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AMBER ALERT

Padded Jacket

Label states GL



Fabric Content

The outer fabric is 100% Nylon, Lining 100% Polyester, Filling 100% Polyester



Care Label:

Symbols – Wash at 30, Do Not Bleach, Cool Iron, Dry Clean P (without restrictions), Do Not Tumble Dry



Problem

The outer shell is stated to be nylon, but what is not recorded on the fabric content label is that it is bonded to a PVC substrate that hardens in processing.

PVC is sensitive to solvent perchloroethylene and is also heat sensitive. Either of these will cause it to become hardened and brittle.

Responsibility

For the label with inaccurate information it is the manufacturer of the garment as the care label attached to the garment should be relevant and detailed for the solvent suitable to safeguard the jacket structure, and accessories.

Wet Clean, light spin dry and hung to dry naturally would have been a safer process, but the fabric content label did not warn of the PVC and should not have had the circle P symbol on the care label.

"Obviously we cannot say that other items of the same type will have the same problem, or that a different method of cleaning may have had a more satisfactory result, because this was not tested, but we advise caution and that you carry out your own test if you are going to clean this type of garment."