

PROFESSIONAL TIPS FOR REMOVING RING AROUND THE COLLAR (78)

Professional drycleaners, wetcleaners and consumers have problems removing ring around the collar. There are several reasons why collar stains are difficult to remove. The collar area is subjected to ground in soil from grease, grime and insoluble soil particles. Other type of soil contacting fabrics is usually on the surface of the fabric and therefore easier to remove than soil absorbed into the weave. Staining from insoluble soil is gray or dark in color. Further staining to the collar area is caused by oxidation from chloride salts found in perspiration, deodorants, perfumes and colognes, after shave lotions. This type of staining is usually a yellowing or discolored area. Adding to the complication of the collar area is the fusible backing used in the collar area. A fusible backing is a fabric which is glued to the surface fabric by resins. Soil and discolorations are difficult to remove from a fusible backed fabric.

STEPS TO REMOVE RING AROUND THE COLLAR

The collar area needs a pre-spotting agent that can break down and loosen the insoluble soil. This means that the collar should be pre-spotted prior to washing.

PREPARATION

Step 1-In pre-spotting the collar area we use household ammonia. This alkali is added to a detergent which increases the cleaning action of the detergent. Ammonia is a booster for detergents and is used by professional cleaners as well. It must be remembered that bleaches do not remove soil but simply remove oxidation. Mix up a bottle with 2 parts water, 2 parts household ammonia and 1 part of a mild detergent.

Procedure-Spray or pour on this mixture on the collar area and use a soft brush or towel to rub in. Then wash in a routine manner.

Step 2-If yellowing is left on the collar area it must be dealt with using bleaches. This involves oxidizing the affected areas.

Preparation-

- (1) 3% Hydrogen Peroxide-**This is the most useful bleach for localized bleaching. This is the same bleach that you would purchase in a drug store that is used for cuts and bruises. If this bleach has been lying around for a very long time it is very likely that it has lost its strength. It is advisable to buy a new bottle after a few weeks.
- (2) Household Ammonia-**Household ammonia is used to accelerate the action of the bleaching.

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(3) **White Distilled Vinegar-This is used to neutralize the ammonia.**

CAUTION-ALL SPOTTING AGENTS SHOULD BE TESTED FOR COLOR SAFETY ON AN UNEXPOSED AREA OF THE GARMENT.

Procedure-

- (1) **Wet area.**
- (2) **Apply hydrogen peroxide.**
- (3) **Apply ammonia.**
- (4) **Wait 2 minutes.**
- (5) **Rinse area.**
- (6) **Apply vinegar.**
- (7) **Wash garment.**