

## Steam pleated & sewn pleated curtains Comparison after washing and dry cleaning

### Introduction

Pleated curtains not only offer functionality as class dividers, they are also attractive components that accent the overall appearance of the aircraft cabin. Lantal conducted washing and dry cleaning tests with steam pleated and sewn pleated curtains for performance comparison purposes.

### Sewn pleated curtains



Original sewn pleated curtain



Appearance after washing  
5 times at 40°C in a net bag



Appearance after washing  
10 times at 40°C in a net bag and  
3 times dry cleaning in a net bag

Steam pleated curtains



Original steam pleated curtain



Appearance after washing  
5 times at 40°C in a net bag



Appearance after washing  
10 times at 40°C in a net bag and  
3 times dry cleaning in a net bag

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**Advantages of steam pleated curtains versus sewn pleated curtains**

- Permanent pleats assure a perfect look across the curtain's lifetime
- Pleats always retain their same good shape even after numerous cleaning cycles
- No pleat distortion due to yarn contraction, the pleats remain straight and uniform, even when tied back
- Easy to maintain, no additional ironing needed after cleaning

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**Conclusion**

Lantal recommends steam pleated curtains for all of the above-mentioned reasons.