

# Signature Table Linen

If you have problems with wrinkling, this procedure should enable you to restore the linen to a non-wrinkled state.

## **Signature Table Linen Wrinkle Reclaim Procedure:**

1. Load gas dryer 50% capacity or preferably less with dry wrinkled linen.
2. Run on "hot" setting (190° - 210° F) from 20 to 30 minutes.
3. Run 10 to 15 minutes "cool down" or until dryer is sufficiently cooled to about 100° F.
4. Be sure dryer does not stop during either heat or cool cycles.
5. Remove linen as per proper handling instructions as outlined in our brochure.
6. Allow shelf life if possible to remove remaining "soft" wrinkles.

Hard creases and wrinkles should be gone. The high heat and extended time allow the fabric to "relax" back into its flat dry state.

## **Note:**

For steam tumblers more time may be necessary due to the limited temperature range of the machine.

If the dryer does not get hot enough to do a reclaim, the linens may be taken to a Laundromat to run this procedure. Or a rental laundry or dry cleaners can run the linens through a flatwork ironer (set at 325° -340° F) to remove the hard wrinkles.

## **Recommendations for Handling Signature Table Linens for Home Type Washer and Dryer**

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| <b>Equipment:</b> | Maytag, Kenmore, General Electric, etc.  |
| <b>Loading:</b>   | Do not overload washer or dryer. Wash loads must have good floatation and agitation.   |
| <b>Washing:</b>   | Use hot water (160° F) with warm water rinses (140° and 120° F). Use chemicals recommended for home type washers. Do not use fabric softeners, as they tend to waterproof the linen. Remove from washer immediately. |



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**Drying:** Use high heat cycle for 12 to 15 minutes with a 10-15 minute cool down. (Times may vary due to load size and extraction.) Do not overload dryer. Linen must tumble freely for optimum flat dry results. Remove from dryer immediately.

**Checklist for Wrinkles:**

1. **Overloading:** Wash loads may be too large for size washer or dryer (load to 80% capacity).
2. **Thermal Shock Wrinkles:** Drastic changes in fabric temperatures. Example: water temperature drops from 140° to 100° F. Temperature changes between consecutive steps should not exceed 20° F.
3. **Improper Cool down:** Dryers should not stop while linen is still hot. Cool down to 100° F.
4. **Improper Storage:** Inadequate storage on shelves or racks. Linen also may have been folded improperly before reaching storage areas.
5. **Process Wrinkles:** Wrinkles due to mishandling. Linen, which has been left in washer, dryer or buggies for, prolonged periods of time. Linen must progress promptly through laundry process for optimum results.
6. **Shelf Time:** We recommend 24 hours of shelf time for linen for optimum flat dry results.

**Checklist for Stains:**

1. **Overloading:** This results in poor mechanical action, the linen is packed too tightly for proper agitation.
2. **Improper Chemical Usage:** The amount of detergent may be too small for the size wash load being processed or the soil level is too high. Increase surfactant (detergent) for heavier soils/stains.
3. **Abusive Stains:** Most abuse stains such as silver polish, concrete stains, and carbon based stains are virtually impossible to remove. Train staff in the proper uses of table linen to prevent linen abuse.



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4. **Fabric Softeners:** Most fabric softeners coat table linen making it waterproof. This “waterproofing” interferes with stain removal. Do not use fabric softeners of any type including dryer sheets.
5. **Hard Water:** Chemicals that may be found in water that makes cleaning at normal detergent levels difficult. Some stains may be due to iron, calcium, which may be found in the water. Check with your chemical representative for this type of problem; a water softener may be required.



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