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Standard Specification for Woven High Stretch Fabrics Used in Apparel¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the performance requirements for woven high stretch fabrics used in apparel.

1.2 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods described in this performance specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.3 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents (see Note 1)

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D123 Terminology Relating to Textiles

D2905 Practice for Statements on Number of Specimens for Textiles (Withdrawn 2008)³

D3107 Test Methods for Stretch Properties of Fabrics Woven from Stretch Yarns

D3775 Test Method for End (Warp) and Pick (Filling) Count of Woven Fabrics

D3776 Test Methods for Mass Per Unit Area (Weight) of Fabric

D7022 Terminology Relating to Apparel (Withdrawn 2022)³

2.2 *AATCC Test Methods:*⁴

TM8 Colorfastness to Crocking: AATCC Crockmeter

TM15 Colorfastness to Perspiration

TM16.3 Colorfastness to Light: Xenon-Arc

TM61 Colorfastness to Laundering: Accelerated

TM81 pH of the Water-Extraction from West Processed Textiles

TM109 Colorfastness to Ozone in the Atmosphere under Low Humidity's

TM116 Colorfastness to Crocking: Rotary Vertical Crockmeter

TM132 Colorfastness to Drycleaning

TM135 Dimensional Changes of Fabrics after Home Laundering

TM158 Dimensional Changes on Drycleaning in Perchloroethylene: Machine

TM172 Colorfastness to Powdered Non-Chlorine Bleach in Home Laundering

EP1 Gray Scale for Color Change

EP2 Gray Scale for Staining

EP8 AATCC 9-Step Chromatic Transference Scale

M11 A Glossary of AATCC Standard Terminology

2.3 *Other Documents:*⁵

16 CFR 1610 Standard for Flammability of Clothing Textiles

NOTE 1—Reference to test methods in this specification give only the permanent part of the designation of ASTM, AATCC, or other test methods. The current editions of each test method cited shall prevail.

3. Terminology

3.1 For all terminology related to Apparel see Terminology D7022.

3.1.1 The following terms are relevant to this standard: woven high stretch fabric.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

⁴ Available from American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC), P.O. Box 12215, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, http://www.aatcc.org.

⁵ Available from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

3.2 For definitions of all other textile terms, refer to Terminology **D123**.

3.3 For terms relating to chemical or colorfastness testing, refer to specific AATCC test methods, or the Glossary of AATCC Standard Terminology.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 Upon mutual agreement between the purchaser and the supplier, woven high stretch fabrics used in apparel should meet all of the requirements listed in **Table 1** of this specification.

4.2 It is recognized that, for purposes of fashion or aesthetics, the ultimate consumer of articles made from these fabrics may find acceptable products that do not conform to all

of the requirements listed in **Table 1**. Therefore, one or more of the requirements in **Table 1** may be modified by mutual agreement between the purchaser and the supplier.

4.2.1 In such cases, any references to the specifications should specify that: “This product meets ASTM specifications XXXX except for the following characteristic(s).”

4.3 Where no pre-purchase agreement has been reached between the purchaser and supplier, and in case of controversy, the requirements listed in **Table 1** are intended to be used as a guide only. As noted in 4.2, ultimate consumer demands dictate varying performance parameters for a particular product.

4.4 The uses and significance of particular properties and test methods are discussed in the appropriate sections of the specified test methods.

TABLE 1 Specification Requirements

Characteristic	Requirements		Section
	One-Way Stretch	Two-Way Stretch	
Dimensional Change to Home Laundering 3 Cycles	±3 %	±5 %	7.1.1
Dimensional Change to Drycleaning 1 Cycle	±2 %		7.1.2
Colorfastness to Accelerated Laundering-General ⁴			7.2.1
Color change		Grade 4	
Staining		Grade 3	
Colorfastness to Drycleaning			
Color Change		Grade 4	
Staining		Grade 3	
Colorfastness to Non-chlorine Bleach			
Color change		Grade 4	7.2.3
Colorfastness to Crocking ⁴			7.2.4
Dry		Grade 4	
Wet		Grade 3	
Colorfastness to Crocking ⁴ —Raised Surfaces, Dark shades or Pigment			7.2.4
Dry		Grade 3	
Wet		Grade 2	
Colorfastness to Perspiration ⁴			7.2.5
Color Change		Grade 4	
Staining		Grade 3	
Colorfastness to Light, 20 AFUs		Grade 4	7.2.6
Colorfastness to Ozone (one cycle) Bleached Denim and Indigo Fabrics Only		Grade 4	7.2.7
Stretch Properties			7.3
Stretch percentage		report actual	
Growth		5 % maximum	
Recovery		minimum 80 %	
Fabric Count	Report actual or ±5 % tolerance if a specific count is claimed		7.4
Fabric Weight		Record actual	7.5
pH			
Wool, nylon		4.5 – 7.0	7.6
White		5.5 – 6.5	
All Other		6.0 – 8.0	
Flammability		Class 1	7.7

⁴See **Note 3**.

5. Sampling

5.1 *Acceptance Testing Lot*—Unless agreed otherwise, consider as a lot for acceptance testing all material of a single item as a single shipment.

5.2 *Lot Samples and Laboratory Samples*—For acceptance testing, take lot samples and laboratory samples as directed by each of the applicable test methods.

5.3 *Specimens*—Take the number of specimens directed in each of the applicable test methods. Perform the tests on the finished fabrics representative of product as it reaches the consumer.

5.3.1 If the applicable test method does not specify the number of specimens, use the procedures in Practice D2905 to determine the number of specimens per laboratory sample unit.

5.3.2 Use a reliable estimate of the variability of individual observations on similar materials in the user's laboratory, a 95 % probability level, and an allowable difference of 5 % of units and the average for the laboratory sampling unit.

5.3.3 The average for a laboratory sampling unit is the average that would be obtained by applying the test method to all of the potential specimens from the laboratory sampling unit.

6. Specification Requirements

6.1 The properties of high stretch fabrics used in apparel shall conform to the specification requirements of Table 1.

7. Test Method

7.1 Dimensional Change:

7.1.1 *Laundering*—Determine the dimensional change after laundering as directed in AATCC TM135.

NOTE 2—After drying, non durable-press items may be hand-pressed as directed in AATCC TM135, to eliminate wrinkles before measuring.

7.1.2 *Drycleaning*—Determine the dimensional change after dry cleaning as directed in AATCC TM158.

7.2 Colorfastness:

7.2.1 *Laundering*—Determine the colorfastness to accelerated laundering as directed in Test 2A of AATCC TM61, or if applicable, one of the other conditions of that test method.

NOTE 3—It has been reported that the results for staining, obtained by standard AATCC Test Methods, on fabrics dyed to dark shades that contain a combination of polyester and spandex, or their blends, may not show the full staining propensity of such fabrics in consumer use. It is, therefore, recommended that the staining results obtained by these tests not be used for acceptance testing of such fabrics.

7.2.1.1 Use Multifiber Test Fabric and evaluate all fibers.

7.2.2 *Drycleaning*—Determine the colorfastness of drycleaning as directed in AATCC TM132.

7.2.3 Determine the colorfastness to non-chlorine bleach as directed in the applicable procedures of AATCC TM172.

7.2.4 *Crocking*—Determine the colorfastness to wet and dry crocking as directed in AATCC TM8 for solid shades and AATCC TM116 for small prints (see Note 3).

7.2.5 *Perspiration*—Determine the colorfastness of perspiration as directed in AATCC TM15 (see Note 3).

7.2.6 *Light*—Determine colorfastness to light as directed in AATCC TM16.3, Test Option 3 – Xenon Arc Lamp, Continuous Light, Black Panel.

7.2.7 *Ozone*—For bleached or indigo denim fabrics, determine the colorfastness to ozone as directed in AATCC TM109.

7.3 *Stretch Properties*—Determine the amount of stretch, growth and recovery as directed in Test Methods D3107.

7.4 *Fabric Count*—Determine the fabric count as directed in Test Method D3775.

7.5 *Fabric Weight*—Determine the fabric mass (weight) as directed in Test Methods D3776

7.6 *pH*—Determine the pH (acidity or alkalinity level) as directed in AATCC 81.

7.7 *Flammability*—The flammability requirements shall be as regulated by applicable government mandatory standards. 16 CFR 1610.

8. Keywords

8.1 apparel; fabrics; high stretch; performance specification

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