

Dear Customer,

Thank you for your purchase of **Woolistic** Merino wool cycling apparel. You have purchased the best garment available to cyclists, one that will surpass the performance of all synthetics in your wardrobe. No more clammy feeling or rancid smell after one ride. These are just two of the many benefits you gain by wearing Merino wool.

Please read the following care instructions in order to ensure that your Merino wool garment lasts a long time. FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS and you will also learn a lot about modern Merino wool!

IMPORTANT—WE DO NOT RECOMMEND WOOLITE ON MERINO WOOL. We recommend only using Ivory Snow Liquid (Proctor and Gamble), ECOVER Delicate Liquid, or Kookaburra Wash detergent. Anything else may destroy it. **Remember, wool is HAIR! You wouldn't wash your own hair with TIDE so don't use it on your wool jersey.**

1) SOFTNESS and RELAXATION –

JERSEYS- The wool jersey gets much softer and elastic after the first wash, so it is best to wash it before using it for the first time. The jersey may reduce in width after first wash about 1 cm, or .4 inches. The relaxing is in the width not the length. This is not shrinkage, but relaxation of the garment due to tension in the knitting process.

SHORTS- Woolistic shorts need to be washed before wearing to get the best fit. COLD WATER, WOOL SOAP, LAY FLAT TO DRY. SHORTS SHOULD BE WASHED SEPARATE as the black can bleed when new.

2) DETERGENT and MACHINE WASHING –

- **USE IVORY SNOW LIQUID, Ecover Delicate Liquid, or Kookaburra Wash detergent for washing wool.** You can find it at all major grocery stores or on Amazon.com.
- **DO NOT USE a hyper-aggressive detergent like Tide, Arm & Hammer, All, WOOLITE, ERA, or any other laundry detergent on Merino wool.** They are not made for wool and it can destroy the garment. It contains enzymes that breakdown the wool fibers. ****Remember, wool is hair!****
- **WASH IN COLD WATER on DELICATE WOOL CYCLE in machine**
- Since wool doesn't hold odor, you only need to wash your jersey after **five or six** rides. Our wool is "Total Easy Care" treated and machine washable, but some machines have a center agitator and this can cause holes due to twisting. Front loaders without agitator are the best.
- **ONLY WASH THE MERINO WOOL GARMENT BY ITSELF, OR WITH OTHER SIMILAR COLOR MERINO WOOL GARMENTS.**
- **NEVER wash your Merino wool garment with jeans, t-shirts, etc.**

3) HAND WASHING –

- An alternative to machine wash is to **HAND WASH** your Woolistic garment.
- Use a small amount of IVORY SNOW liquid or powder or our recommended detergents in cool or lukewarm water in the sink basin. GENTLY swish the garment in the COLD water and squeeze repeatedly.
- When hand washing, **DO NOT RUB THE WOOL AGAINST ITSELF.**
- Drain the soapy water and refill the basin with cool water. Rinse garment thoroughly.
- **DO NOT wring garment to remove water.** Press the garment against the sink to squeeze out the water. You can repeat this step twice, or as needed.
- After most of the water is pressed out, lay the garment on a towel and roll it up and press hard again. The towel will absorb the remainder of the water in the garment.

3) DRYING –

- Lay garment flat on a towel to dry indoors, away from light.
- **DO NOT** hang outside in sunlight.
- **DO NOT** hang a wet jersey on a towel rack, hanger, or clothesline (the weight of the wet jersey will STRECH it out).
- To dry a jersey fast naturally, I usually lay mine flat and put a book in the bottom of the jersey to prop it up. Point a small fan at it, to force air inside. It dries in about 25 minutes. I then turn it over and place business cards in each pocket and point the fan so it blows in and dries it inside.

5) STORAGE/MOTH AVOIDANCE –

Since we use the best Merino wool on earth, treated for machine washing, color permanence, and super softness, let's not give any of those moths a chance for a free meal.

We recommend customers store the garment in a sealed Zip-loc bag in a drawer that is used often when not in normal use.

Why? Because clothes moths hate LIGHT and they really hate MOVEMENT. So, when you store wool in a dark corner of a closet and leave it there for a long time, the moths are saying "AH, SWEET! Chow-time without being disturbed!" But when you keep the garment in a sealed bag in a drawer with clothes that you access daily (t-shirts, underwear, jeans etc), the movement is unattractive for moths and reduces greatly any potential of damage.

Now you know how to keep your Woolistic Merino wool garment looking great for years to come!

If you have any questions on care, etc, e-mail us.

Thank you!