

Care/Washing Instructions for GK Apparel

Things You Need to Know About GK Fabrics:

GK takes tremendous pride in both selecting and testing the best available fabrics in the gymnastics industry today. However there are certain high fashion fabrics that are more susceptible to wear and fading than the traditional long wearing durable fabrics. Our fabrics can be grouped into 3 categories:

- Long Wearing Durable Fabrics include: Antron®/Lycra® and Velvet
- Less Durable Fabrics need Special Care and include: Nylon/Lycra® with Foil, Sparkle Velvet and velvet with glitter
- Fragile Fabrics need extra Special Care and include: Mesh and Hologram

Here's what you need to know about caring for our less durable and fragile fabrics:

- Repeated wear and washing may cause the fabrics to fade or lose foil.
- Alcohol in all aerosol products affects these fabrics. Please cover the leotard before applying.
- Deodorants and perspiration may cause these fabrics to fade or lose foil.
- Hologram and Nylon/Lycra® with foil fabrics will dull slightly in the jeweled area due to the heat application.

Color Blocking with Fabrics

Please note that combining a white or light color fabric with dark color fabric may show color transference. This is a common industry problem, and can become obvious under certain conditions. We have found that perspiration and deodorant often contribute to colors bleeding, especially when the two colors meet under the arms. Even by following proper washing instructions, you may notice some color transference.

In addition, we have found that when a white or light color garment is worn under a black velvet warm-up or shorts, some color may transfer from the warm-up onto the leotard. **GK may refuse returns on orders due to color transference.**

To minimize this problem, it is important that you have carefully selected your fabric color combinations and follow the washing instructions listed below.

Also note, damp leotards that are left in gym bags may show color transference.

Important Washing Instructions

DO NOT HAND WASH

Turn garment inside out. Machine wash individually in a large volume of cold water on gentle cycle. Must use a very mild liquid detergent. We strongly recommend using Ivory Snow liquid detergent.

DO NOT use bleach, harsh or granular detergents or liquid fabric softener.

Remove immediately from washer and tumble dry on low or no heat setting.

DO NOT hang or lay flat to dry and **DO NOT** use dryer sheets.

Elite Sportswear, L.P. will not guarantee any garment that is not washed and dried as directed.

If you choose to combine sensitive fabrics and colors, it is at your own risk. GK may refuse returns on special orders in those combinations.