

BEWARE OF CHEAP IMITATIONS – They rarely work out as the best buy in the long term.

Purchasing encasement covers on line can be a risky business.

You should ask your supplier to answer the following simple question. If they won't put it in writing then they are not giving you a guarantee.

HOW MANY TIMES CAN THE ENCASEMENT BE WASHED AT A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 60°C?

The following answers indicate how long the product will last:

10 washes - 14 months

20 washes - 28 months

40 washes - 56 months

Some manufacturers even recommend just wiping the surface". This WILL NOT eradicate dust mites or their allergens and is useless to keep your bed clean.

We are so confident in the quality of our product that we guarantee that the fabric can be washed at least 90 times (about 10 years if washed every 6 weeks) without loss of effectiveness as a barrier to dust mite allergens. And we will put our answer in writing!

THE REGULATIONS

The Allergy UK endorsement is a useful guide to see what products are effective barriers. However they do not test the product for durability or usability and are not a formal UK/EU product approval.

However all products sold in the EU specifically as encasement covers to contain dust mites and their allergens should be registered Class 1 Medical Devices. If they are not then they should not be sold for this purpose. Ask your supplier whether the product they sell has been registered as a Class 1 Medical Device in the EU. If not, why not?

AND FINALLY

Encasements last much, much longer if they are made from woven fibres, not reconstituted fibre.

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