

Cleaning Alliance Racewear Suits

Proper cleaning and care for your **racing suit** is extremely important to ensure the durability and integrity through its entire lifecycle. After each session, you should always hang to dry and store it in a suit bag away from harsh sunlight and ultraviolet rays. Even during the chaotic rush of the pits, it may seem like a hassle, but you should always take your suit off if you're working on your car. Grease, oil, fuel, or any other containment can compromise the protection offered by your racing suit.

Typical race suits are constructed of two basic types of fire-retardant material, chemically treated fire resistant cotton (FRC) like Proban or similar man-made materials like Nomex. In some cases, suits can be constructed with a combination of these materials. Before cleaning, it's most important to consider what material your suit is made of. Conflicting opinions exist whether machine washing or dry cleaning is considered the best method, however, Alliance will specify the suggested procedure. The cleaning procedure we recommend should be taken as a general rule and not regarded as what the individual manufacturer recommends.

Cleaning Nomex Racing Suits

Since Nomex fire-resistant material is designed built into the fabric you can worry less about losing the fire-retardant properties over time. It's also okay to machine wash Nomex suits on a delicate cycle in lukewarm or cold water. Make sure to close all your zippers, and fasten the Velcro closures with a stainless steel safety pin to avoid damaging the material. DuPont advises against using ordinary soaps containing acids or alkalis on Nomex material. When you're finished, let the suit hang to dry, indoors out of direct sunlight. Alliance offers an alternative option from **Molecule**. It's a fabric care system specifically formulated and laboratory tested for Nomex material and other technical fabrics. We supply it as an easy-to-use four-step cleaning system or each cleaner can be purchased individually.