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JAPAN ANNOUNCES NEW CARE LABELING STANDARD TO HARMONIZE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CARE LABELING SYSTEM

The Japanese Standards Association (JSA) announced the new care labeling standard (JIS L0001-2014) in October 2014. JIS L0001-2014 was developed based on the ISO 3758-2012 care label system and is regulated by the Household Products Quality Labeling Law.

The new care label system (JIS L0001-2014) is still under revision and approval by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). Currently the existing JIS L0217-1995 is in use as the mandatory standard for labeling.

JIS care label system update

In order to harmonize with the ISO international care labeling system, the new care label system (JIS L0001-2014) adds and amends the care label code, particularly for the drying methods. The previous care label system JIS L0217:1995, only included line dry and flat dry symbols, while; the new care label system JIS L0001-2014 adds tumble dry as a drying option.



THE NEW CARE LABEL STANDARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT [JSA](#) AS BELOW:

| | NEW JIS STANDARDS | CORRESPONDING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS | EXISTING JIS STANDARDS |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Care labeling code using symbols | JIS L 0001-2014 | ISO 3758-2012 | JIS L0217-1995 |
| Domestic washing and drying procedures | JIS L1930-2014 | ISO 6330-2012 | JIS L0217-1995 |
| Professional care, dry cleaning and wet cleaning of fabrics | JIS L1931 part 1~4-2014 | ISO 3175 part 1~4-2010 | / |

Main amendment points for the new labeling system (JIS L0001-2014)

- (a) Standardize the basic washing, bleaching, drying, ironing and dryclean symbols (equivalent to ISO 3758-2012)



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- (b) Add the additional descriptors for washing and dryclean symbols
- A bar under the washing or dryclean symbol means that the treatment should be milder than indicated by the same symbol without a bar; e.g. reduced agitation








- A double bar under the symbol describes a very mild process e.g. much reduced agitation



- (c) Add the temperatures for treatment for ironing and drying symbols
- Dots are used to define the temperature of the treatment with the symbols for ironing and drying.

The definitions of the number of dots as below:

| SYMBOL | IRONING PROCESS |
|---|---|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iron at maximum sole-plate temperature of 200 degree C |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iron at maximum sole-plate temperature of 150 degree C |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iron at maximum sole-plate temperature of 110 degree C without steam • Steam ironing may cause irreversible damage |

| SYMBOL | TUMBLE DRYING PROCESS |
|---|--|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumble drying possible • Normal temperature; exhaust temperature max. 80 degree C |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tumble drying possible • Low temperature; exhaust temperature max. 60 degree C |

- (d) Add the only oxygen / non-chlorine bleach allowed symbols



- (e) Add the professional wet cleaning symbol



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