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The garment: A black silk shirt with grey & beige vertical stripes down the front. The care label states: "machine wash cold-do not bleach-tumble dry low-iron low setting" with no International code symbols.

The problem: During any acceptable washing procedure even in cold water, as labeled, the black fabric dye bleeds, resulting in uneven transfer of color onto the lighter design stripes.

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The black portion of this shirt could not withstand proper wet without dye bleeding.

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

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



After washing, the dye transfer is readily seen in this close up view..

Since the trim 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, depending on dye colorfastness and fiber type, professional wet cleaning may be an option. However, according to the United States care labeling regulation, this garment could be drycleaned 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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