

# Directions for Laundering with Dri-Pak Soap Flakes

- ✓ **Always follow garment labels for washing instructions.**
- ✓ **Make sure flakes are fully dissolved in water.**
- ✓ **Test for color fastness and wash non-fast colors and whites separately.**
- ✓ **Flame resistant finishes may be impaired by washing with Soap Flakes, refer to the garment label.**

## Handwashing

In a bucket or tub, use about 1 gallon of warm to hot water adding enough Soap Flakes (approximately 1/4 cup) to ensure a rich creamy lather. The hotter the water, the better the Soap Flakes dissolve. Let mixture cool to skin temperature or slightly above before starting to wash. Swish water around to mix. Work fabric in the soapy mixture and rinse well in clear water. Squeeze out, but do not wring out, the water from the fabric. After the initial squeeze out, wrap the fabric inside a dry bath towel and squeeze or pat dry to absorb more moisture. Ease back into shape and let dry flat, away from direct heat or bright light.

## Automatic washing machines

### Top loading machines

Add approximately 1/2 cup of Soap Flakes per load. **IMPORTANT:** Dissolve flakes in 1 to 2 quarts of hot water before pouring into your machine. Do NOT use machine's detergent dispenser, pour directly into wash water. Wash as usual.

### Front loading machines

Use approximately 2 tablespoons of Soap Flakes per load. **IMPORTANT:** Dissolve flakes in 1 to 2 cups of hot water before pouring into your machine. Do NOT use machine's detergent dispenser, pour directly into wash water. Wash as usual. Moderate water temperatures, similar to those used in top loading machines, work best.

## Hard water

In hard water areas (high calcium levels in the water) a soap scum may form. To avoid this, add a water softening agent to the wash water.

## Durable water resistant fabrics

Wash according to garment label but do not use softened water. Artificially softened water may adversely affect the fabric. In hard water areas, either use a bit more soap, or handwash

using a mixture of Soap Flakes and distilled water.

## In general

- ✓ Hotter water works best at dissolving Soap Flakes, creating suds, and cleaning. However, not all garments or fabrics or dyes can handle hot water. Always check the garment label for washing instructions and test to be sure.
- ✓ Adding more Soap Flakes or using less water, will create a thicker more soapy mixture. Similarly, using less Soap Flakes or more water, will create a thinner less soapy mixture. Go by feel. Feel the soapy water (be sure it is cool enough to not hurt your skin); if the mixture is slippery, and there are enough suds, you are using the correct amount of Soap Flakes. Always rinse well.
- ✓ Soap Flakes can be premixed with hot water to make a liquid concentrate which can be added to cooler wash water. Concentrate may become gel like, however this does not impair performance.
- ✓ Softer water works better with Soap Flakes than does harder water. When using Soap Flakes in a hard water area, add a water softening product to the wash water, or use more Soap Flakes.
- ✓ For most uses, washing floors, washing horses or dogs, washing or cleaning most things, use approximately 1/2 cup of Soap Flakes to a bucket of water. Warm or hot water dissolves the Soap Flakes best. Always rinse well.
- ✓ People with nut allergies may want to avoid using this product as coconut and palm oils form the soap base.