

This washing advice applies to the following product lines:

**Force, Force +, 5 Safety, 5 Safety Image +, Multiprotector and Multiprotector +.**

The mentioned HAVEP product lines are made of cloth that has a flame-retardant finish.

Protective clothing from "HAVEP" is certified according to European Regulation (EU) 2016/425 for personal protective equipment. Which standards apply to the garment can be read in the standards label. We therefore also refer to the "user instruction" that comes with each garment. These instructions explain the pictograms and the performance levels as well as giving some general (washing) advice.

**In general:**

- By following the washing and care instructions, you will extend the life of the garment and better retain its protective properties. This should preferably be done at a professional industrial laundry.
- Preferably sort laundry by color and/or soiling
- Wash clothing regularly to prevent fixation of stains. Never store and use clothing when soiled. Soiling of the clothing may reduce the (flame retardant) properties of the clothing. Clothing should also not be stored in solvents, washing solutions, disinfectants or de-staining products.
- Use soft water in washing and rinsing processes. Make sure all detergent residues are removed. Soap residue can adversely affect the protective properties.
- Detergents with higher alkalinity combined with a higher temperature, offer better cleaning results. Higher pH has no negative effect on flame retardant properties. However, the color fastness and appearance of the clothing may be affected.
- Do not use fabric softeners.
- Over-drying should be avoided (turn off dryer when clothes are dry). This can damage the fabric and cause excessive shrinkage. Make sure the dryer is not overloaded and the outlet temperature is 80° C maximum. Therefore, always wash and dry clothes consisting of the same fiber composition/ratio.
- Accessories: close zipper and Velcro closures during the washing process to prevent damage during washing (and pressing, if necessary)
- Do not iron reflective bands and sealing emblems.

**Wash symbols household laundry in label:**



Deviations from these symbols are possible, due to lining or haberdashery, for example. Check the label in your clothing to see which washing instructions apply.

**Industrial washing ISO 15797: 75° C**

The fabric has a flame retardant finish. The cloth and reflective tape has been tested for washing and drying according to ISO 15797 at 75° C.

**Water repellent finish:**

In the case of the 5 Safety, 5 Safety Image +, Guard and Multiprotector, the fabric contains (in addition to the flame-retardant finish) a water-repellent fluorocarbon finish. To maintain these repellent properties even after washing, a few recommendations apply:

- Wash clothing with a water-repellent finish separately.
- To reactivate the finish, dry at the highest possible temperature. However, avoid overdrying. This can be harmful to the fabric and result in excessive shrinkage.
- Ironing makes a positive contribution to reactivating the repellent properties.
- The repellent properties will diminish after a number of washes. To maintain the repellent properties, the finish should be reapplied about every 5 washes in your laundry (but it may be done after every wash). These agents are added in the last rinse cycle. It is important that all residual detergents from previous rinses are removed.

Soap residue can adversely affect repellency). Consult your detergent supplier for proper products and instructions