering Procedure**

Various procedures can be effective in cleaning web products. High-pressure power type washers and steam cleaners should be avoided when cleaning web products because of potential harm to the web fibers. Two acceptable procedures are detailed below.

- 1. Hand Scrubbing: This procedure is effective for low volumes of equipment and can be performed internally at an economical price. The product can be soaked in water/cleaner solution before hand scrubbing. Only sponges or soft synthetic fiber brushes should be used. The scrubbing action will help break down the dirt, grease, or other material on the webbing. Once cleaned, the product should be rinsed in clean water and hung to air dry in a well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. Never exceed 200° F. when drying.
- **2.** Machine Wash: A top or side loading agitating style washing machine (commercial or consumer type) is acceptable for cleaning web products. The product must be placed in a mesh bag to prevent entanglement. A full wash and rinse cycle should be performed. Once cleaned, the product should be hung up to air dry in a well-ventilated area, out of direct sunlight. Never exceed 200° F. when drying.

#### **Cleaning Agents**

A variety of cleaning agents is available. A mild detergent (bleach free) such as one used for laundering clothing is acceptable. For added cleaning power, a commercial/industrial strength cleaning agent can be used. The cleaning agent supplier should be asked to supply appropriate information on the amount of cleaning agent to use and disposal instruction based on your procedure and the degree of cleaning required. Also, if consumer type washing machine is to be used, consult cleaning agent supplier for compatibility.

### **Cleaning Agent Specifications**

The pH. level (acidity or alkalinity) of the cleaning solution should be no higher than 11 or 12. A pH. level higher than 12 may harm the webbing and effect the performance of the products. The water temperature, when laundering, should not exceed 160° F. Generally a wash temperature between 140° F. and 160° F. is recommended for safe, effective cleaning.

## **Tested and Approved Commercial Cleaning Agents**

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