

## Marching Band Uniform Washing Instructions

**Jackets and Bib Pants:** Jackets and bib pants are made of completely washable polyester-gabardine. If other fabrics are sewn into the jacket they are also washable. Any piece that is removable (is attached with Velcro, snaps etc. must be taken off and cared for separately. The removable piece can consist of sequin, mylar or other delicate material. If a stain does occur, sponge with water or treat with an appropriate product before it has time to set and before laundering. You may use “Spray and Wash” and other non-chlorine stain removers when washing. **Use only non-chlorine detergent!** Many detergents are harsh and have a bleaching ingredient that will cause even colorfast fabric to migrate. **Do not use liquid fabric softener** on Cesario band uniforms! Machine wash on the gentle / permanent press cycle. At cycle completion place garments **in dryer, and dry on cool/permanent press setting.** **Caution: Do NOT use a hot dryer setting!** A hot dryer setting will remove the press. When dried on a cool or permanent press setting, uniforms will require very little touch up. Remove garments from the dryer and place on a hanger immediately.

**Pants Pressing:** Touch up pressing on pants may be desired occasionally, or the pants may be professionally pressed after several washings and drying. If the snap-up hem is used, do not press over seam where the snap tape is placed. Press creases on front and back of pant and bottom hem.

**Extended Shoulders (Wings) and Collars:** If jackets have extended shoulders or wings, fold them back onto the shoulder during washing and drying. Also do this when transporting uniforms. Folding allows them to hold their shape much better. Touch-up Steam pressing shoulders and collars may be required to retain their proper shape and appearance due to heat bonded interfacings. Be sure to dry garments completely after each use before storing. Do not store in vinyl garment bags.

**Garments or Pieces with VELCRO:** Make certain that the hook side of the Velcro is not exposed when laundering uniforms to avoid a ‘picking’ of the fabric. If a jacket has both the hook (hard side) and loop (soft side) of Velcro, hook pieces together evenly so the hook side is not exposed. Note: If the two pieces cannot be easily hooked together, use loose pieces of soft Velcro to place on the hard Velcro.