Care Labels

What do they mean? Why are they there?

Under Consumer Protection Law, most clothing, household textiles and furnishings, to name a few, must have mandatory care labels. This applies to items made from textiles, plastics, plastic-coated fabrics, suede, hides, grain leathers, and furs, including all trims and attachments.

Care instructions must

- **Be provided in words** — Clear and easy-to-understand instructions are essential.
- **Be accurate and relevant** — Instructions must be appropriate for the item, including trims and attachments.
- **Remain legible for the product's lifespan** — Labels should be durable and resistant to wear.
- **Guide both consumers and professional cleaners** — Instructions should provide proper care guidance to prevent damage.
- **Help maintain the item's quality** — When followed correctly, the item should retain its original colour, shape, and texture.
- **Not be removed or defaced** — Care labels contain vital information that ensures correct cleaning and maintenance.

They may be accompanied by international symbols. The five basic symbols are for:

A cross through the symbol means 'DO NOT' (eg) ⊗ means 'DO NOT DRYCLEAN').

If you wish to know more about care labelling your **DIA Professional** will be happy to explain the instructions and the symbols.

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