

Carpet Bonnet Laundering Instructions

General Laundering Considerations:

- Temperature is always of great importance in laundering carpet bonnets. Washing temperatures under 140°F will greatly prolong the life of the bonnet. Unfortunately, most hospitals and commercial laundries wash at temperatures between 185°F and 187°F. Drying temperatures are also a definite factor. Tuway recommends that bonnets be dried at temperatures of 140°F, or lower, for full loads
- 2. Second in importance is the washing compound and the use of bleach. Bleach, especially, affects the fibers by weakening them.
 - DO NOT USE BLEACH WHEN LAUNDERING CARPET BONNETS!
- 3. The use of laundry nets should be used if the washer and/or dryer is NOT nearly full. The use of laundry nets will reduce wear and tear on the bonnets.
- 4. A best rule of thumb is, "experience is the best teacher." Laundering conditions vary based on the needs of the individual institution. Many laundries launder at the same temperature no matter what product is in the washer.

Laundering Steps:

- 1. Brush, vacuum, or shake bonnets thoroughly before laundering.
- 2. Launder bonnets separate from dust mops, wet mops, linens, or other products.
- 3. Launder in a laundry net with a pin, or pull string.
- 4. Use only MILD detergents.
- 5. If necessary, NEVER use more than 1% concentrate bleach content per 100 lbs., with pH levels NO GREATER THAN 10.5 (Although bleach may whiten the yarns, it will attack the cotton and cause accelerated deterioration to the yarn fibers)
- 6. Soak bonnets for 7-10 minutes in warm water preferably 140°F, or lower.
- 7. Launder with water temperatures of no greater than 140°F.
- 8. At LOW machine speed, wash bonnet for 5 minutes.
- 9. Rinse in warm water (80°F) for 3-5 minutes.
- 10. Dry bonnets separate from wet mops, linens, etc. at 120°F-140°F.
- 11. Always clean lint traps.
- 12. Test a normal sized load, and determine a "dry-time" setting which results in dried bonnets that are not over-exposed, and damaged by excessive heat.
- 13. NEVER set dryer above 140°F.

NOTE: Results may be different based on local conditions such as water, washing machines, dryer, detergent, cleaning chemicals and the conditions which the product has been used. Tuway has <u>no control</u> over the conditions under which the product may be used or laundered and makes no guarantee as to the results. Tuway recommends that the product be tested under the user's own particular conditions for best results.