



## C A R E I N S T R U C T I O N S

### Bed Coverings

#### **Fabric Care**

If washing the fabrics, do so using cold water and mild detergent. Cold tumble dry only as heat shrinks and fades colors in some fabrics. More importantly, heat flattens the polyester fill and may shrink it as well.

Hotel laundries should test wash a unit or two under strict controls when the new fabrics arrive. If cold washing/cold drying takes too long, permanent press settings may be used as an alternative. Be careful not to apply any more heat as it can be destructive. No matter how many times the fabric is washed successfully, it only takes one washing or drying with too much heat to permanently change the appearance or size of the fabric— cotton fabrics become narrower, while polyester fabrics become wider.

! If there is any possibility that bleaches were used in a previous wash, laundry machines should be scoured before washing Fabtex fabrics. Washing machines and dryers should also be checked for burrs that may snag fabrics or sewing threads.

If hotels are dry cleaning fabrics, whether on or off property, they should take care to have a unit or two of a newly-cleaned shipment tested on arrival, re-checking the appearance and size.

#### **Cigarette Burns**

On polyester fabrics, small cigarette holes are a universal complaint. They are not actual burns, but holes where cigarette ashes have melted the yarns. To date, there is no acceptable way to repair this type of damage. Many hotels with smoking and non-smoking rooms simply tag the bed covers with small holes and use them in their smoking rooms. A smoker would not be offended with a small hole caused by cigarette ash as a non-smoker would.

## Laundry Instructions

For :

- Bed Throws
- Scarves
- Duvet Covers
- Top Sheets
- Pillow Covers

Make sure the laundry machinery and housekeeping carts are free of burrs and sharp edges. Most of the fabrics used for these items are manufactured with polyester yarns which are very sensitive to heat, strong detergents, and harsh chemicals.

### Washing

Wash in warm water, never exceeding 120°F. Use mild detergent. No bleach/chlorine, no fabric softeners. Do not use caustic soap or bleach. Do not overload or underload machines. Do not mix with other textiles or fabrics that may “bleed” colors. Test wash one (1) item prior full loads.

### Drying

Tumble dry at the coolest setting, never exceeding 120°F. Do not use mangles! Do not use fabric softeners. Do not overload or underload machines. Remove from the dryer immediately to avoid wrinkling. For best results, remove while slightly damp. Test dry one (1) item prior full loads.

### Spin Cycle

A 30 second spin may be used to remove excess moisture. Remove the load immediately.

### Ironing

Iron only if necessary. Use a “warm” setting, with temperature not to exceed 120°F.