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Heads Up! For This Dress

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The garment: Ladies strapless party dress with a shiny gold metallic surface finish. The fabric is a polyester, nylon & spandex blend. The care label simply reads, Professional dryclean short cycle-low heat-use any common organic solvent. There are no International cleanability care symbols.

The problem: After drycleaning the dress almost all the gold pigment finish dissolved resulting in objectionable color change. In this case, further testing reveals that there is risk that the gold finish will soften and begin to fade in any drycleaning solvent.

Whos responsible? The manufacturer, since this dress is labeled as drycleanable and thus must be able to withstand the recommended professional cleaning process.

What to do: This dress should be returned to the place of purchase or manufacturer due to a color defect.



The gold metallic finish on this dress dissolves and flushes away during acceptable drycleaning procedures, leaving mostly the gray base fabric.



This close up view of the dress reveals the lining and stitching threads are still gold but severe loss of the gold finish on the shell fabric occurred during drycleaning.

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