

Care Labelling Guide

This chart is for guidance only and should be read in conjunction with the ACCC Care labelling for Clothing Guide which specifies the mandatory standards for care labelling based on the Australian/New Zealand Standard (AS/NZS) 1957:1998, Textiles—Care labelling with variations and additions made by Consumer Protection Notice No. 25 of 2010.

In Australia, care instructions must be permanently attached to articles, be written in English, and be appropriate for the care of the article.

Additional symbols may be used to clarify the instructions but symbols alone are not sufficient. As a minimum, laundering instructions include (in order) four symbols: washing, bleaching, drying, and ironing. Drycleaning instructions include one symbol. Professional Wet Cleaning symbols are included for information only as they are not currently recognised in Australia.

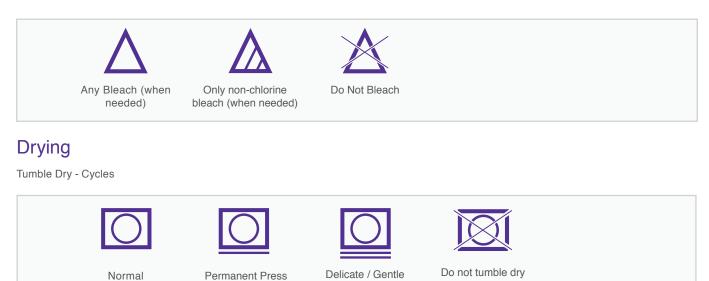
Washing

The washtub symbol tells you how the garment should be washed. The number inside the washtub is the maximum wash temperature. A bar underneath the washtub indicates that the garment should have mild treatment or washed using the Permanent Press setting. Two lines underneath the washtub indicate gentle or delicate treatment.

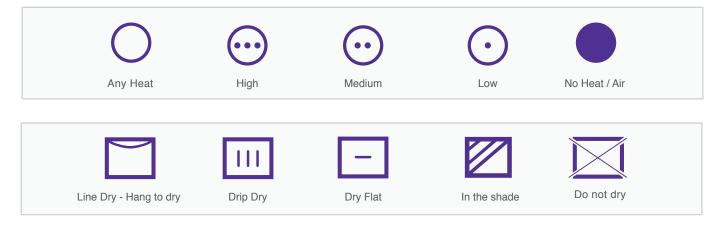


Bleaching

The triangle symbol gives information about whether it is safe to bleach the garment.

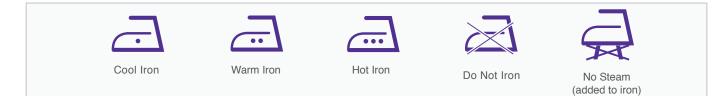


Tumble Dry - Settings



Ironing

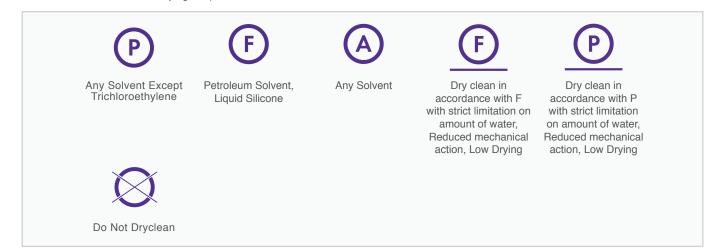
The Iron symbol provides information on how the garment should be ironed. A system of dots indicates the acceptable temperature range for ironing.



Drycleaning

The letters within the circle are intended for professional textile cleaners. They give information on the solvents that can be used during the cleaning process.

The bar below the circle indicates that certain limitations in the dry-cleaning process are required. These may concern mechanical action, addition of moisture, and/or drying temperature.



Professional Wet Cleaning

The symbol for wet cleaning is used for articles which may be treated in water by a professional wet-cleaning process.

