



Viking Band Uniform Laundry Instructions

All parts of the uniform are machine washable, however, you must be careful and follow the instructions below in order to not damage or causes wear to the uniform. The chemicals used in the dry cleaning process will damage the silver fabric “V” on the uniform jacket; they are to be **machine-washed only** and **NEVER dry cleaned**. A replacement fee will be charged for any damaged pieces.

Wash jacket separately from bibber pants! You can wash your black gloves and black socks with the bibber pants, but wash the jacket separately.

- a. Zip the zippers all the way up before placing in the washer. Keep the side cape snapped to the jacket and sleeves/pants snapped to the adjusted length when washing.
- b. The uniforms are made of 100% polyester gabardine and should be washed in cold water. Never wash in hot water.
- c. The uniforms must be washed on a **gentle cycle only**.
- d. **DO NOT USE FABRIC SOFTENERS**, as they interfere with the performance wear characteristics and basically coat the fabric and block the fabric’s finish interfering with the anti-stain, wicking and breathability of the garment.
- e. **Check the ingredients of your laundry detergent before washing**. You should avoid detergents that have a chlorine base. The chlorine will eventually create a gray tint in the fabric of the garment and can cause color migration even in colorfast material. You should not use bleach at any time. The bleach will counter act with the stain finishes that are in your uniforms.
- f. **The uniforms must be removed from the machines immediately upon the cycle being completed**. Do not leave the uniforms wet in the machines for an extended period.
- g. **Air-dry your uniform**. Shake the uniform and hang to dry on the wishbone hangers supplied for best results. Heat in the dryer will break down the weave of the fabric and will also void the warranty! The silver “V” fabric on the jacket cannot withstand high heat and will lose color quality when put in the dryer.
- h. After cleaning the uniform, do not place it back in the garment bag, let it air dry out of the garment bag.
- i. **Never press using a hot iron!** Typically a light steaming will be sufficient.

Stains on your uniforms should be treated immediately with products such as Shout, Zout or Oxiclean. Check the garment after washing to make sure the stain was removed.