



Wash and Dry Guidelines

Swift® Ultraslide System - Patient Positioning Textiles

General

- In line with infection control guidelines, the Swift® Ultraslide and Swift® Slider should be washed before use
- This also ensures optimum fit for first use

Wash as synthetic.

- Main wash temperature max of 95°C (65 - 71°C or above to achieve thermal disinfection)
- Use a standard cycle for synthetic fabrics
- In washer extractors use a reverse temperature wash process if possible to avoid thermal shock/creasing
- Operating the final rinse at around 40°C facilitates faster evaporation rates during tumbling

Do not underload or overload

- Load to the ideal load factor of around 85-90% of the washer capacity (washing & drying)

Avoid use of bleach

- The use of bleach can cause colour loss

Do not over dry

- Over drying can accelerate deterioration, increase creasing and cause excessive shrinkage
- To avoid this please remove the load as soon as the dry cycle is concluded

Do not iron

- Ironing can damage the natural stretch

Drying times

- As tumble dryers vary in efficiency (can be up to 50% variance), exact settings will vary by dryer
- As a guideline, dryers should be able to dry a load in 20 to 30 minutes at a medium to high heat including a cool down of approximately 5 minutes

Commercial Laundry Processing (additional guidelines)
Here is a suggested Wash Programme for Washer Extractors.

- The Swift® Ultraslide and Swift® Slider are suitable for processing in CBWs
- Wash as 100% Polyester or 50/50 Polyester Cotton
- Main Wash temp 71°C or above to achieve thermal disinfection
- Standard cycle for synthetic fabrics
- A final stage rinse at 40°C to facilitate faster evaporation rates during drying is recommended
- Drying - It is advisable to set the humidity at 6% as 4% is considered dry so this allows a 2% tolerance and reduces the risk of overdrying and potential for static
- Fold and pack quickly - Once the products are dry to the touch it is recommended to fold and pack as soon as possible to avoid the weight of the textiles in the barrow causing extra creasing

Recommended Formulas for 22kg and 45 kg machines

Step	Time	Temp.	Level	Chemicals 22 kg machine	Chemicals 45 kg machine	PH	Titrate
1.Flush	2 min	30°C	High				
2.Flush	2 min	30°C	High				
3.Suds	6-8 min	70°C	Low	28.5 ml Alkali/ 118 ml Detergent	59 ml Alkali/ 140 ml Detergent	11.0-11.5	300- 350ppm
4.Bleach	DO NOT BLEACH						
5.Rinse	2 min	60°C	High				
6.Rinse	2 min	50°C	High				
7.Rinse	2 min	40°C	High				
8.Sour/Soft	4 min	40°C	Low	15 ml Sour 15 ml Softener	28.5 ml Sour 28.5 ml Softener	6.0-6.5	
9.Extract	5-6 min						

Recommended Formulas for 110 kg and 180 kg machines

Step	Time	Temp.	Level	Chemicals 110 kg machine	Chemicals 180 kg machine	PH	Titrate
1.Flush	2 min	30°C	High				
2.Flush	2 min	30°C	High				
3.Suds	8 min	70°C	Low	118 ml Alkali/ 178 ml Detergent	237 ml Alkali/ 340 ml Detergent	11.0-11.5	350ppm
4.Bleach	DO NOT BLEACH						
5.Rinse	2 min	60°C	High				
6.Rinse	2 min	50°C	High				
7.Inter Extract	2 min						
8.Rinse	4 min	40°C	Low	43 ml Sour 43 ml Softener	100 ml Sour 100 ml Softener	6.0-6.5	
9.Extract	6 min						