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This jacket could not withstand drycleaning without severe loss of luster and body.

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The garment: An all-cotton tan jacket with black trim that has a waxy finish to impart sheen. The care label states: "professionally dry clean only" with no International Code symbols.

The problem: During drycleaning in perchlorethylene (perc), the wax finish dissolved and was flushed away, resulting in loss of luster and body.

Who's responsible? The manufacturer since the surface finish on the jacket fabric was not able to withstand the recommended care instructions without severe texture change.

What to do: This jacket should be returned to the retailer or manufacturer.



After drycleaning as labeled there has been so much loss of the finish that the jacket is dull and limp.

Since the damage is related to the power of the drycleaning solution, a process using a lower power solution (such as petroleum, hydrocarbon, or GreenEarth) may have been successful. In some cases careful wet cleaning is possible. However, according to the United States care labeling regulation, this jacket could be cleaned safely in any drycleaning medium, including perc. This interpretation may differ in other countries.

Featuring a garment does not imply that a manufacturer is knowingly or continually producing defective goods. While this particular item was deemed unable to withstand the recommended care process, other comparable garments may or may not hold up to the care instructions.

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