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The garment: A ladies beige polyester coat with modacrylic pile liner. The care label states: "dry clean only" with no International code symbols.

The problem: During drycleaning in perchlorethylene (perc), the binder holding the pile to the shell fabric softened allowing these components to come apart. The knit backing of the pile shrank and the entire coat now appears puckered.

Who's responsible? The manufacturer since the attached pile liner was not able to withstand the recommended care instructions without separation and shrinkage.

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

Since the damage is related to the power of the drycleaning solution, a process using a lower power solution (such as petroleum, hydrocarbon, or GreenEarth) may have been successful. In some cases careful wet cleaning is possible. However, according to the United States care labeling regulation, this coat could be cleaned safely in any drycleaning medium, 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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This ladies beige coat could not withstand drycleaning without severe puckering damage.



After drycleaning, the component separation creates the puckering.

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