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Extending the Life of Cotton Pants & Jeans

Cotton and cotton/polyester fabrics are popular choices for pants due to their comfort, durability, and versatility. Various brands of Khakis, Chinos, and Jeans fit this category of cotton and cotton/polyester pants.

Here are some effective strategies to preserve the quality and appearance of your cotton-based pants, along with our insights and tips that will help you enjoy them for years to come.

Dry Cleaning or Washing - What's Best?

Cotton fabrics can handle routine wear well and proper care will extend their life. But what's the best method of cleaning your cotton pants?

The care label in your pants will give you one safe method of cleaning – but not necessarily the only safe method of cleaning. Most cotton and cotton/poly pants (without jewels or other embellishments) can be dry cleaned or laundered. And even when a small amount of elastic is blended into the fabric for added stretchy comfort, either cleaning method is safe.

We suggest cleaning cotton pants with these issues in mind:

- Laundering (washing) is best when heavy dirt and perspiration are your concern.

- Dry cleaning will remove grease the best and is better at reducing color fading.

But what about comfort? Dry cleaned pants come out softer which makes them more comfortable. Laundered pants will come out stiffer but will hold their press and crease longer. Laundering also allows the use of starch which adds to their stiffness and crispness. One downside is that starch increases the friction between the fibers which can reduce the life of the garment.

Turning pants legs inside out before cleaning helps reduce the effects of friction and may reduce fading. Of course, if you want jeans to fade and show wear, then wash them often.

I always get my khakis and jeans dry cleaned because I opt for comfort. Our prices for laundering pants are about the same as for dry cleaning so I'm not pushing one method over the other because of prices.

Other issues Affecting Longevity

Here are some additional factors for getting a greater life from your cotton pants and jeans:

1. **How often are they worn?** A garment worn 50 times will show more wear than one worn only 20 times. The same goes for cleaning a garment. Abrasion of fibers occurs when a garment is worn

and even when cleaned.

2. **Do the pants fit properly?** Pants that are too tight, too long, or too short in the stride will wear out faster than properly fitting pants. Get the right fit for a longer life.
3. **How dirty does an item get between trips to the cleaners?** If your life involves a lot of dirt, grease, food, or perspiration, or if try to stretch to many wears from your pants, you will likely reduce the life of your clothes. The most common cause of early death of clothes is stains that cannot be removed. The cleaner you keep your pants, the longer they will be useful to you.

Professional dry cleaners can remove many stains because we look and work on stain removal. Some cleaners, especially "discount" cleaners often don't try to remove stains.

We can't remove all stains, but if anyone can remove a stain, Champion Cleaners can!

David

Any comments? Email me at David@ChampionCleaners.com



“Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

HOW DO YOU LIKE THEM APPLES?



Meaning: This phrase is often used as a way to mock or tease others after gaining some kind of victory over them. It's similar to the expression “stick that in your pipe and smoke it!” **Example:** Ron thought he was the fastest kid in school. “No one can outrun me,” he gloated. However, another kid named

Tim challenged him to a race and won, so he said: “Hey, Ron, how do you like them apples? It looks like you’re not the fastest after all.” **Origin:** It was thought that this expression might come from World War I. The word “apple” was a nickname for certain grenades and mortars that were used in trench warfare at the time. For instance, there was a 2-inch medium trench mortar that was nicknamed “toffee apple” because it looked like an apple on a stick. Evidently, however, this phrase does not originate from WWI because it dates back to an earlier time. According to Early Sports and Pop Culture History Blog, this expression dates back to at least the year 1895. For example, it appears in the newspaper The Eagle, September 26, 1895: “Bryan is the best cotton market in this section of the state and has received more cotton than any other town in this section. How do you like them apples?”

ON THE SAME PAGE

Meaning: Thinking alike or understanding something in a similar way with others. Example: My sister is not on the same page as me when it comes to sports.

Origin: The origins of this phrase are unclear, however, one might guess it stems from schools, where teachers and students must be on identical pages in their books. Others have their own ideas as to its origins, but it doesn't seem like the origin of this expression is really known for sure. As for this saying's age, it appears to be a recent one, as we could only find it in writing as far back as the 1970s. In the year 1974, for example, the expression is used in the Corona Daily Independent newspaper on the topic of football: “I think we can beat Washington and whichever team we play next to get

into the Super Bowl. If 48 players and our coaches are all on the same page, we can do it.”



DRIVING ME NUTS



Meaning: To be greatly frustrated or annoyed. The word “nuts” is sometimes replaced by the words crazy, bonkers, bananas, insane, or up the wall. However, the meaning remains unchanged. When people are annoyed to the point where they can no longer tolerate anymore, they might use this common idiom to describe their frustration.

Origin: According to the website Word-Detective, by the mid to late-1800s, the word ‘nut’ was slang to mean a person's head. Not long after, it looks like it also acquired the meaning of someone who was not acting right in the head, e.g., a person acting strange or crazy might be described as “nuts” or being “off their nut.” The earliest example we could find of this phrase in print is from the newspaper The Biloxi Daily Herald. It was printed in the year 1884. The idiom shows up under an advice column, where people could write in and ask a woman named Ann Landers for advice: “DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am a boy, 18 years old, a high school senior, and my dad is driving me nuts! He has read a lot about drugs and is scared to death I might be trying something.”

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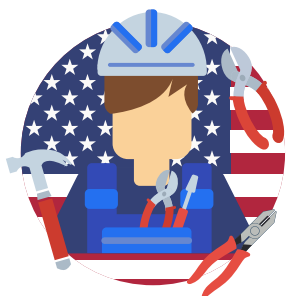
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Labor Day



Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is September 2 in 2019. It is a legal holiday in the United States because the Central Labor Union wanted to create a day off for the working man. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on September 5, 1882, in New York City and the Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday a year later on September 5. In 1884, the Union urged other cities to celebrate a "working man's holiday" on that day and it became a federal holiday.

Labor organizations grew and in 1885 many industrial centers of the country celebrated the day. Congress passed a law in 1894, recognizing Labor Day as an official national holiday. The day is celebrated now as an end-to-summer day as well as a day to recognize unions.

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Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:

- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots
- Wash Dry & Fold
- Alterations

And we do...

1. We are a Wedding Gown Specialist
2. We restore textile, electronics, art, and collectibles when by damaged by smoke, fire, water, and mold.
3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
4. Wash Dry & Fold service - including Champion Hamper service

Random One~Liners

- **Dentist:** "You need a crown."
Patient: "Finally someone who understands me"
- If I got 50 cents for every failed math exam, I'd have \$ 6.30 now.
- I went to see the doctor about my short-term memory problems. The first thing he did was made me pay in advance.
- Women usually claim childbirth is the most painful experience of their lives. Until they start stepping on Legos approximately three years later.
- A man drops his phone on a concrete floor. The phone is fine, no damage. How come? He had it on airplane mode.
- **Husband:** Wow, honey, you look really different today. Did you do something to your hair?
Wife: Michael, I'm over here!
- Talk is cheap, yeah? Have you ever talked to a lawyer?!
- Do not go to the bathroom in a dream. It's a trap!
- It is so cold outside I saw a politician with his hands in his own pockets.

Time To Do This...

- ✓ Resole your shoes
- ✓ Dry clean your comforter.
- ✓ Check all of your bedding to see if anything needs to be cleaned or replaced.
- ✓ Rotate and flip your mattress.
- ✓ Donate what you didn't wear over the summer.
- ✓ Test the carbon monoxide and fire alarms in your house.
- ✓ Go through your pantry and freezer to make sure that everything in it is still fresh.
- ✓ Clean off your keyboard.
- ✓ Get into the spirit by making a fall inspired potpourri.