



Microfiber Washing Guidelines

LAUNDERING TIPS



READ DIRECTIONS

Carefully follow the washing instructions and warnings on your detergent's packaging (temperature and amounts).



LAUNDER IN NET BAGS

Mesh bags protect microfiber products from free-flowing in the wash; prevents premature fiber break-down.



MICROFIBER ONLY WASH/DRY

Do not wash or dry microfiber with other textiles, as lint and fabric fibers will be caught in microfiber, thus destroying its performance.



TEXTILE DETERGENTS pH<11

Use standard liquid textile detergents with a pH of less than 11, such as Sunburst TRUST (pH 4.5-5.5) and Tide® Professional 2x Laundry Detergent (pH 8.1 - 8.5).



NO SOFTENER

Softening agents clog the fiber's capillaries preventing proper solution holding.



NO CHLORINE BLEACH

Chlorine bleach compromises the microfiber construction, particularly microfiber with polyamide. If necessary, use non-chlorine bleach.



STORE DRY

Store microfiber products in a dry environment. Moisture can result in mildew growth.

LAUNDERING BASICS



PRE-WASH IN COLD WATER

Pre-washing in cold water removes any residual chemicals on the microfibers. Rinsing at higher temperatures can cause the residual chemical to react, damaging the microfibers.



HOT WATER WASH, 194° F MAX

According to the CDC*, hot water washing (chemical-free) is an effective means of destroying micro-organisms. A temperature of at least 160°F (71°C) for a minimum of 25 minutes is recommended. Filmop microfiber can withstand temperatures up to 194°F (90°C).



TUMBLE DRY, 104° F MAX

High heat can melt the fibers, causing the microfiber to lose effectiveness.



WASH LIFE GUARANTEE

Filmop guarantees the lifecycle performance of Rapido®, Micro-Kleen, and Micro-Fast mop heads when washing instructions are followed.

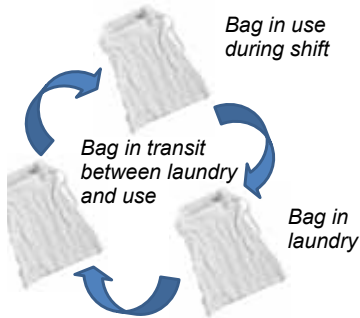


*CDC Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Hospitals, Recommendations of CDC and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC), page 101

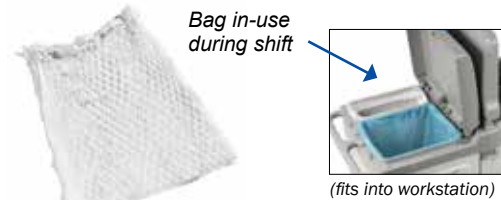
FLAT MOP Maintenance

Bag Rotation Details

- Allow a minimum of three bags per user (for in-house laundering; outsourced laundry may need more, depending on turnaround time)
- Each bag holds up to 30 mops
- Use bag tags for customized labeling (particularly important for outsourced laundry, so same mop heads are returned)
- Labeling provides enhanced cross contamination control as it allows same mop heads to be consistently used in designated areas



Mesh Collection Bag Details



- Line the workstation container with a plastic liner first, then insert the mesh collection bag to keep moisture out of the workstation.
- Collect used mop heads in mesh collection bag during shift.
- Remove the mesh collection bag with soiled mopheads, secure drawstring, and place for laundry at end of shift.

Filament Structure:

Microfiber: Fiber that measures one denier or less.

Extruded Blend: Raw polymers are processed through an extrusion system, creating a microfiber (measuring one denier or less).

Twisted Blend: Microfiber (one denier or less) and other filaments (larger than one denier) are combined through a twisting process.

Raw Material Key:

PE = Polyester; PA = Polyamide; PE = Polyester; RY = Rayon; PP = Polypropylene

Rapido® Flat Mop				Wash cycles	
	Color Code	Filament Structure	Loop Description	Pocket	Velcro
	 5 different solids including white	100% Extruded Blend Microfiber (80% PE, 20% PA)	Long-Loop, 3/8"	600	500
Micro-Fast Flat Mop				Wash cycles	
	Color Code	Filament Structure	Loop Description	Pocket	Velcro
	 4 colors with color-coded ribbing	100% Twisted Blend (70% PE Microfiber, 25% PE, 5% RY)	Long-Loop, 3/8"	400	400
Micro-Kleen Flat Mop				Wash cycles	
	Color Code	Filament Structure	Loop Description	Pocket	Velcro
	 One color mixture, four color-coded ribbing	100% Twisted Blend (80% PE Microfiber, 20% PE)	Long-Loop, 3/8"	300	300
Micro-Activa Flat Mop				Wash cycles	
	Color Code	Filament Structure	Loop Description	Pocket	Velcro
	 One color with 4-color tab	100% Extruded Blend Microfiber (85% PE, 15% PA)	Short loop, 3/16"	300	300
Puli-Scrub Flat Mop				Wash cycles	
	Color Code	Filament Structure	Loop Description	Pocket	Velcro
	 One color with 4-color tab	70% Extruded Blend Microfiber (70% PE, 30% PA) 30% PP (Scrub material)	Specialty loop for scrubbing; short-loop, 3/16"	300	300