

DIRTY TRICKS

At Diesel we are never afraid to get dirty, but there are some stains that no one wants to see. Here are our dirty tricks to help you clean up after you go...

...Wild:

- **MUD** – Brush off dried mud, rub with lemon juice, rinse with cold water, then wash at 30°.
- **GRASS** – Rub with alcohol (the type you use for cleaning not drinking) and dust with baby powder, rinse with cold water, then wash at 30° C. For whites, rub in menthol-whitening toothpaste, let sit for an hour, then rinse with warm water before washing.
- **BLOOD** – Rinse with cold water immediately, then soak in cold salt water for several hours before washing at 30°. If dried, apply hydrogen peroxide (available at pharmacies), blot with a paper towel, rinse with cold water, and then wash.

...Hungry:

- **COFFEE** – Rub stain with white vinegar and dish soap, soak in cold water then wash at 30° C.
- **WINE** – Blot excess liquid with a clean cloth. Rinse with cold water and dish soap or try a paste of bicarbonate of soda
- **CHOCOLATE** – Apply a paste of bicarbonate of soda and white vinegar, let sit, then wash at 30° C.
- **TOMATO** – Dab with a mix of white vinegar and washing detergent, gently rub, then rinse before washing at 30° C.

...Sexy:

- **LIPSTICK** – Blot with alcohol (again, the type you use for cleaning not drinking) then wash at 30° C. Repeat if needed.
- **CHEWING GUM** – Place the garment in the freezer overnight. Once hardened, gently scrape off the gum. If a mark remains, rub it with alcohol before washing at 30° C.

...To get creative:

- **PEN** – Blot with alcohol, sprinkle with baby powder to absorb residue, and rinse with cold water before washing at 30° C. For tougher stains, make a paste of bicarbonate of soda and vinegar, apply gently, rub with alcohol, then wash as usual.
- **OIL & GREASE** – Apply dish soap, gently rub, rinse with cold water, then wash at 30°.

Some more general Rules:

- **GO NATURAL** – Use everyday ingredients. Three essential ingredients for your DIY stain kit are: isopropyl alcohol, white vinegar and bicarbonate of soda.
- **ACT FAST** - Don't give stains a chance to ingrain. Having said that, don't worry if you miss the moment – most of these tricks work even 24 hours later.
- **LESS IS MORE** – More detergent doesn't mean cleaner clothes. The excess can leave a residue, making garments look dull and feel stiff. Always follow the dosage guidelines.
- **DROP THE SOFTENER** – Fabric softeners can reduce durability and impact vitality over time. Go without or try a natural alternative.
- **BOOST IT** – Use half your usual amount of detergent and add ½ cup of bicarbonate of soda directly into the drum. It enhances cleaning power, keeps fabrics soft, and helps eliminate lingering odours.