

# Care Guidelines

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# 3M<sup>™</sup> Scotchlite<sup>™</sup> Reflective Material 8712 Silver Transfer Film European Care Guideline



# 1. Product

Washing/cleaning conditions harsher than those recommended below could diminish the brilliance of the material and shorten the product's lifetime significantly. Therefore, the instructions must be strictly followed.

- No pre-soaking.
- No application of high alkaline products (e.g. heavy duty products or stain removal products).
- No application of solvenated detergents or micro-emulsions.
- · No additional bleaches.
- Do not over-dry. Reflective material temperature should not exceed 50°C at any time during drying.

Before use, the suitability of the intended care process for 3M<sup>™</sup> Scotchlite<sup>™</sup> Reflective Material - 8712 Silver Transfer Film must be determined. Test duration should mirror the anticipated maximum number of care cycles in use.

## 2. Homewash

#### 2.1 Washing Conditions

A coloured clothing wash programme without pre-wash should be used.



Recommendation:

Wash temperature: 40°C
Max. wash time at highest wash temperature: 12 minutes
Max. programme time: 50 minutes

#### Detergent:

- Brand powdered household detergents should be used.
- Recommended are detergents for delicate or coloured laundry.
- Refer to the detergent manufacturer's recommendations for dosage in areas of high water hardness and for various degrees of garment soiling.



Wash temperatures higher than 60°C and industrial laundering processes should not be used. The use of bleach or detergents containing organic solvent will result in a reduction in retro-reflective performance.

Use of temperatures lower than 60°C can increase the lifetime of the reflective material, dependent on the detergent system and its dosage level.



#### 2.2 Do not use additional bleach

- · No chlorine bleach.
- No bleaches on oxygen basis (e.g. sodium perborate bleaches).

Do not pre-soak laundry even in a low concentration of bleach.





#### 2.3 Drying Conditions

Tumble Dry: Tumble drying should be performed in a commercially available household dryer using the medium dry setting.

Exhaust temperature should not exceed 50°C.



Do not overdry. Damp dry only.

Air Drying: Line drying is recommended where possible.





# 3. Dry Cleaning

# 3.1 Dry Cleaning Conditions

- Cleaning process should be based on a pre- and main-bath only.
- For P it is recommended to only use pure perchloroethylene.
- Adjust load and solvent level to give a moderate mechanical action.

Max. solvent temperature:30°CRecommended drying temperature:48°CMax. inlet temperature:80°CMax. exhaust temperature:60°CMax. drying time:15 minutesMax. programme time:60 minutes

If stain removing substances (e.g. surfactant-based cleaning booster) need to be used, their compatibility with the reflective material should be determined prior to the application.

Note: High number of dry cleaning cycles may stiffen the product and thus lead to increased abrasion.



### 4. Ironing

#### 4.1 Ironing Conditions

- Use medium setting, use press cloth.
- · Do not apply steam.

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