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The garment: A rayon/spandex yellow and black print dress with black leather braided ribbon trim around the midsection. The care label states: "dry clean only" with no International code symbols.

The problem: During drycleaning in perchlorethylene (perc), the black leather trim dye bleeds, resulting in transfer of color onto the dress fabric in various areas.

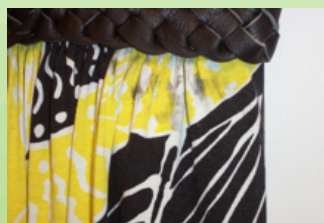
Who's responsible? The manufacturer since the black leather trim was not able to withstand the recommended care instructions without dye disturbance.

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

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The black leather trim across the middle of this dress could not withstand drycleaning without dye bleeding.



After drycleaning, the leather trim dye transfer is readily seen in this close up view.

Since the damage is related to solvent power, a process using a lower power solvent (such as petroleum, hydrocarbon, or GreenEarth) may have been successful. In some cases careful wet cleaning may have been possible. However, according to the United States care labeling regulation, this dress

could be cleaned safely in any solvent, 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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