

Bright Not Right for ACU



IN A STORY ABOUT THE ARMY COMBAT UNIFORM (ACU) IN PS 637, WE ADVISED YOU TO WASH THE ACU IN A MILD DETERGENT THAT DOES **NOT** HAVE OPTICAL BRIGHTENERS.

THE CARE LABEL ON THE ACU SAYS THE SAME THING.

BUT **NOWHERE**—NOT EVEN IN THE CARE MANUAL—DOES IT SAY WHICH DETERGENTS CONTAIN BRIGHTENERS AND WHICH DON'T.

WE'VE CORRECTED THAT OVERSIGHT.

THE ARMY HAS DETERMINED THAT ANY VERSION OF THE FOLLOWING DETERGENTS IS SAFE TO USE...

Bold powder
Cheer liquid
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ALL powder
Surf powder
Woolite

PREFER USING A STORE BRAND OR GENERIC BRAND OF DETERGENT? LOOK FOR A STATEMENT ON THE PACKAGING THAT SAYS "COMPARE TO [BRAND NAME]."

MATCH THAT BRAND NAME TO THE LIST ABOVE. THAT WAY YOU'LL BE SURE THE DETERGENT'S SAFE TO USE WITH THE ACU.

OPTICAL BRIGHTENERS ARE OUT BECAUSE THEY WEAR DOWN THE PROTECTION BUILT INTO YOUR ACUS AND ACCELERATE FADING OF THE CAMOUFLAGE PATTERN.



REMEMBER TO TURN THE ACU'S JACKET AND TROUSERS INSIDE OUT **BEFORE** YOU WASH THEM.

THAT PROLONGS THE LIFE OF THE HOOK-AND-PILE FASTENERS AND KEEPS THEM FROM CATCHING ON OTHER ITEMS.