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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for treating material with a treatment composition in a water-soluble pouch, whereby firstly a part of the composition is applied to the material by partially opening the pouch to allow dispensing of part of the treatment composition, and subsequently the material and the remaining of the pouched composition are washed in water. Preferred is a method whereby the pouch has at least two compartments and one compartment, comprising a liquid composition, is opened and the liquid composition is rubbed onto the material or preferably fabric, where after the remaining of the pouch (including the still closed compartment and composition therein) are added to the wash water, for example a washing machine.

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(1-10) - complete, (12-17) - partially

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A method for treating a material (e.g. fabric) with a treatment composition which is comprised in a water-soluble pouch, involving the steps of:

- (a) opening at least a part of the pouch and dispensing part of the treatment composition onto the material;
- (b) adding the material of step (a) and the remaining of the pouched treatment composition to an aqueous bath, thereby dispensing the remaining of the pouched treatment composition.

A unit-dose pouched treatment composition for said method, preferably a laundry detergent composition, having at least one compartment made of a water-soluble film and having an area of weakness, said compartment comprising a liquid composition.

2. Claims: 11 - complete, (12-17) - partially

A unit-dose pouched treatment composition, preferably a laundry detergent, having at least a first compartment comprising a liquid composition and a second compartment comprising a solid composition, whereby the top wall of the second compartment is the bottom wall of the first compartment and the second compartment is characterised by the height of the side walls and the angle of connection to the top wall.

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