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CESARIO Uniform Care

The Cesario collection of band uniforms is performance wear made for easy care, comfort and durability.

Proper care is imperative with any garment.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Laundering

It is suggested to have a committee that takes care of garments. Divide the garments for washing among several parents who will use the **same washing procedure to** insure correct care.

If you use a professional cleaner – please give them these same instructions.

It is **not** necessary to wash uniforms before wearing them.

Avoid washing bib pants and jackets together! Never wash in hot water!

Use only non-chlorine household laundry detergent.

NOTE: Always test wash one garment before the entire set. Water in different regions of the country can sometimes react differently in combination with different detergents and fabrics

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. **(See stain removal “Quick Reference” guide)** 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! A softener sheet may be used in the dryer, however, use only one (1) sheet per dry load (see drying directions below.)

Machine wash on the gentle / permanent press cycle, but **do not overload machines. Launder 4 to 6 pieces at a time.** 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.**

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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.

Baldrics and Gauntlets:

Baldrics or gauntlets that are all poly gabardine, may be washed on a gentle cycle and dried on a permanent press setting in a dryer observing all laundering instructions previously provided for this fabric type. **Make sure to hook the Velcro closure together when laundering in a machine to avoid picking of fabric.**

All baldrics and gauntlets with sewn in trims are laundered in the same manner with the exception of **Sequin Trim**. These must be hand washed in cool water, then towel dried to remove excess water. They should lay flat to dry and **always wash in cold water.**

Vest and Cinch Belts:

All back belts on vests and cinch belts have a six-inch elastic with a layer of stretch fabric. These items are to be **hand washed and then flat dried** because continued drying in a dryer will eventually destroy the elastic.

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Fitting / Alterations

Sleeves:

- **Adjust - A - Cuff Option:**

- Adjust the snaps placed at different increments inside the sleeves to eliminate sewing sleeve hems.

Pants:

- **Adjust-A-Pant Option Fitting:**

Each pant leg has snap adjustments located on both the inside and outside leg seams. The last 2 are male snaps which fold up to meet 1-12 female snaps. Use male snaps to create a firm anchor at the hem's edge.

- Adjust the shoulder strap; have students try the pants on wrong side out, with their band shoes on, then fold up the hem and snap to the desired length.

- After the hem length has been determined, the student should remove the pants without unsnapping the new hem length.

- Press the new hem into place and the pants are ready to go. CAUTION: Avoid pressing with high heat and **DO NOT** press over the snap area as high heat will melt the snap imprint onto the outside of the garment.

- If the hem is very short (2-3 inches), the hem may need to be tacked slightly (with one or two stitches) between the side seams and pant creases (front and back) to help hold the hem in place.

- **Additional Length Options:**

- Move female snap tape up on the seam or add more snaps at the top, if a desired length is not obtainable. **(you may request snap additions from FJM)**

- **Cleaning / Maintenance:**

- Launder pants with snap tape left in place, so that the length sizing does not have to be repeated each time uniforms are laundered.

- At the end of the season, store pants clean with hems unsnapped.

Note: Due to the ease of hemming, it is suggested that all students' uniforms be evaluated each year. Students who have changed in height will then continue to march with the best possible length and look.

Students must be instructed to remove their shoes before getting into the pants to avoid ripping out the snaps

General Alterations of Garments:

- Sleeve and pant hems can be changed per directions above.
- Side seams can be altered, but leave **at least 1/2 inch seam allowance after** alteration
- Center back seam can be taken in or let out on the jackets, but the zipper will have to be removed first and re-inserted
- A press cloth dampened with a 50/50 white vinegar and water solution will help to set a new hem crease or remove an old as needed.

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General Precautions and FYI:

Undergarments:

- Wear a T-shirt, 'Underarmour' (available for cold and hot weather), thermo-underwear, or any other shirt made of an absorbent fabric under uniforms. The absorbent clothing should be worn UNDER the pants.
- Do not wear white underwear with white or cream or very light colored pants. This is true for both male and female. The best choice is a tan, nude, gray or any other light color which will not show through the fabric as easily.

Buttons:

- Buttons are tack-back buttons. The top of the button is constructed of plated brass which will not rust. The back and tacks have a rust resistant coating.
- Buttons can be removed by taking the tack off with a pair of pliers. If necessary, buttons are easily replaced by pushing the tack through the fabric and pushing a button onto the tack.
- Extra buttons and tacks are enclosed with your order. Please feel free to contact the FJM office if you need additional buttons or backs; there is a minimal fee for these once the extra set sent with uniforms has been used. DO NOT re-use damaged buttons as the spring mechanism is probably broken.

Precaution:

- No perfume, deodorant, or hair spray should be sprayed on or next to garments. The residue from these items will cause a build up on the fabric or sequins causing them to lose their luster. Excess friction of velcro or sequins against the fabric may pick the fabric. 'Picks' are easily removed with an electric beard trimmer or tool designed for this use.

Important:

- Make any repairs as needed. Repair of minor seam rips or loosening of sequins or trim must be taken care of before the problem gets worse.

Dry Cleaning:

- **We do not recommend Dry Cleaning.** Colors remain brighter with machine washing and chemicals used in dry-cleaning can often affect the material from which the uniforms are made. In addition, the amount of money saved with no cleaning bills can be used for buying new instruments, equipment, etc.
- **Never dry clean sequins, metallic dot fabric or laminated fabrics.**

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Care of Printed and Ombre Fabrics:

PLEASE NOTE: Printed Fabrics and Ombre fabrics (color fades from one color to a lighter or darker color) are unique fabrics. Most of these prints are printed on white to give them clarity etc. The treatment has been tested and the color does not change with washing or with use if following all care instructions.

CAUTION: If fabric is snagged or a thread pulls it will show as white due that the back of the fabric is white. This occurs with poor use and care by the wearer.

Be cautious when removing gauntlets so hard side of Velcro does not snag any part of the uniform.

Instruments and Drums that have sharp or protruding edges or points: these areas should be covered with foam or other protective substance in order not to rub the fabric unnecessarily.

Do not stand against a brick wall or other areas that will cause the fabric to snag.

Students need to understand this and certainly will avoid issues that will cause these snags.

REPAIR: Do not cut snags.

Repair snags by pulling back through with a very small crochet hook or stretching on either end of pull, working thread back into place.

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Care of Unique Fabrics:

Sequins, Metallic Dot Fabric or Laminated Fabrics:

- Glitzy fabrics do require extra care; we do not guarantee sequin. Such fabrics require high maintenance by all personnel.
- **Do not under any circumstances ever iron any of the sequin, metallic dot, mylar, or laminated fabrics.**
- Take care of repairs as soon as possible.
- **DO NOT pull loose threads or sequins from sequined fabrics. The entire row of sequins could come loose. Sew loose threads and sequins to the backing.**
- **There are many more glitzy fabrics available today. Most are very durable, however you must still handle with care.**

Mylar Stripes or Overlays:

- Take care in folding or the storage of garments with mylar. Mylar will crease if folded over or abused.

Lumina Metallics and Tackle Twill:

- FJM's new Lumina metallic fabric is washable. If it is sewn into the uniform itself, it may be washed with care.

Storage:

- **Never stack or store a garment wet from either water or perspiration.**
- Do not place wet or damp garments in a plastic bag.
- Impress upon the members that proper hanging and drying of garments after each time they are worn is imperative.
- Take all precautions to avoid any mildew. Store in a dry place.

Proper washing and general maintenance will add life to all your performance wear. With proper care your group will always look fresh and prepared.

Please contact the FJM office at **1-800-444-3524** if you have any further questions regarding the care of your Cesario band uniforms.

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Quick Reference Stain Guide

Helpful hints for care and maintenance of Uniforms

REMEMBER – Washable uniforms, like all clothes, can get stained. It is important to remove the stain as soon as possible. This list is enclosed to help you with difficult and unusual types of stains.

BLOT STAINS WITH WATER, SOLVENTS, AND CLEANING AGENTS! Do not rub!

A. PRE TREAT STAINS BEFORE WASHING (apply stain treatment and scrub with a toothbrush or other like tool before the item is placed in the washing machine.

Use regular laundry detergent (without chlorine or reads safe for colors)

B. “Lestoil” – will take out most stains

C. “Simple Green” – For hard to remove grass stains or dirt rings on collars and sleeves.
(This product is found in automotive department) We prefer the spray type.

D. “Carbona” – Has a variety of removers called “Stain Devils”. Listed below are the different removers.

“Stain Devil” – Make Up and Grass Remover

“Stain Devil” – Blood and Milk Remover

“Stain Devil” – Coffee, Tea and Cola Remover

“Stain Devil” – Chewing Gum and Glue Remover

“Stain Devil” – Ink and Crayon Remover

E. “Whink” – For removing rust stains

(The above items in D and E are found in grocery stores, in the laundry areas.)

F. Make sure that percussion harnesses/carriers are padded with foam or other cushion-like material. This will help prevent the metal carriers and bolts from damaging the jacket. We do not guarantee our uniforms on damage done from percussion harnesses.

G. Aerosol hair spray or rubbing alcohol will remove ballpoint ink stain.

H. Waterless hand cleaner like those used in the garage or automotive environments can be used as a pre-treat for grease, oil, tar, or paint. This product dissolves the oil-base stain before it is set in.

However, this must be used BEFORE ANY WATERBASE treatment.

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Guide to Proper Undergarments

For FJM Custom Performance Wear

The following suggestions for appropriate uniform undergarments have been gathered from the expert designers and pattern-makers who create the FJM performance wear as well as customers who have purchased them. Please feel free to contact our offices at 1-800-444-3524 or office@fjminc.com if you have any questions, comments or concerns, or your own helpful hints!

Cesario Uniform Recommended Undergarments:

- If your musicians wear black, navy blue, spruce green, charcoal grey, or any other dark-color bib pants, they may wear any color undergarment. We suggest students do not wear boxer shorts under bib pants, however, as the Cesario bib pants are naturally designed to be form fitting and boxer shorts may cause unsightly bulges and wrinkles due to fabric shifting.
- If your musicians wear white, light cream, cream, or any other light color bib pants, we recommend wearing heather grey, cream, light powder blue, or flesh-tone undergarments. **Do not wear white underwear beneath white bib pants** as most often the undergarment will show through. It is best to test out a few underwear options to determine the desired look with your uniform before informing the students of a required purchase.
- If your Cesario jacket has a white, light cream, cream, or dove grey back, we do not recommend wearing dark tee-shirts or other dark undergarments underneath. Many directors have the students wear their band t-shirt under the uniform jacket. That works well if your band shirt is light in color; however, if your jacket is a light color you run the risk of the darker color – as well as any writing or print – showing through. We recommend plain white or heather grey t-shirts to go under light colored jackets.
- Cesario uniform jackets are designed to be form-fitting and provide a sleek, tapered look. We highly recommend not allowing your students to wear sweatshirts or any other bulky top underneath. Many band directors provide their students with insulated rain coats for cold football games and contests. You may view our selection of rain gear by visiting our website at www.fjminc.com or contacting a customer service representative at 1.800.444.3524.
- Under Armour brand garments are available through FJM for wearing under all Cesario uniforms. We offer both Heatgear and Coldgear in a variety of colors to fit your uniform needs. We highly recommend this as your first undergarment option for Cesario uniforms. Contact a customer service representative if you would like to request a sample of Under Armour.
- › **Heatgear™** is the original full T and features the Moisture Transport System and reliable compression. This garment is designed for a next-to-skin ultra-tight fit and works wonderfully in warm weather climates or as a protective summer garment.
- › **Coldgear™** features a double-sided fabric that wicks moisture from the skin and circulates body heat. It also provides core temperature regulation and superior moisture transport in a crew neck. New brushed fabrication delivers a slip-on feel for added comfort. This garment is designed to for a next-to-skin ultra tight fit and is ideal for cold climates or winter protection.

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