

# **Ironsides Armored Jeans Care Instructions**

Thank you for supporting Tobacco in our mission to make motorcycle gear safer and better looking. You are now the owner of our most protective jeans, Tobacco Ironsides. We love the classic premium denim shell that will get better with age, and the protection of Kevlar® plus pockets for D3O® armor at the knees and hips. We hope you enjoy breaking them in and wearing them out for many miles to come!

Now, let me take a little time and explain some things that don't fit on the care label.

#### **DENIM**

We didn't skimp on materials. Our premium denim is hefty, and strong, and has been pre-washed to improve the feel and reduce the break-in period. With just around 2% stretch, you will feel mobile and comfortable right away. You may notice some slight fading, lines, streaks and markings on the denim, this is part of the wash/rinse process due to the unique qualities of the denim, and give each pair it's own personality. You might notice minimal dye transfer prior to the first one or two washes as well. This is normal behavior for darker denims. Still, as you put your Ironsides through the daily grind they will continue to fade and form to your body, making them completely one of a kind. Enjoy the ride!

## **WASHING**

When it comes to washing denim, the consensus is, less is more. Wear your pants often, and wash only when needed; it's not unusual to go 4-5 months between washes. If you should spill something on your pants, spot clean early and rinse with water. Residue from things like soda, ketchup or other frequently spilled substances can cause corrosion of cotton fabrics. Machine washing is possible but we recommend hand washing all Tobacco jeans inside out with mild detergent, rinse and hang dry away from direct sunlight.

#### **SHRINKAGE and BLEED**

The Ironsides are made from a pre-washed denim, so shrinkage shouldn't be noticeable. Keep in mind that the first wash or two might cause bleed excess dye into the water, and slightly change the look of the denim. To limit this we'd recommend hand-washing or pre-soaking your Ironsides. The denim does contain some elastic stretch, about 2%. After wearing, they may stretch out a little. Post-wash your pants may feel tighter but will loosen up again after a couple wears. This has been accounted for in our design. If you find your jeans being a bit saggy, it might be time for a wash! If you don't want to wash, put your dry jeans in a dryer with a damp towel for 10-15 minutes, that will snug them up.

#### **KEVLAR®**

Kevlar® is extremely durable, abrasion, heat and puncture resistant, it will help prevent some injuries that may occur in a motorcycle accident. Kevlar® is not indestructible. Tobacco products will make you safer on the road but nothing will save you from idiocy, yours or someone else's. Always ride safely. Also, don't tell your buddy that your pants are bullet proof, and then stand there while he shoots you. That would be very stupid. This is not ballistic Kevlar®.

### **D30® ARMOR and POCKETS**

The pockets on the Ironsides are made of polyester sports mesh to be comfortable and breathable. At the hips, insert armor into the pockets narrow side down, then fold the flap of the pocket over the armor to hold in place. At the knee, use the Velcro strips to place your knee pad so it will sit over your knee in the riding position. As you insert the armor, cover the Velcro with your hand to avoid snagging the mesh.