



## GOOD PRACTISES for fire helmet cleaning



### At the **FIRE SCENE**

- ✓ If possible, rinse the helmet with water on site immediately after intervention
- ✓ If not possible to rinse with water, perform a dry pre-cleaning with microfiber cloths directly on site
- ✓ Put your helmet in an isolated area in order to avoid any cross contamination inside the fire truck



### Back to the **FIRE STATION**

- ✓ Clean helmet as soon as possible after soiling following the procedures described below



### Important **RULES**

- ✓ Always wear gloves when handling soiled equipment
- ✓ **Do not use abrasive materials to clean your helmet**
- ✓ Do not use solvent-based products (acetone, alcohol, ...) or softeners to clean your helmet



## SOFT GOODS cleaning procedures

### LEATHER elements – without disassembly

- ✓ Use soapy water on microfiber cloth or wet wipe (pH neutral) to scrub the different helmet components
  - Front leather padding
  - Rear leather padding
  - Leather chinstrap
- ✓ Put helmet to ambient air drying  
*The helmet must be completely dried before returning to service.*



### TEXTILE elements – with disassembly

- ✓ Remove components which are in contact with the firefighter's head (chinstrap, rear and front padding)  
*You can also include the neck curtain.*
- ✓ Put components in a washing machine bag (P/N GA1173)  
*Close the Velcro straps of the paddings.*
- ✓ Put bag in tumbling machine and select a program at 30°C (max. temperature 40°C)  
*Use Clax Plus and Clax 100 Color detergents (Diversey) with the following dosing recommendations:*

Access our disassembly/assembly video at  
<https://gb.msasafety.com/galletproductinfo>

Detergent	Pre Wash (per kg)	Main Wash (per kg)
Clax 100 Color	8 g	8 g
Clax Plus	23 g	28 g

- ✓ Re-install textile components on GALLET F1XF helmet after drying (max. temperature 40°C)  
*The helmet must be completely dried before returning to service.*





### HELMET cleaning procedures

#### MANUAL cleaning procedure – without disassembly

Ingredients: water and soap

- ✓ Remove electronic components from helmet (lights, communication systems, ...)
- ✓ Rinse shell and interior parts (textile, shell, face shield, ocular visor) thoroughly with warm water (about 40°C)
- ✓ Use pH neutral soap and microfiber cloth or sponge (soft side) to scrub the different helmet components
  - Shell and mask attachment bracket
  - Face shield and ocular visor (inner and outer surface)
  - Internal elements (headband, chinstrap, plastic pieces)
  - Neck curtain
- ✓ Rinse thoroughly helmet with warm water (about 40°C)
- ✓ Dry helmet (max. temperature 40°C)
  - Ambient air drying => 24 hours
  - Warm room drying => several hours
  - Drying cabinet (with or without ozone) => 2 hours  
*Maximum level of ozone: 0.2 ppm*

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*The drying times are only an indication. The helmet must be completely dried before returning to service.*



#### MECHANICAL cleaning procedure – without disassembly

Fixed-basket washing machine

- ✓ In case of highly soiled helmets, proceed to manual pre-cleaning with warm water
- ✓ Remove electronic components from helmet (lights, communication systems, ...)
- ✓ Insert complete helmet into washing machine
- ✓ Select program adapted to fire helmets
  - Maximum temperature of 50°C
  - Cycle time between 3 and 8 minutes depending on the selected machine and the soiling level
  - Use the following Diversey products combination through the dosing system of the machine:
    - Suma Jade Pur-Eco L8 detergent with the following dosing: 2 ml per litre of water
    - Suma Med Neutral neutralizer with the following dosing: 0.2 ml per litre of water  
*The neutralizer allows to avoid any detergent residue on the helmet components.*
- ✓ Dry helmet (max. temperature 40°C)
  - Ambient air drying => 24 hours
  - Warm room drying => several hours
  - Drying cabinet (with or without ozone) => 2 hours  
*Maximum level of ozone: 0.2 ppm*

*The drying times are only an indication. The helmet must be completely dried before returning to service.*





### HELMET disinfection procedure

- ✓ In addition to regular cleaning, Diversey Oxivir® Excel™ Broad Spectrum Cleaner and Disinfectant may be used for disinfection. **It is important to follow the cleaning manufacturer's instructions, including contact time to achieve disinfection.**

*For recommendations on the method of application and details on the exact nature of the agents, please refer to the product and safety datasheets on the vendor's website*

*If the indicated disinfectant is not available in your country, please refer to its technical specifications and guidance from your local authorities to find a product with equivalent concentrations of the same active ingredients that can be sourced locally.*
- ✓ If in doubt, soft clothes (headband padding, chinstraps, neck curtains, etc.) should be removed and replaced by new ones. Please refer to the [user manual](#) for references of the corresponding spare parts.

The helmet cleaning and disinfection procedures also apply to other MSA GALLET firefighting helmets (F1 evolutions and F2X-TREM).



Once cleaning and disinfection is completed, **perform complete check of helmet with detailed inspection of each critical component** (suspension, shell, impact liner). Refer to GALLET FIXF Service and Maintenance Manual which details conformity criteria. MSA recommends to have a system for keeping minimal records for their GALLET FIXF helmets in case of repair.

Also visit our website dedicated to **Firefighter Health and Safety** to download our **Whitepaper & Infographics** about **BEST PRACTICES TO HELP REDUCE FIREFIGHTER RISK.**



Access in one click all the documents needed to **ADJUST, USE, MAINTAIN** and **CLEAN** your GALLET FIXF helmet:  
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