LAUNDRY SYMBOLS

What the care label means

Five shapes: the tub is washing, the triangle bleaching, the square drying, the iron ironing, and the circle dry cleaning.

Dots = heat: more dots, hotter **Bars** = a gentler cycle **X** = don't **Solid** = none (no heat, no bleach)

Washing — The tub


Machine wash, normal cycle


Machine wash, permanent press cycle (one bar)


Machine wash, gentle or delicate cycle (two bars)


Cold water: 1 dot, up to 30°C (65 to 85°F)


Warm water: 2 dots, 40°C (105°F)


Hot water: 3 dots, 50°C (120°F)


Hot water: 4 dots, 60°C (140°F)


Hot water: 5 dots, 70°C (160°F)


Hot water: 6 dots, 95°C (200°F)


Hand wash


Do not wash

International washing temperatures — The tub with a number


Wash at up to 30°C (86°F)


Up to 30°C, mild cycle (one bar)


Up to 30°C, very mild cycle (two bars)


Wash at up to 40°C (104°F)


Up to 40°C, mild cycle (one bar)


Up to 40°C, very mild cycle (two bars)


Wash at up to 60°C (140°F)


Up to 60°C, mild cycle (one bar)

Bleaching — The triangle


Any bleach, when needed


Only non-chlorine bleach, when needed (two diagonal lines)


Do not bleach (solid triangle)


Do not bleach (outline triangle)

Tumble drying — The circle in a square


Tumble dry, normal


Tumble dry, permanent press (one bar)


Tumble dry, gentle (two bars)


Tumble dry, low heat (1 dot)


Tumble dry, medium heat (2 dots)


Tumble dry, high heat (3 dots)


Tumble dry, no heat (solid circle)


Do not tumble dry

Drying without a dryer — The square


Line dry: hang to dry (a curve at the top)


Drip dry: hang while wet (three lines)


Dry flat (one line across)


Dry in the shade (two lines in the corner)


Do not wring


Do not dry

Ironing — The iron


Iron at any temperature


Iron on low: 1 dot, 110°C (230°F)


Iron on medium: 2 dots, 150°C (300°F)

Iron on high: 3 dots, 200°C (390°F)

Iron without steam

Do not iron

Dry cleaning — The circle

Dry clean

Dry clean, any solvent (A)

Dry clean, any solvent except trichloroethylene (P)

Dry clean, petroleum solvent only (F)

Dry clean, short cycle

Dry clean, reduced moisture

Dry clean, low heat

Dry clean, no steam finishing

Do not dry clean