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Wedding dress cleaning and boxing by GownClean Ltd.

You will already know how precious your wedding dress is and how important having your wedding dress cleaned by experts is too but do you realise if you don't store your dress carefully, then it may react to the atmosphere and discolor or collect dust. Never store your beautiful wedding gown in a plastic bag for long periods of time, as this could cause mildew.

Many untreated stains, however minor, will soon become 'set' into the fabric and are likely to cause permanent marking. Some invisible marks, particularly simple drink spills especially sugary drinks, will progressively darken and oxidize with time and become very difficult or impossible to remove later.

cleaning is needed as soon as possible to avoid stains setting. If you are keeping your dress then do consider boxing with acid free tissue in one of our stunning boxes.

Drop off your wedding dress for cleaning at one of our stores or arrange for a collection from your home or workplace.

Approximately **28 day** turn around on most items, an express service is available please ask for details.
(20% surcharge on some express items)

We can supply travel boxes and /or cleaning packages for your wedding abroad too. On return home we can have your dress collected, cleaned and returned back for your UK service or simply cleaned and boxed to preserve your wedding abroad memories.

If you would like to speak to a member of our team please call 01162 38 9991 or request a call back using our contact form.

Why have my wedding dress Cleaned? It's not always obvious when your wedding dress needs cleaning, but if you have worn it, despite your very best attempts to keep it clean on your wedding day, it is inevitable that there will be some dust, grease and dirt embedded into the delicate fabrics of your wedding dress.

Perhaps you're thinking 'Why do I need to get my wedding dress cleaned, it doesn't really look dirty to me?

The answer is quite simply, because your wedding dress is incredibly delicate and special.

If you do not have your wedding dress cleaned properly and stored carefully, it may react to the atmosphere and discolour.

At many weddings drinks get spilt, brides get warm make up rubs off, people stand on your train. It is inevitable that your dress will contain dirt, even if you can not at first see it, and this may damage a wedding dress if not cleaned professionally.

Something to take into consideration when having a wedding dress cleaned, is the way you will store the wedding dress afterwards.

It is also extremely important that your wedding dress is **not** kept in a plastic bag for too long, as even the slightest grain of moisture in such an airless environment can cause mildew to develop on a wedding dress quite quickly.

As you will know if you have ever got mildew growing on any fabric before, it is difficult to near impossible to remove the damage this causes.

Wedding dresses should be stored in a special acid free box with acid free tissue paper to prevent damage and deterioration of the wedding dress caused by pollutants and toxins. Failure to do this correctly can cause the dress to fade or yellow over time.

We strongly recommend having your wedding dress cleaned professionally and stored in a beautiful wedding dress storage box to keep the memories for years to come and maybe who knows pass down to a family member.

Can you get very dirty dresses clean?

Our cleaning results are quite simply Excellent. However the quality of the end result can in most cases depend on the fabric of the dress and the type of staining.

Does Silk clean well?

In most cases silk does clean very well and the majority of stains will be removed. However silk is a natural fibre and as such it retains dye stuffs.

So a stain such as red wine on a silk dress is very difficult to remove (But not impossible depending on age).

Polyester dresses...

In most cases dye stuffs do not "stick" to polyester fabrics and the overall results can be exceptional even with road tar and heavy drink and mud staining we would expect your dress to be almost perfect.

Is my dress just too dirty to send? We will have cleaned over 3,000 wedding dress this year and we have seen it all.

Don't be afraid to send your very dirty wedding dress to us.

It's our job... We love a challenge and our customers love the results... So send in your wedding dress for cleaning - don't worry we have seen it all!

I have a good local cleaner" We know you will probably have a great local dry cleaners.

But they will almost certainly not specialise in wedding gown cleaning and preservation.

How can we trust the Internet?

It is understandable that you may have concerns about sending your dress off to us.

However we can assure you that we take the most care that is

possible and we do work closely with such companies as House of Fraser, Oxfam & many of the top bridal stores throughout the UK.

We collect and deliver back in all of these cities below and all of their nearby towns:-

**Bath, Birmingham, Bradford, Brighton and Hove, Bristol, Cambridge
Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Chichester, Coventry, Derby, Durham, Ely, Exeter
Gloucester, Hereford, Kingston upon Hull, Lancaster, Leeds, Leicester, Lichfield, Lincoln, Liverpool, City of London, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Oxford, Peterborough, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Ripon, Salford, Salisbury, Sheffield, Southampton, St Albans, Stoke-on-Trent, Sunderland, Truro, Wakefield, Wells, Westminster, Winchester, Wolverhampton Worcester, York**

Cities in Wales

**Bangor
Cardiff
Newport
St Davids
Swansea**

Cities in Scotland *

**Aberdeen
Dundee
Edinburgh
Glasgow
Inverness
Stirling**

Cleaning and Preserving your Wedding Dress should be top priority

Why have my dress cleaned it doesn't look dirty?

No matter how hard you may have tried on the big day, your dress will have definitely picked up some soiling from the surroundings you have been in. Even if your dress looks clean chemicals such as hairspray and deodorants can in time affect the fabrics. Drink stains that can dry clear may contain sugar and this will turn brown over time, in a process called oxidisation. Wedding dress cleaning and preservation is the ultimate choice when considering what should be done with the gown. There are many types of cleaning processes but don't be confused as I will try to explain most here for you.

Wedding dress cleaning facts

If wedding dress cleaning is not carried out any untreated stains, however minor, will soon become 'set' into the fabric and are likely to cause permanent marking. Some invisible marks, particularly simple drink spills especially sugary drinks, will progressively darken and oxidize with time and become very difficult or impossible to remove later.

professional cleaners can safely clean all dresses including those labelled SPECIALIST CLEAN, SPOT CLEAN and even 'DO NOT DRY CLEAN'. most have a range of special processes & have a choice of several cleaning machines and different solvents including Perc.

Hydrocarbon

Aqueous

GreenEarth

Rynex

CO2The expert wedding gown cleaner will have many of these at his disposal and when your dress arrives will make the best choice depending on the fabric and the level of staining on your dress.

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If your intent is to sell your lovely wedding gown then a good option would be to store it in an economy range wedding dress storage box. This serves two main purposes. No1. it protects the dress and No2. It is a good selling point as the box can be used to store the dress in by the potential buyer until their own big day. OH and No3. they are easy to carry and store away.

Premium Storage boxes

Standard size Premium wedding dress storage box (Casper gold)

This option is a real keep sake box.. The boxes that GownClean Ltd. (UK) use are certainly robust milled PH neutral Card. A choice of around 20 covering are also available from their website. the boxes come in several sizes to fit the style of wedding dress you have. For instance you may have a Large Princess style dress that needs extra room when folded. There is a box size for this. Likewise a smaller box is available for slim style **wedding gowns**.

Sample Box coverings

Insurance

Do make sure that your wedding gown is insured whilst in transit to your preferred wedding dress cleaners. All reputable wedding dress cleaning companies will offer insurance however if your Gown is worth over £2000 please do check if the standard insurance does cover you?

Cleaning Only

wedding dress cleaning by GownClean

Cleaning only is also an option for you if the cost of boxing is too high and you just want a clean (you may already have your box). Companies such as GownClean Ltd. offer this service level too.

Sending the dress

Collection & delivery from most areas of the UK

You will need to make sure your wedding dress is packaged well for the transit to the cleaners. Pack your dress inside a strong plastic bag and then inside a cardboard box.

Do not forget to place your own details inside the box with your dress! Some website have PDF labels for you to print out but in any case the courier firm will have their own label which they will attach to the box upon collection from you.

GownClean Ltd. do collect and deliver on any weekday in all areas of the UK.

but at this time not Northern Ireland as the costs involved are not viable.
