

# WOOLWASH EUCALAN, WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

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## **i. Overview**

### **Eucalan Facts:**

1. Gentle cleanser and conditioner;
2. Saves time, water and money;
3. Is 100% biodegradable;
4. May be used in automatic washer;
5. No rinsing required;
6. Contains no detergents or phosphates;
7. Is concentrated;
8. The Eucalyptus and Lavender scents protect against moth and repels fleas;
9. Contains Lanolin – a natural conditioner which reduces static and helps control wrinkles.

**Suggested fabrics and fibers** to use Eucalan with: wool, cashmere, satin, silk, organza, cotton, linen, embroidery, fur, leather, synthetics, spandex, lycra, taffeta, microfiber, polar fleece, denim, rayon, lace, velveteen.

**Special items:** garments with beading, sequins, metallic, leather and fur trim may be laundered safely with Eucalan, as well as lingerie, baby items, stuffed animals, linens, costumes, dance and skating apparel, quilts, sweaters, coats and jackets, knits, upholstery, washable sheepskin, spot cleaning rugs and carpets, needlepoint chair seats and framed pictures, lace, etc.

## **ii. Washing Instructions**

### **Hand Wash**

1. Add 1 tbs / 5ml of Eucalan to 4L / 1 gallon of water.
2. Soak articles at least 15 min.
3. Squeeze gently by hand.
4. No rinsing required.

## **Machine Wash / \* avoid heavy agitation**

### Front-loader:

1. Place articles in washer (lingerie should be placed in a mesh bag).
2. Add 3 tbs /15 ml of Eucalan in wash & rinse section of dispenser drawer, fill with tepid water (3tbs /15 ml or more, depending on size and condition of load).
3. Agitate on gentle cycle to mix, then turn the machine off.
4. Soak articles from ½ to 1 hour, then turn the washer to final spin.
5. After spin, remove articles immediately.

\* **Note:** garments may be agitated on delicate cycle for a few minutes if desired, and then left to soak water.

### Top-loader:

1. Add 3 tbs / 15 ml of Eucalan , fill with tepid water (3tbs /15 ml or more, depending on size and condition of load).
2. Agitate to mix, then turn washer off.
3. Place your garments in the water to soak. Squeeze gently by hand several times.
4. After ½ to 1 hour of soaking, turn the washer to final spin, skipping the rinse cycle.
5. Remove articles immediately.

## **iii. Drying**

Knit garments are best dried flat on a rack or towel away from direct heat (out of the sun, away from a register or radiator). Other items can be hung on plastic hangers or the line. Use the dryer carefully, as too much heat will cause excessive wrinkling.

While wool benefits greatly from not being rinsed, other fabrics may be rinsed. If you do rinse wool, just add a few drops of Eucalan to the rinse water for best results.

## **iv. Recommendations**

### **Overview**

Checking for colour-fastness is an important step in the wash process. Before washing any item, it should be checked to see if it is colour-fast. This can be done by dampening a clean white (preferably cotton) fabric and then pressing that damp fabric onto the fiber in question. If colour transfers on to the white cloth, then the fiber is not colour-fast and if the fiber gets wet, the colour will bleed out. If however, the colour does not transfer on to the white fabric, then your item is colour- fast and you can proceed to wash the entire item. We have found that it is the water, not Eucalan that causes colour to bleed or fade if it is not colour-fast.

### **Silk**

Check for colour fastness. Spot-clean with full strength Eucalan, then soak in tepid water for 15 minutes, squeezing gently. Silk may be rinsed once. Roll in towel and squeeze the excess water out. Iron while very damp, with a medium hot iron.

### **Rayon**

Check for colour fastness. Follow directions for wool washing above. Hang to dry and press when nearly dry or with a damp cloth. Rayon articles are less wrinkled and easier to press.

### **All Other Washable Fibers**

Polyester, cotton, linen and blends can be washed in the washing machine. Use gentle cycle and bypass the rinse. Hang or lay flat to dry.

***Lingerie, Bathing Suits, Sports Wear with Lycra***

May be washed by hand in the sink. Polyester articles will dry with few wrinkles if hung soaking wet. Use a padded or plastic hanger for blouses, and you will hardly need to touch them with an iron. Eucalan leaves them clean, fresh and static free.

***v. Special Items***

***Needlepoint Chair Seats, Framed Pictures***

Dilute Eucalan with tepid water in a spray bottle. Spritz over the needlepoint; blot with a clean towel. No need to rinse. For food spots, use a small brush to loosen the soil after spritzing.

***Spot Cleaning Rugs***

Using a mild solution of Eucalan, scrub with brush until spot disappears. Place a thick towel on damp area and walk on it to remove excess water.

***Upholstery***

Use a small brush with diluted Eucalan. Scrub until clean, wipe off dirty suds, blot with towel and leave to dry for several hours.

***Washable Sheepskins***

Fill your machine, add Eucalan and soak for an hour or so, squeezing from time to time. If the item is really dirty, repeat the process. Spin to remove excess water and lay over the rack to dry away from direct heat. When nearly dry, give a good shake. \* Recommended for washable sheepskin rugs and seat covers, takes 2 – 3 days to dry. Great for washable sheepskin slippers, mittens and vests.