



INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE ANALYSIS LABORATORY

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**The garment:** A ladies long black cotton coat with a tan lining fused to the shell to give the coat body and style. The care label states: "dry clean only" with no International code symbols.

**The problem:** During a short drycleaning in perc the two fused fabrics came apart at random areas, creating puckering and blisters. The coat now appears uneven and wavy.

**Who's responsible?** The manufacturer since the fusible adhesive and the methods used to bond the two different fabrics together were not durable to acceptable professional drycleaning.

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

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This ladies coat could not withstand drycleaning without risk of damage.



After drycleaning the fabric separation and puckering can be seen on the front and sleeve.

**According to the United States Care Labeling Regulation, this garment as labeled, can be safely cleaned in any drycleaning system, including perc. As the damage was related to solvent power, it is possible that a system with a lower solvent power (such as petroleum, hydrocarbon, or GreenEarth®) or careful wet cleaning may have been successful but it is the manufacturer's responsibility to have stated that on the care label.**

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