

FULLY WASHABLE

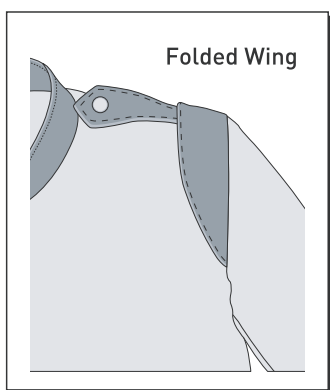
Insignia Marching Jackets and Marching Blouses are designed and engineered to be fully machine washable and dryable. All materials have been carefully chosen to allow each jacket to be washed and dried in standard consumer washing machines and driers. **Dry Cleaning is required for all Insignia Band Uniforms with metallic fabric, trim or embroidery. Machine washing is harsh on the delicate materials.** Bleach is not recommended and may cause damage.

STAIN REMOVAL

Common stains can be removed using Shout® or any other popular stain treatment. Grease, oil and other difficult stains should be removed by a dry cleaner.

GARMENT PREPARATION

Before washing an Insignia Marching Jacket or Blouse, all accessories, such as sashes and cords, must be removed. If your Insignia Marching Jackets or Blouses have wings, the wings should be flipped up to help prevent creasing the wing during washing or drying. To flip the wings, gently roll the wing with both hands back over the shoulder of the garment. The jacket should then be turned inside out and zipped. This protects any buttons on the garment and the garment itself from the buttons of other jackets. This also protects any embroidery, braid or piping that may be on the jacket.



WASHING

Insignia Marching Jackets and Blouses can be washed in any laundromat washing machine or home consumer washing machine. Wash in cold water on the normal cycle using standard detergent. Bleach is not recommended.

DRYING

Insignia Marching Jackets and Blouses should be tumble dried at low heat and removed promptly from the dryer. These garments can also be hang dried.

OVER DYE

Insignia Marching Jackets that use dark colors will contain extra dye that on their first washing may bleed onto any white in the jacket and some discoloration may occur to lighter colors. To remove this discoloration, wash each jacket again **before drying**. This will remove the discoloration of the light fabric caused by the over dye of the dark fabric.

DRY CLEANING

Some garments have the option of being dry cleaned. Should you choose to dry clean your uniforms, or if you are unsure about the best method to clean your uniform(s), see a reputable dry cleaner about the proper cleaning procedure.

NOTE: Uniforms containing metallic trim must be dry cleaned. This includes metallic braid, embroidery, and Mirrored Mylar fabric. If you are unsure whether your uniform contains any of these trim options, your Band Shoppe Sales Representative will be able to verify this.

STORAGE

Along with proper washing and drying, proper storage of your Insignia Marching Jackets and Blouses will help insure they stay looking great for many years. Each Marching Jacket or Blouse should be individually bagged and placed on a hanger. Your uniforms should be stored in a cool, dry place that is insect and moth free.

UNIFORM MAINTENANCE

To keep your Insignia Uniforms looking and wearing great for many years, there are several simple things you can do and certain things that you should avoid doing with your jackets or blouses.

- Don't lean against brick walls or other abrasive surfaces. This can snag material and damage the fabric of the uniform along with embroidery, braid and piping.
- Don't lay the jacket on the ground.
- Avoid crushing of the jacket. This prevents the washable Mylar inside the collar and wings from being creased. Should creasing occur, simply hold the collar or wing in both hands and gently bend the piece back and forth until the crease disappears.
- Wear your Insignia Marching Jackets or Blouses only during contests and performances. This helps to reduce overall wear and tear on the uniforms.

EMBROIDERY

Custom embroidery adds flair and style to any Insignia Marching Jacket or Blouse, but it must be properly cared for to prevent fraying and breaking of the threads. The use of metallic thread in an embroidered design prevents the machine washing of a jacket. **All Insignia Marching Jackets or Blouses with metallic thread must be dry cleaned.**

