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Ty Acton, Editor

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Generations of Innovation for Laundries Worldwide

Quality Flatwork Starts Before Finishing

Excerpted from CSC Network News

By Ty Acton

Few things are more costly to a laundry operation than "go backs." Yes, the dreaded re-wash! We invest a tremendous amount of time and energy getting linen to the flatwork department only to have it wrinkle, pick up stains from the chest or experience any number of other issues because something's being done improperly in the finishing department. But oftentimes it's what happens to linen prior to its arrival in the flatwork department that has the greatest impact on the ultimate outcome.



Proper pH is important and should be between 6 and 7. A pH too high can cause wrinkling and discolor white linen, requiring rewash. The adherence to strict load weights is important as well to ensure the linen is clean once it arrives at the front of the ironer.

As water costs rise we are driven to use less and less, thus increasing the chance that soil remains in the linen. Soils are often found on the ironer chest creating problems with linen travel and cold chests. Also, reduced water use in the rinse phase can increase the risk of bleach carryover. Bleach in the linen is activated by hot chests leading to reduced textile life.

Compression wrinkles have become an issue with the increase use of tunnel washers with press extractors as well as the increase of the polyester content in linen. The higher the polyester content the less likely compression wrinkles are to be removed by the ironer. One way to reduce compression wrinkles is to reduce the PSI on the press and condition linen in the dryer for three to five minutes. Thermal shock is also an issue. Avoid thermal shock by dropping the water



temperatures gradually in the wash process.

Moisture retention is also important in the outcome of linen quality. Linen too dry will not allow the ironer to do the pressing job it was designed to do and linen too wet has a higher likelihood of picking up any soil from the chest and is unlikely to dry at optimum ironer production speeds.

Next issue: when flatwork gets to the ironer.

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-- Lloyd Jones

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-- *Unknown Author*

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Ty Acton talks with Jim and Laura Skidmore of Florida Hospital Laundry, Apopka, Fla. at Clean '09.

Next scheduled appearance for Ty and Team Tingue: Clean '11 booth #1836 in Las Vegas, June 6 – 9.

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