

Q. The mops are becoming gray. What's causing this and what can I do to brighten the pad?

A: Quaternary Ammonium disinfectants remove floor finish and deposit "dirty" residue on the pad fibers. Below is a laundry procedure to improve the pad's appearance and performance.

Rubbermaid® Textile Reclaim Formula

Due to the recent changes in the composition of quaternary ammonium disinfectants, some of our customers have experienced a "graying effect" with our textile cleaning products. Based on data provided to us by numerous laundering and chemical professionals, the cause of this problem has been identified as an acrylic floor finish build-up on the mop. The quaternary ammonium disinfectant "strips" some of the acrylic finish from the floor surface and then is mixed with quantities of dirt, oil and grease to cause a residue on the mop. This residue coats the mop fibers, which is not removed by traditional laundering formulas.

In order to help our customers address this graying problem, we, with the assistance of laundering professionals, have developed a laundering reclaim formula. This formula will reclaim some of the mops original color and performance. We recommend that the following formula be used once every two or three weeks in place of the standard laundering formula.

Operation	Water Level	Temperature	Time (min)	Chemical (per 100 lbs.)
Flush	High	120°-130° F	4	3 oz. Alkaline Builder
Flush	High	120°-130° F	2	----
Break	Low	140°-145° F	15	High Surfactant/Detergent
Bleach	Low	150°-155° F	10	3 oz. Oxygen Bleach
Rinse	High	140°-145° F	2	----
Rinse	High	120°-130° F	2	----
Sour	Low	50°-80° F	5	1 oz. Sour

General Care Guide Lines

- The use of fabric softener is not recommended.
- Laundering equipment should be loaded to capacity.
- Follow recommendations on all product labels where provided.
- The use of bleach is not recommended for optimum product life.