



The **Smarter Choice**

Fleece Fabric
Sweatshirts/ Joggers/ Cardigans
(810 / 820 / 850 / 860 / 880)

Fabric Content: 45% Acrylic / 40% Cotton / 15% Polyester
Construction: 300 gsm knitted with brushed back. Acrylic face. Cotton backed.

It is a recognised fact that all knitted fabrics are prone to pilling. The main reason is friction, or rubbing against another object, it is not a fault of the garment.

WEARING – causes of damage to the fabric:

- Sweatshirts are not outer garments like Jackets or Coats, any contact with rough surfaces such as walls, or against concrete will cause a problem.
- Bags or rucksacks rubbing against the fabric.
- School chairs or desks can cause problems if the garment is continually rubbed against them.

WASHING

- Wash the garment inside out, this will help reduce any pills or bobbles that may form, as loose fibres work their way to the surface of the fabric.
- If pilling does occur, remove by hand or device that is designed for that purpose.
- Always wash the garment separately, or with others of similar colour.
- Always use a cool wash (40°C), only using mild detergent. Not too dirty, wash at 30°.
- Some fabric conditioners may harm the garment and increase the possibility of pilling.

DRYING

- Do not tumble dry, the fabric can be damaged and the neck, welt and cuffs can lose their elasticity. The fabric may feel thicker due to the cotton shrinking and damage the acrylic.
- **ALWAYS** dry flat and out of direct sunlight.

IRONING

- **NEVER** iron on the face fabric of the garment, as it will change the appearance of the garment to make it shiny.
- Always iron the inside of the garment.

- Never iron the cuff / welts / neck as it can cause them to become brittle and lose their elasticity.

STORAGE

- Never store in direct sunlight



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Pilling – it's not a manufacturing fault!

We have sourced the best yarns and fabrics possible to enable you to have a garment that will last a long time and give great value for money. We have spent a lot of time and effort ensuring that the garment reaches you in the best condition and this ensures you get the best performance from your David Luke garment.

Pilling is a problem. There are lots of people who don't yet understand this statement. Any knitted fabric is likely to pill; we have tried to outline some basic guidelines in our care information that will dramatically reduce the chance of your David Luke garment pilling if they are followed.

Pilling can be caused by any of below ...

- **EXTERNAL FRICTION:** movement against another fabric, or object. Rucksacks and rough chairs, even walls.
- **WASHING:** the garment at incorrect temperature and / or with other garments that will rub against the garment.
- **TUMBLE DRYING:** the garment at too high a temperature.

Some garments appear to have a nap on the surface. This can happen after a short period of time and is due to loose fibres from the yarn coming to the surface. The yarn, in these cases, is slightly hairier than usual. The hairs disappear after a period of wear and washing. This is similar to the surface of a new carpet when it has been first laid, the loose fibres come to the surface and are vacuumed away.

If the fibres do not wash away, you will need to use a device that has been designed to remove them such as a fuzz away machine or a D-fuzz-it comb. Once the fibre is removed, the garment is unlikely to pill again as long as you follow the care guidelines.

By understanding all these issues and following the guidelines set out, you should be delighted with the performance of your David Luke garment.