

Damage:



Description of issue:

The silk dress pictured above was cleaned by a drycleaner in Perth and after cleaning yarn slippage was observed. The customer tried to blame the drycleaner because the slippage did not show up until after the cleaning process but the damage had actually happened before that.

The areas where the yarn slippage occurred were across the upper arms and back of the dress. By definition yarn slippage is:

"sliding or shifting of yarns within the weave after tension, stress, or abrasion is applied to the fabric. Yarn slippage occurs when yarns in one direction of a fabric slide over the yarns in the opposite direction. The damage can often resemble a stain or thin area".

The damage originates from local stress and strain on the fabric during wear. Yarns that have been disturbed from conditions of wear alone can be further aggravated from the normal agitation of a cleaning process.

The DLI Encyclopaedia of Drycleaning has further information on this problem and there are also TABs relating to this:

- * Fabrics & Fashions No. 504: Yarn slippage
- * Fabrics & Fashions No. 509: Gold and Silver Metallics
- * TABS No. 335: Metallic Yarn Distortion
- * TABS No. 442: Seam & Yarn Slippage