

WATER SOLUBLE LAUNDRY BAG
OPERATING INSTRUCTION

STORAGE
1. Keep all bags sealed within their protective overwrap until they are needed for use.
2. Once a bag is removed from the pack, keep the remaining bags within overwrap material. This gives some measure of protection against accident exposure to moisture.
3. Store overwrapped water soluble laundry bags between 7°C (45°F) to 30°C (86°F) and in Rh 20% to 70% for optimum shelf life.

HANDLING
1. Handle the bag with dry hands only. Avoid any contact by moisture with the bag film to preserve the film's strength and integrity.
2. <u>IMPORTANT:</u> <i>A linen item known to be dry should be the first item placed in the bag. So it will gravitate to the bottom. It provides a significant measure of protection to the bag in the event that moist items are later placed in that bag.</i>
3. Do not place overly wet items in the bag at any time. Remember the bag is sensitive to moisture in any form.

CLOSING THE BAG
1. Expel as much excess air as possible before closing the bag. Taking care to avoid expelling air in the face. Reduction of trapped air content makes the closed bag a stronger unit for transshipment.
2. A colored necktie is provided with every bag. Use it to close the bag.
3. <u>Caution:</u> Do not knot the bag film as a means of closure. Such knots inhibit solubility during laundering.
4. The closed water soluble laundry bag should be placed within another outer bag for movement within and outside the hospital. This reduces the chance of puncture or snapping on route to the laundry.

WASHING
1. The closed water soluble bag should be placed in the wash wheel or tunnel. Pre-sorting is contraindicated because the soiled linen is assumed to be contaminated.
2. During the initial cold flush cycle, whatever cold water soluble or hot water soluble type, the bag will open and begin to disintegrate, allowing contact with the linen by the wash water.
3. For complete liquefaction of the film we urge the following:
A. Do not overload the washer beyond its rated capacity.
B. Be sure the water temperature reaches the chosen temperature during the wash cycle C. The xx°C (xxx°F) water should have been swirling around the bag linens for 40 seconds Before the wash chemicals (detergent, alkali, etc.) are injected. Wash at xx°C (xxx°F) water for 15 minutes minimum.

****Packing method (alternative):**

- 1) All bags are individually folded.
- 2) All bags are on the roll. All bags are equipped with colored ties.

Caution: These Bags Are Packed in a Polyolefin Outer Wrap That Could Develop an Electrostatic Charge. Do Not Take the Outer Package Wrapping from These Bags into The Operating Room Or another Hazardous Area!