## **Cleaning Guide**



Pattern: Glacier-X

AC#: 33390X - 33393X

Content: 57% Polyester, 40% FR PCR Polyester

3% X-STATIC® Silver Antimicrobial Fiber



## **General Cleaning Recommendation:**

- Load Fabric into washer (Do Not Overload).
- Use the usual hospital protocol (rinse, drain, etc.), for washing cubicles and note maximum temperature of 200°F
- Detergent with a maximum pH not to exceed 12.
- Oxidative bleaching agents should not be used as these will damage X-Static silver antimicrobial fiber. These include sodium, hypochlorite, hydrogen peroxide, and per(oxy)acetic acid (PAA).
- A thorough rinse is essential to remove traces of surfactant, as residual detergent will adversely affect the
   X-Static silver antimicrobial.
- Do not overload washer or dryer.
- Fabric softeners should not be used.
- Always ensure that the fabric is thoroughly dried with heat. The dryer exhaust temperature should not exceed 200°F.
- Washers and dryers should be inspected regularly to ensure there are no rough spots that could damage the fabric.
- As is the usual procedure with laundering synthetic cubicle curtains, after the dry cycle is complete, curtains should be quickly removed to avoid over exposure to the heated drying cam.
- Silver is a natural element and may tarnish. This does not affect the biocidal properties of the material.
- Always process one single cubicle first before processing bulk cubicles. A thorough examination &
   evaluation of the test cubicle should be reviewed to make sure that the proper results are attained.

## List of Incompatible Chemicals for Use With X-Static Silver Antimicrobial Fiber

The Table below contains a general list of chemicals that are incompatible for use with X-Static filament or staple fibers. While this list is not comprehensive, it does reference the most common chemicals used in processing, dyeing, finishing and laundering that are incompatible with the X-Static technology.

| Incompatible<br>Chemicals                    | Effect on X-Static Silver Antimicrobial Fiber                      | Impact on End-Use<br>Requirement  | Recommended<br>Substitutes  |
|--|--|---|---|
| Sulfur Powder                                | Sulfur degrades X-Static   | Potential issue with consistency of color, luster     Potential issue with reduction in thermal and electrical properties   | Non-sulfur powder-containing chemicals     Non-sulfur-containing atmosphere (that is, away from high vehicle exhaust areas) |
| Ammonium Sulfide                             | Sulfur containing compounds degrade<br>X-Static                    | Potential issue with consistency of color, luster     Potential issue with reduction in thermal and electrical properties   | Non-ammonium sulfide-<br>containing chemicals   |
| Sodium<br>Hypochlorite<br>(Household Bleach) | Sodium hypochlorite degrades<br>X-Static                           | Potential issue with consistency of color, luster     Potential issue with reduction in thermal and electrical properties   | Non hypochlorite-containing<br>cleaning agents  |
| Chlorine Gas                                 | Chlorine degrades X-Static   | Potential issue with consistency of color, luster     Potential issue with reduction in thermal and electrical properties   | Non-hypochlorite-containing<br>cleaning agents  |
| All Strong Acids                             | Strong acids degrade, dissolve and oxidize X-Static                | Potential issue with consistency of color, luster     Potential issue with reduction in thermal and electrical properties   | Alternate process that<br>does not expose X-Static to<br>strong acids   |
| Strong Oxidizing<br>Agents                   | Strong oxidizing agents, degrade,<br>dissolve and oxidize X-Static | Potential issue with consistency of color, luster Potential issue with reduction in thermal and electrical properties   | Alternate process that<br>does not expose X-Static to<br>strong oxidizing agents  |
| Sodium Silicate                              | Sodium Silicate reacts with<br>X-Static                            | Visual color change     Deposits of orange yellow precipitate of silver silicate on substrate   | Magnesium salts of ethyl-<br>enediamine tatra acetic acid<br>(EDTA) and tetrasodium<br>pyrophosphate (TSPP)                 |
| Sodium Hydrosulfite<br>(Sodium Dithionite)   | Degrades X-Static and effects overall<br>hue of fabric             | Potential issue with consistency of color, luster Potential "tea stains" on finished fabric Potential uniform change in hue (towards brown) Potential issue with reduction in thermal and electrical properties | Non hydrosulfite reducing<br>agents such as isopropyl<br>alcohol  |

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