Standard Specification for Wool Felt¹

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1. Scope

- 1.1 This specification covers all standard types of wool and part-wool felt in the form of rolls and sheets that are suitable for mechanical use. Certain special-purpose felts are also covered.
- 1.2 This specification is not applicable to felt-like products that utilize weaving, knitting, stitching, or bonding such as papermaker's felt.
- 1.3 Trade practice in the felt industry deals in pounds, yards, and inches, therefore the values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values in SI units are provided as information only.
- 1.3.1 The specification referenced in 2.2 uses only inchpound units.

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 ASTM Standards:
- D 123 Terminology Relating to Textiles²
- D 461 Test Methods for Felt²
- 2.2 Federal Standard:
- C-F-206, Felt Sheet: Cloth Felt, Wool, Pressed³
- 2.3 Felt Manufacturers Council:
- FS14-68/71 Wool Felt Standard Specifications⁴
- 2.4 SAE Standard:
- J314b Felts-Wool and Part Wool⁵ of standards/sist/2

3. Terminology

- 3.1 Definitions:
- 3.1.1 *black felt*, *n*—those classifications of felt manufactured to various shades of the color black.
- 3.1.2 *felt*, *n*—a textile structure characterized by interlocking and consolidation of its constituent fibers achieved by the interaction of a suitable combination of mechanical energy, chemical action, moisture, and heat but without the use of weaving, knitting, stitching, thermal bonding, or adhesives.
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- ² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 07.01.
- ³ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.
- 4 Available from the Northern Textile Association, 230 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02110.
- ⁵ Available from the Society of Automotive Engineers, 2 Pennsylvania Plaza, New York, NY 10001.

- 3.1.2.1 *Discussion*—In practice, light needling or tacking may be used to supplement the ability of the fibers to interlock and consolidate.
- 3.1.3 *gray felt*, *n*—a blend of white fibers with naturally colored or dyed fibers or both and that has an overall gray appearance.
- 3.1.4 *needled felt*, *n*—a textile structure composed entirely of fibers physically interlocked and reoriented through the action of felting needles.
- 3.1.5 orthopedic and surgical felt, n—a white, soft, low density, highly resilient felt.
- 3.1.5.1 *Discussion*—Such felts are commonly used in splint pads, abdominal supports, orthopedic devices, and fracture cast linings as well as other medical applications.
- 3.1.6 papermaker's felt, n—a fabric, made from wool or man-made fibers or mixtures of both, fabricated as an endless belt for use on a paper making machine. (See also felt and needled felt.)
- 3.1.6.1 *Discussion*—Papermaker's felt received its name because it replaced the sheets of felt used in squeezing the water from newly formed, manually made sheets of paper. Some finished papermaker's felts have matted surfaces similar to wool felts.
- 3.1.7 part wool felt, n—a felt composed of any one of or a combination of new and recycled wool fibers mixed with one or more man-made fibers, vegetable fibers, or animal fibers other than wool.
- 3.1.8 recycled wool, n— as defined in the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 as amended in 1980,6 "the resulting fiber when wool has been woven or felted into a wool product which, without ever having been utilized in any way by the ultimate consumer, subsequently has been made into a fibrous state, or the resulting fiber when wool or reprocessed wool has been spun, woven, knitted or felted into a wool product which, after having been used in any way by the ultimate consumer, subsequently has been made into a fibrous state."
- 3.1.8.1 *Discussion*—In the amended Act of 1980, the term "recycled wool" replaced the terms "reprocessed wool" and "reused wool."
- 3.1.9 *specialty felt*, *n*—one of a number of special purpose felt structures available for, but not limited to, a specific end-use application.

⁶ Act of Congress, "Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939," 76th Congress, Third Session, approved October 14, 1939, the amended Act of 1980.



- 3.1.9.1 *Discussion*—Orthopedic and surgical felts are examples of specialty felts. Additional information on these types is available in NTA Specifications FS14-68/71.
- 3.1.10 *specific gravity*, n— *of felt*, the relative mass per unit volume of felt expressed as a percentage of the mass per unit volume of water.
- 3.1.11 *supported needled felt*, *n*—a needled felt that is composed entirely of fibers physically interlocked and reoriented in combination with interlay, scrim, or foundation of knitted, stitched, bonded, or extruded structure.
- 3.1.12 unsupported needled felt, n—a needled felt that is composed entirely of fibers physically interlocked and reoriented with, and of themselves without an interlay, scrim, or foundation of knitted, stitched, bonded, or extruded structure.
- 3.1.13 *white wool*, *n*—wool having shade variations from true white to creamy white but free of pigmented, dyed, or otherwise colored wools.
- 3.1.13.1 *Discussion*—The shade variations in white wool can be caused by range conditions including forage, soil, rain, or lack thereof as well as the health of the animal.
- 3.1.14 *wool*, *n*—the fibrous covering of the sheep, *Ovis* species.
- 3.1.15 wool, n—as defined in the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939, "the fiber from the fleece of sheep or lamb, or hair of the Angora goat or Cashmere goat (and may include the so called specialty fibers from the hair of the camel, alpaca, llama, and vicuna) which has never been reclaimed from any woven or felted wool product."

- 3.1.15.1 *Discussion*—For the purpose of this standard, the term "wool" includes both wool as defined in the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 as well as recycled wool as defined in the amended Act of 1980.
- 3.1.16 *wool content*, *n*—the quantity of new and recycled wool, as defined in the Wool Products Labeling Act, which is determined by chemical analysis.
- 3.1.16.1 *Discussion*—Felt 34R1, as an example, which theoretically is made from 100 % wool fiber, may contain incidental amounts of other natural or man-made fibers, residual wool fats and oils, and processing soaps which may reduce the actual wool content on the chemical analysis basis to 95 %.
- 3.1.17 *wool felt*, *n*—a felt composed wholly of any one of or a combination of new or recycled wool fibers.
- 3.1.18 For definitions of other textile terms, refer to Terminology D 123.

4. Types of Felts

- 4.1 ASTM Classification:
- 4.1.1 The ASTM Classification number in Tables 1-3 is the percent specific gravity of that class. It may be computed from the mass (weight), thickness, and area values in these tables. This number is followed by the letter R or S, which designates the method of manufacture as roll or sheet form, respectively. The last digit is the overall quality index in decreasing order of quality from one to four (see Note 1).

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TABLE 1 Wool Roll and Sheet Felt Corresponding Classifications—Properties and General Description

	Corresponding Classifications		Compo- sition	Chemical Requirements					Ph	ysical Re	equirem	ents	General Description			
ASTM (NTA) Classifi- cation ^A	SAE J314b	Fed. Spec. C-F- 206	Content C. Chemical		Water	t and	Ash, - max %	Min. Tensile Strength,		Min. Split Resistance			Normal Width		Thickness: Available Range	
					Extract max %			psi	kPa	lbf/2 in. width	N/50 mm width	Color	in.	cm	in.	mm
14R1			40	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.5					white	72	183	0.125-0.500	3.17–12.7
17R1			45	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.5					white	72	183	0.125-1.000	3.17-25.4
17R2	F26	8R5	45	8.0	6.0	14.0	5.0					gray	72	183	0.125-1.000	3.17-25.4
18R1	F10	9R1	95	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.5	225	1551	8	35	white	72	183	0.063-1.000	1.60-25.4
18R2	F11	9R2	87	3.0	2.5	4.5	3.0	200	1379	6	26	gray	72	183	0.063-1.000	1.60-25.4
18R3	F12	9R3	85	4.0	2.5	6.5	3.5	100	690	3	13	gray	72	183	0.063-1.000	
18R4	F13	9R4	75	4.0	4.0	8.0	3.5	75	517	2	9	gray	72	183	0.063-1.000	
18R5	F15	9R5	55	4.0	5.0	9.0	4.0	75	517	2	9	gray	72	183	0.063-1.000	
26R1	F5	12R1	95	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.0	400	2758	18	79	white	60	152	0.063-1.000	
26R2	F6	12R2	87	2.5	2.5	4.5	2.5	275	1896	16	71	gray	60 or 72		0.063-1.000	
26R3	F7	12R3	80	3.0	4.0	7.0	3.0	250	1724	12	53	gray	72	183	0.063-1.000	
26R3X	F55	12R3X		4.0	4.0	8.0	3.0	200	1379			gray	60 or 72		0.063-0.094	
34R1	F1	16R1	95	2.5	2.5	3.0	1.5	500	3448	33	147	white	60	152	0.125-1.000	
34R1X 34R2	F50 F2	16R1X 16R2	95 90	2.5 2.5	2.5 2.5	3.0 4.0	1.5 2.0	500 500	3448 3448	 28	 124	white	60 60	152 152	0.047-0.092 0.047-1.000	
34R2	F3	16R2	90 85	2.5	3.0	4.0	2.5	400	2758	20	97	not blk or gray	60	152	0.125-1.000	
34R3X		16R3X		2.5	2.5	4.5	2.5	300	2069			gray gray	60 or 72		0.047-0.094	
38R1		18R1	95	2.5	2.5	3.0	1.5	600	4137	 35	 154	white	60	152 01 103	0.125-0.500	
38R2			95	2.5	2.5	3.0	2.5	550	3792	30	132	gray	60	152	0.125-0.500	
26S1		12S1	95	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.5	400	2758	18	79	white	36	91	0.125-3.000	
26S4			95	2.5	2.5	4.0	2.0	300	2069	16	71	gray	36	91	0.125-3.000	
34S1		16S1	95	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.5	500	3448	32	141	white	36	91	0.125-3.000	
34S2		16S3	95	2.5	2.5	3.5	2.0	400	2758	28	124	white	36	91	0.125-3.000	
34S3		16S4	95	2.5	2.5	4.0	2.5	300	2069	20	89	white	36	91	0.125-3.000	
34\$4			95	2.5	2.5	3.5	2.0	400	2758	22	97	gray	36	91	0.125-3.000	3.17-76.2
43S1		20S1	95	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.5	500	3448	44	196	white	36	91	0.125-3.000	3.17-76.2
43S2		20S3	95	2.5	2.5	3.5	2.0	400	2758	40	178	white	36	91	0.125-3.000	3.17-76.2
43\$3		20\$4	95	2.5	2.5	4.0	2.5	300	2069	32	142	white	36	91	0.125-3.000	3.17-76.2
43S4			95	2.5	2.5	3.5	2.0	400	2758	36	160	gray	7 36	91	0.125-3.000	3.17-76.2
56S1		26S1	95	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.5	600	4137	48	212	white	36	91	0.125-3.000	3.17-76.2
56S2		26S3	95	2.5	2.5	3.5	2.0	500	3448	46	205	white	36	91	0.125-3.000	3.17-76.2
56S3		26S4	95	2.5	2.5	4.0	2.5	400	2758	36	160	white	36	91	0.125-3.000	3.17-76.2
56S4			95	2.5	2.5	3.5	2.0	400	2758	40	178	gray	36	91	0.125-3.000	
68S1		32S1	95	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.5 🗸	600	4137	50	222	white	36	91	0.125-2.500	
68S2	ittms://	32S3	95	2.5	2.5	3.5	2.0	500	3448	3 48	212	natural o	36	7a63 91ast	0.125-3.000	
68S3	mps.//	32\$4	95	2.5	2.5	4.0	2.5	400	2758	40	178	natural	36	91	0.125-3.000	
68S4			95	2.5	2.5	3.5	2.0	400	2758	46	205	gray	36	91	0.125-2.500	3.17–63.5

^A NTA refers to Northern Textile Association.



TABLE 2 Wool Roll Felt Thicknesses and Weights

 $No{\scriptsize TE}\ 1\\ -- The\ F-50,\ F-51,\ and\ F-55\ classifications\ are\ available\ in\ limited\ thickness\ ranges.\ See\ Table\ 1.$

ASTM	0.4-	Fed. Spec. C-F-206	Color	Trade Designa-	Thickness Tolerances							Mass (Weight) Per Unit Area			
(NTA) Classifi-	SAE F J314b				Nominal	Inches		Nominal	Millimetres			Nominal ⁻		Tolerances	
cation						Roll	Cutparts	Nominal	Roll	Cutparts	lb	/yd²	k	g/m²	
14R1			White	Soft Pad	0.125	± 0.040	± 0.048	3.18	± 1.02	± 1.22	0.83	± 0.10	0.45	± 0.05	
					0.250	0.056	0.046	6.35	1.42	1.63	1.65	0.20	0.90	0.11	
					0.375	0.072	0.082	9.53	1.83	2.08	2.48	0.30	1.35	0.16	
					0.500	0.072	0.098	12.70	2.24	2.49	3.30	0.40	1.79	0.22	
17R1			White	Soft Pad	0.125	0.040	0.044	3.18	1.02	1.12	0.9	0.09	0.49	0.0	
17R2	F-26	8R5	Gray	Oon raa	0.250	0.056	0.062	6.35	1.42	1.58	1.8	0.18	0.98	0.1	
17112	. 20	OKS	Glay		0.375	0.072	0.079	9.53	1.83	2.01	2.7	0.27	1.47	0.1	
					0.500	0.088	0.098	12.70	2.24	2.49	3.6	0.36	1.95	0.2	
					0.750	0.120	0.135	19.05	3.05	3.43	5.4	0.54	2.93	0.29	
					1.000	0.152	0.133	25.40	3.86	4.32	7.2	0.72	3.91	0.39	
18R1	F-10	9R1	White	Firm Pad	0.125	0.020	0.023	3.18	0.51	0.58	1.06	0.72	0.58	0.04	
18R2	F-11	9R2	Gray	Firm Pad	0.123	0.023	0.026	4.78	0.58	0.66	1.59	0.12	0.86	0.07	
18R3	F-12	9R3	Gray	Firm Pad	0.250	0.026	0.020	6.35	0.66	0.79	2.12	0.12	1.15	0.0	
18R4	F-13	9R4	Gray	Firm Pad	0.230	0.020	0.031	7.95	0.74	0.73	2.65	0.10	1.44	0.0	
18R5	F-15	9R5	Gray	Firm Pad	0.375	0.029	0.035	9.53	0.74	0.84	3.18	0.24	1.73	0.1	
IONS	1-13	313	Gray	I IIIII Fau	0.500	0.032	0.030	12.70	0.81	1.12	4.24	0.24	2.31	0.1	
					0.625	0.036	0.044	15.88	1.12	1.12	5.30	0.32	2.89	0.1	
					0.023	0.050	0.060	19.05	1.12	1.52	6.36	0.48	3.46	0.2	
					0.750	0.056	0.065	22.23	1.42	1.65	7.42	0.46	4.03	0.2	
					1.000	0.056				1.78			4.03	0.3	
OD4		40D4	\ \ / / / - : 4 -	F., Finns David			0.070	25.40	1.58		8.48	0.64			
26R1	F-5	12R1	White	Ex Firm Pad	0.063	0.007	0.012	1.60	0.18	0.31	0.75	0.04	0.41	0.0	
6R2	F-6	12R2	Gray	Ex Firm Pad	0.094	0.007	0.012	2.39	0.18	0.31	1.12	0.05	0.61	0.0	
26R3	F-7	12R3	Gray	Ex Firm Pad &	0.125	0.014	0.016	3.18	0.36	0.41	1.53	0.08	0.83	0.0	
ODOV.		40D0V		Gray or Black	0.188	0.016	0.018	4.78	0.41	0.46	2.29	0.12	1.24	0.0	
26R3X	F-55	12R3X		Lining	0.250	0.018	0.020	6.35	0.46	0.51	3.06	0.16	1.66	0.0	
					0.313	0.020	0.022	7.95	0.51	0.56	3.82	0.20	2.07	0.1	
					0.375	0.022	0.025	9.53	0.56	0.64	4.59	0.24	2.49	0.1	
					0.500	0.026	0.029	12.70	0.66	0.74	6.12	0.32	3.32	0.1	
					0.625	0.030	0.033	15.88	0.76	0.84	7.65	0.40	4.15	0.2	
					0.750	0.034	0.038	19.05	0.86	0.97	9.18	0.48	4.98	0.2	
					0.875	0.038	0.042	22.23	0.97	1.07	10.71	0.56	5.82	0.3	
		4004			1.000	0.042	0.046	25.40	1.07	1.17	12.24	0.64	6.65	0.3	
34R1	F-1	16R1	White	Backcheck &	0.047	0.007	0.010	1.19	0.18	0.25	0.75	0.04	0.41	0.0	
34R1X	F-50	16R1X	White	Ball Bearing	0.063	0.007	0.010	1.60	0.18	0.25	0.98	0.04	0.53	0.0	
34R2	F-2	16R2		Backcheck	0.078	0.007	0.010	1.98	0.18	0.25	1.20	0.04	0.65	0.0	
		4000	or Gray	5	0.094	0.007	2 4 0.011 8	2.39	0.18	0.28	1.43	0.04	0.78	0.0	
34R3	F-3	16R3	Gray	Backcheck &	0.125	0.012	0.015	3.18	0.31	0.38	2.00	0.10	1.09	0.0	
34R3X	SF-51 an	16R3X	Gray Cal	Ball Bearing	CALL DELG OF	0.013	0.017	4.78	0.33	8 0.43	3.00	0.15	1.63	-8 0.0	
					0.250	0.014	0.020	6.35	0.36	0.51	4.00	0.20	2.17	0.1	
					0.313	0.015	0.021	7.95	0.38	0.53	5.00	0.25	2.72	0.1	
					0.375	0.016	0.023	9.53	0.41	0.58	6.00	0.30	3.26	0.1	
					0.500	0.019	0.025	12.70	0.48	0.64	8.00	0.40	4.34	0.2	
					0.625	0.022	0.027	15.88	0.56	0.69	10.00	0.50	5.43	0.2	
					0.750	0.025	0.030	19.05	0.64	0.76	12.00	0.60	6.52	0.3	
					0.875	0.028	0.035	22.23	0.71	0.89	14.00	0.70	7.60	0.3	
					1.000	0.031	0.040	25.40	0.79	1.02	16.00	0.80	8.69	0.4	
38R1		18R1	White	Laundry	0.125	0.012	0.015	3.18	0.31	0.38	2.25	0.10	1.22	0.0	
38R2			Gray		0.188	0.013	0.017	4.78	0.33	0.43	3.38	0.15	1.84	0.0	
					0.250	0.014	0.020	6.35	0.36	0.51	4.50	0.20	2.44	0.1	
					0.313	0.015	0.021	7.95	0.38	0.53	5.63	0.25	3.06	0.1	
					0.375	0.016	0.023	9.53	0.41	0.58	6.75	0.30	3.67	0.1	
					0.500	0.019	0.025	12.70	0.48	0.64	9.00	0.40	4.89	0.2	

TABLE 3 Wool Sheet Felt: Thickness and Mass (Weight)

		Thickness, in.				Thickness, m	m	Mass (We	eight) lb/yd²	Mass (Weight) kg/m ²	
ASTM (NTA) Class	Color	Nominal	Tolerances		Nominal	Tolei	rances	Nominal	Tolerances	NIiI	Tolerances
2.400		Nominai	Sheets	Cut Parts	Nominai	Sheets	Cut Parts	Nonlinai	Tolerances	Nominal	Tolerances
26S1	White	0.125	± 0.014	± 0.016	3.17	± 0.35	± 0.41	1.50	± 0.10	0.81	± 0.05
26S4	Gray	0.188	0.016	0.018	4.78	0.41	0.46	2.25	0.15	1.22	0.08
		0.250	0.020	0.022	6.35	0.51	0.56	3.00	0.20	1.63	0.11
		0.313	0.022	0.024	7.95	0.56	0.61	3.75	0.25	2.04	0.14
		0.375	0.024	0.026	9.52	0.61	0.66	4.50	0.30	2.44	0.16
		0.500	0.030	0.032	12.70	0.76	0.81	6.00	0.40	3.26	0.22