

## Heat Press/ Screen Print Care Instructions

1. **Do not dry clean.** The harsh temperature and chemicals that are used during dry clean just do not mix well with heat transfers.
2. **Wash garments inside out.** By turning the shirts, etc inside out, you're giving the vinyl a layer of protection during the wash. While washing and drying clothes, they're rubbing up against each other and that abrasion during washing can cause your vinyl to peel prematurely.
3. **Choose cold or warm water temperature settings for the wash.** When washing shirts that have heat transfers on them, you don't want your water temperature to exceed 178 degrees Fahrenheit. High temperatures can weaken the adhesive on the vinyl which can cause the vinyl to peel or crack.
4. **Use mild detergent.** Detergents that are "green" can be too harsh for the adhesive. You should also avoid bleach and fabric softeners in order to make the vinyl last as long as possible.
5. **Hang dry only.**
6. **Do not iron directly on a heat transfer design.** Just like you never iron directly to the vinyl when applying, you won't ever want to do that after laundering. The high heat on the vinyl will melt the vinyl and or burn the adhesive. Regardless, ironing directly on vinyl is a great way to ruin a shirt. If you must iron the shirt, make sure to use low heat and place a dish towel or cloth over the transfer.