

LAUNDRY INSTRUCTIONS

EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR DUST MOPS & WET MOPS

Atlas Graham has been manufacturing dust mops and wet mops in Canada for over 60 years. Our experience shows that inappropriate laundering procedures can reduce the life expectancy of a product considerably. Here are some things to watch for.

Washer & dryer temperatures: It is very important that washers and dryers be checked periodically to see that temperatures are correct. Due to differences in the size of loads and the size and type of machinery, the length of time will vary.

Excessive heat: Excessive heat can cause a mop to shrink dramatically and the fibre to break down. Some shrinkage and lint-off of fibre is inevitable over the life of the mop especially in wet mop blends which contain cotton for its absorbency and drying attributes. However, any excessive occurrence is generally caused by incorrect laundering procedures (water/dryer temperature is too high or being dried for too long). Mops should be taken from the dryer when they are still damp to the touch and pulled slightly to reshape. This is necessary with gas-fired dryers as the drum retains a lot of heat (temperatures as high as 200°C have been recorded). Mops should be taken from the dryer as soon as the cycle is completed so that they won't get scorched when the dryer stops and they come to rest on the drum.

Excessive agitation/tumbling: Excessive agitation/tumbling: Mops that are laundered in smaller loads are subject to excessive agitation and will wear and lint-off more readily. Astrolene dust mops (synthetic blend) dry very quickly and therefore should be dried separately from mops such as Tuffstuff™ and Medipro™ (blend of natural and synthetic fibres).

Bleaching is NOT recommended: Bleach destroys fibres. A mop that has been bleached won't perform as well and its service life will be reduced.

step	description	temperature	time
1	pre-rinse - clear water	89°F / 32°C	3 minutes
2	pre-wash - clear water	119°F / 48°C	3 minutes
3	main wash - alkali: blend of caustic and silicate 1:1, plus non-ionic liquid	158°F / 70°C	9 minutes
4	rinse 1 - clear water	140°F / 60°C	3 minutes
5	rinse 2 - clear water	140°F / 60°C	3 minutes
6	sour	100°F / 38°C	6 minutes
7	dry - cool and remove	149°F / 65°C	*variable

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Atlas Graham mops have been manufactured to withstand many launderings. Processing temperatures are critical and bleach should be avoided.