

Laundering Instructions for Bumkins®

Direct from the manufacturer



- After removing soiled diaper from your baby, fold the velcro closures inwards onto the soft loop strips to protect the tabs during laundering. This prevents the diapers from sticking to each other and the velcro from collecting lint during the wash cycle.
- Rinse all solid waste off the diaper as best as possible. It is best to do this into the toilet, or in the case of breastfed infants, rinse under running water (Au Naturel Baby recommends the Diaper Squirt for easy rinsing). Rinse in cold water to prevent stains from setting.
- Store the rinsed diapers in the diaper pail. Some parents prefer to pre-treat the diapers while they are being stored before laundering. This will prevent any staining or odor problems. Treat a soiled diaper promptly to avoid stains and harm to the cloth. Rinse with cold water and use your preferred commercial stain stick or spray according to package directions. Alternatively dilute Borax® or any non-chlorine bleach with water and pour or spray on soiled area. Do not let the diapers dry out with the stain remover on them. Some stains may come out right away; others may gradually fade after a few washes and treatments. Hot water will set stains, so a cold pre-rinse is recommended as well as a cool or warm wash. Using Borax® or a diluted Baking soda mixture in the diaper pail will neutralize odors and ammonia build-up. Keep any liquid filled diaper pail away from baby's reach.
- Wash the diapers in warm water with your choice of detergent (much less than the normal amount for a wash load, in our experience at Au Naturel Baby, only 25% of normal detergent is needed). Various detergents produce different results in cleaning and stain prevention. Specific baby detergents (Ivory Snow® and Dreft®) tend to keep the diapers the softest, but do not prevent stains as well as other detergents. Be careful with coloring in detergents; the pink crystals in Dreft® will slowly discolor the outer shell of the diaper over time. National brand detergents (Tide®, Cheer® etc.) prevent stains well, and keep the diapers soft and clean. Detergents with non-chlorine bleach will prevent stains best, and keep the cotton whitest; but the waterproof outer shell may yellow slowly with repeated use. Non-chlorine bleach is safe to use, but will be more aggressive on the cloth, accelerating the thinning of the cotton over time. Chlorine bleach will

drastically decrease the strength of the fabrics and use of it will void any product warranties.

- The use of bleach or stain removers is not necessary, and purely a personal choice. Non-chlorine bleach like Clorox 2® is the only type that should be used on the diapers. We recommend pre-treating only the diapers that require special attention, rather than adding bleach into the load. Chlorine bleach causes the rapid deterioration of all fabrics and components of the diaper. The use of chlorine bleach will void all warranties on Bumkins® products.

- An extra rinse may be necessary if you have very hard water, or tend to use more than the recommended amount of detergent.

- Tumble or hang the diapers to dry. Because of the high absorbency of the diapers, expect that they will take more time to dry than other clothing. If they are not completely dry after one cycle in the dryer, hang them or air them to dry. Excessive heat from the dryer will wear the diapers out more quickly.

- Do not use fabric softener, as it works by coating the fabric. This will decrease the absorbency of the diapers, as well as being a potential cause of skin irritation.

Warranty: Bumkins All-in-One cloth diapers are warranted against any defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 30 days from the date of purchase. Normal wear and tear is not covered. Please keep your sales receipt in case of any problems with the product, as we cannot process any claims without it. Feel free to contact us at Au Naturel Baby if you have any questions regarding This warranty.