# Technical Bulletin



# **Laundry Sour-Soft**

### **Fabric Softener**

#### **Product Description:**

LAUNDRY SOUR-SOFT is an acid compound used in laundries with an ultra soft fragrance, to condition the load of fabrics being washed to a desirable degree of acidity, which is important to the finishing operations that follow. Souring is the neutralization of the alkaline salts still remaining in the fabrics and in the water that is held by the cloth after the washing and rinsing cycles of the wash formula are completed.

Residual alkalinity can cause fabric yellowing, some degree of dye colour changing and sometimes even skin irritation. Alkali yellowing can occur when the fabrics are dried. Under heat, the residual alkali can turn yellow or even brown. Starched fabrics in particular tend to magnify this problem.

Another function that LAUNDRY SOUR-SOFT may perform is the removal of certain stains. Some stains are not susceptible to oxidation and can pass through the suds, bleach and rinse cycle intact. These stains may, however, be susceptible to certain reducing bleaches. Rust is a common example of such a stain. To remove rust, it is necessary to use a sour which will complex with the rust, and solubilise it so it can be rinsed away. There are certain sours which are suitable for this purpose. Their use is a must if there are unusually high traces of iron or rust present in the water supply or from tanks or pipes.

Often, if rust stains have already impregnated a group of fabrics, it is best to segregate them and run them through a special batch treatment in a small washer. The concentration of sour and the water temperature can be adjusted to give maximum rust removal performance. Good rinsing is an essential follow up.

### **Application:**

The recommended sour temperature range is  $32^{\circ}\text{C} - 49^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

LAUNDRY SOUR-SOFT is the fabric conditioner concentrate for the OPL System, to be used in conjunction with the electronic control unit and other OPL products. For hot and cold wash cycles. Effective in hard water areas. Safe on all fabrics. Helps to prevent static cling.

LAUNDRY SOUR-SOFT is for professional use and should be used in conjunction with the other OPL products to give the best results.

Domestic - Top Loader 6kg = 118mls Domestic - Front Loader 6kg = 40ml Commercial - Front Loader 23kg = 118mls

Your Red Earth representative will assist you with product ratios to suit individual wash requirements.

DO NOT mix LAUNDRY SOUR-SOFT with any other chemical product.

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