



## Laundering Guidelines

MP<sup>3</sup> garments may be safely laundered in front end loading industrial type machinery. Listed below are guidelines that may be helpful for proper cleaning and care of these garments.

### General Guidelines

- Do not use home or public washers to clean contaminated clothing. Doing so may contaminate other garments washed afterwards.
- Use a front-loading washer or other type machine that will allow washing without the use of an agitator. Top loading agitating machines have the potential to reduce the longevity of the garment due to mechanical damage to the shell and/or the attachments. If a top-loading machine must be used, use the gentle cycle, which has a slower agitator speed, to avoid or minimize any damage from the agitator.
- Do not overload the machine
- Launder separately from non-flame resistant garments. Lint from these garments may affect flame resistance.
- To avoid possible staining of light-colored garments, dark garments should be sorted and washed separately from light shades
- Fasten all closures, including pocket closures, all Velcro, snaps, zippers, hooks and any other closures on the garment.
- Do not use any products containing Sodium Hypochlorite, such as chlorine bleach. Chlorine bleach may reduce garment life.
- Use warm water – 120°F maximum is recommended.
- Do not dry clean.
- Do not dry garments in a dryer. Garments should be line dried. Do not hang the garments in direct sunlight.
- Do not iron.

### Industrial Laundry

- Wash Temperature should not exceed 120°F
- Liquid detergents are recommended for best cleaning and color retention. Wash bath pH values should not exceed 9 to 10. Color loss, excessive shrinkage, and reduced garment life may result from repeated exposure to excessive temperature and pH in laundering.