

**Introduction:** The NASCO Omega is designed to maximize the investment made into the finest all-weather gear for workers exposed to the hazards of electric arc blasts, flash-fire and work zone traffic hazards. Like any high performance tool, the Omega requires care and maintenance to maximize the life cycle. When properly cared for, the Omega will be the most comfortable and cost effective all-weather gear.

**Care and Maintenance:** The buyer/wearer must follow the care instructions here and affixed to each garment. Failure to follow these instructions will result in the product not performing as intended or expected. Additionally, all warranty claims will be void without following the proper care instructions.

**When to Launder:** Unlike common rainwear, Omega is a high performance product and requires care. Omega is designed to be laundered and thus, should be done so regularly to maintain the high visibility performance as well as the waterproof characteristics. Following are guidelines for when to launder the Omega.

- Fluorescent material becomes dingy or loses its brightness
- Dirt, mud grease, oil or other contaminate appears on fabric

#### **How to Launder:**

##### **Home Laundry:**

- 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.

**Repair Policy:** The NASCO OMEGA Repair Policy includes in-service repair of zippers, seams and other original design elements that require repair. This policy cannot cover garments that have been abused. Repairs cannot be made regarding exposure to chemicals which can degrade fabric performance.

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