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CESARIO Uniform Care

The Cesario collection of band uniforms is performance wear made for easy care, comfort and durability.

Proper care is imperative with any garment.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Laundering

It is suggested to have a committee that takes care of garments. Divide the garments for washing among several parents who will use the **same washing procedure** to insure correct care.

If you use a professional cleaner – please give them these same instructions.

It is **not** necessary to wash uniforms before wearing them.

Avoid washing bib pants and jackets together! Never wash in hot water!

Use only non-chlorine household laundry detergent.

NOTE: Always test wash one garment before the entire set. Water in different regions of the country can sometimes react differently in combination with different detergents and fabrics

Jackets and Bib Pants: * Wash Jackets Inside Out So Buttons Do Not Get Scratched.

Jackets and bib pants are made of completely washable polyester-gabardine. If other fabrics are sewn into the jacket they are also washable.

Any piece that is removable (is attached with Velcro, snaps etc. must be taken off and cared for separately. The removable piece can consist of sequin, mylar or other delicate material.

If a stain does occur, sponge with water or treat with an appropriate product before it has time to set and before laundering. **(See stain removal "Quick Reference" guide)** You may use "Spray and Wash" and other **non-chlorine** stain removers when washing. **Use only non-chlorine detergent!** Many detergents are harsh and have a bleaching ingredient that will cause even colorfast fabric to migrate.

Do not use liquid fabric softener on Cesario band uniforms! A softener sheet may be used in the dryer, however, use only one (1) sheet per dry load (see drying directions below.)

Machine wash on the gentle / permanent press cycle, but **do not overload machines. Launder 4 to 6 pieces at a time.** At cycle completion place garments in dryer, and dry on cool/permanent press setting.

Caution: Do NOT use a hot dryer setting! A hot dryer setting will remove the press. When dried on a cool or permanent press setting, uniforms will require very little touch up. **Remove garments from the dryer and place on a hanger immediately.**

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General Precautions and FYI:

Undergarments:

- Wear a T-shirt, 'Underarmour' (available for cold and hot weather), thermo-underwear, or any other shirt made of an absorbent fabric under uniforms. The absorbent clothing should be worn UNDER the pants.
- Do not wear white underwear with white or cream or very light colored pants. This is true for both male and female. The best choice is a tan, nude, gray or any other light color which will not show through the fabric as easily.

Buttons:

- Buttons are tack-back buttons. The top of the button is constructed of plated brass which will not rust. The back and tacks have a rust resistant coating.
- Buttons can be removed by taking the tack off with a pair of pliers. If necessary, buttons are easily replaced by pushing the tack through the fabric and pushing a button onto the tack.
- Extra buttons and tacks are enclosed with your order. Please feel free to contact the FJM office if you need additional buttons or backs; there is a minimal fee for these once the extra set sent with uniforms has been used. DO NOT re-use damaged buttons as the spring mechanism is probably broken.

Precaution:

- No perfume, deodorant, or hair spray should be sprayed on or next to garments. The residue from these items will cause a build up on the fabric or sequins causing them to lose their luster. Excess friction of velcro or sequins against the fabric may pick the fabric. 'Picks' are easily removed with an electric beard trimmer or tool designed for this use.

Important:

- Make any repairs as needed. Repair of minor seam rips or loosening of sequins or trim must be taken care of before the problem gets worse.

Dry Cleaning:

- **We do not recommend Dry Cleaning.** Colors remain brighter with machine washing and chemicals used in dry-cleaning can often affect the material from which the uniforms are made. In addition, the amount of money saved with no cleaning bills can be used for buying new instruments, equipment, etc.
- **Never dry clean sequins, metallic dot fabric or laminated fabrics.**

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Quick Reference Stain Guide

Helpful hints for care and maintenance of Uniforms

REMEMBER – Washable uniforms, like all clothes, can get stained. It is important to remove the stain as soon as possible. This list is enclosed to help you with difficult and unusual types of stains.

BLOT STAINS WITH WATER, SOLVENTS, AND CLEANING AGENTS! Do not rub!

A. PRE TREAT STAINS BEFORE WASHING (apply stain treatment and scrub with a toothbrush or other like tool before the item is placed in the washing machine.

Use regular laundry detergent (without chlorine or reads safe for colors)

B. "Lestoil" – will take out most stains

C. "Simple Green" – For hard to remove grass stains or dirt rings on collars and sleeves.
(This product is found in automotive department) We prefer the spray type.

D. "Carbona" – Has a variety of removers called "Stain Devils". Listed below are the different removers.

"Stain Devil" – Make Up and Grass Remover

"Stain Devil" – Blood and Milk Remover

"Stain Devil" – Coffee, Tea and Cola Remover

"Stain Devil" – Chewing Gum and Glue Remover

"Stain Devil" – Ink and Crayon Remover

E. "Whink" – For removing rust stains

(The above items in D and E are found in grocery stores, in the laundry areas.)

F. Make sure that percussion harnesses/carriers are padded with foam or other cushion-like material. This will help prevent the metal carriers and bolts from damaging the jacket. We do not guarantee our uniforms on damage done from percussion harnesses.

G. Aerosol hair spray or rubbing alcohol will remove ballpoint ink stain.

H. Waterless hand cleaner like those used in the garage or automotive environments can be used as a pre-treat for grease, oil, tar, or paint. This product dissolves the oil-base stain before it is set in.

However, this must be used BEFORE ANY WATERBASE treatment.

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Pants Pressing:

Touch up pressing on pants may be desired occasionally, or the pants may be professionally pressed after several washings and drying. If the snap-up hem is used, do not press over seam where the snap tape is placed. Press creases on front and back of pant and bottom hem.

Extended Shoulders (Wings) and Collars:

If jackets have extended shoulders or wings, fold them back onto the shoulder during washing and drying. Also do this when transporting uniforms. Folding allows them to hold their shape much better.

Touch-up Steam pressing shoulders and collars may be required to retain their proper shape and appearance due to heat bonded interfacings.

Be sure to dry garments completely after each use before storing. Do not store in vinyl garment bags.

Garments or Pieces with VELCRO:

Make certain that the hook side of the Velcro is not exposed when laundering uniforms to avoid a 'picking' of the fabric. If a jacket itself has both the hook (hard side) and loop (soft side) of Velcro, **hook pieces together evenly so the hook side is not exposed.**

Note: If the two pieces cannot be easily hooked together, use loose pieces of soft Velcro to place on the hard Velcro.

Baldrics and Gauntlets:

Baldrics or gauntlets that are all poly gabardine, may be washed on a gentle cycle and dried on a permanent press setting in a dryer observing all laundering instructions previously provided for this fabric type. **Make sure to hook the Velcro closure together when laundering in a machine to avoid picking of fabric.**

All baldrics and gauntlets with sewn in trims are laundered in the same manner with the exception of **Sequin Trim**. These must be hand washed in cool water, then towel dried to remove excess water. They should lay flat to dry and **always wash in cold water.**

Vest and Cinch Belts:

All back belts on vests and cinch belts have a six-inch elastic with a layer of stretch fabric. These items are to be **hand washed and then flat dried** because continued drying in a dryer will eventually destroy the elastic.

Please contact us if you have any additional questions!

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