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Standard Test Method for Distortion of Yarn in Woven Fabrics¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the measurement of yarn distortion of one set of yarns over the other in woven cloth following the application of surface friction. This test method especially is applicable to open-weave fabrics, such as nettings, marquisettes, gauzes, chiffons, and heavier fabrics made from slippery surface yarns.

NOTE 1—For the determination of yarn slippage in woven fabrics, refer to Test Method D 434.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The inch-pound units given in parentheses are provided for information only.

1.3 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 123 Terminology Relating to Textiles²
- D 434 Test Method for Resistance of Slippage of Yarns in Woven Fabrics Using a Standard Seam²
- D 1776 Practice for Conditioning Textiles for Testing²

2.2 Federal Standard:

- Federal Test Method Standard 191—Method 5410 Slippage Resistance of Yarns in Cloth, Yarn Distortion Method³

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this test method, refer to Terminology D 123.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *yarn distortion, n*—in woven fabrics, a condition in which the symmetrical surface appearance of a fabric is altered by the shifting or sliding of warp or filling yarns.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 A specimen is subjected to a specified shearing force acting in the plane of the fabric. The degree to which the force causes yarns to shift distorting the original symmetry of the weave is taken as a measure of ease of yarn distortion in the fabric. The degree of distortion is reported in terms of the widest opening, measured in hundredths of an inch.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method is considered satisfactory for acceptance testing of commercial shipments because current estimates of between-laboratory precision are acceptable and the method has been used extensively in the trade for acceptance testing.

5.2 In cases of dispute, the statistical bias, if any, between the laboratory of the purchaser and the laboratory of the seller should be determined, with each comparison being based on testing randomized specimens from one sample of fabric.

5.3 This test method is used as an indication of the propensity of yarns to shift or distort in a fabric. Such distortions are objectionable due to the resulting changes in appearance. These appearance changes are sometimes referred to as “finger marks” or “shift marks.”

5.4 It is recommended that fabrics be tested in their original condition and also after laundering or drycleaning, or both, depending upon the intended use of the material.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Fabric Shift Tester*,⁴ as shown in Fig. 1, including:

6.1.1 *Cylindrical Rubber Friction Drums*, consisting of a pair of rubber drums mounted one above the other on the tester in such a way that the specimen may be inserted between their two circular contacting surfaces. Each drum shall be 19 mm (0.75 in.) in diameter and have a Shore Durometer hardness of 55 to 60 (A scale). The lower drum shall be 51 mm (2 in.) in length, fastened to the platform of the apparatus. Facilities shall

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 07.01.

³ Available from General Services Administrations, Specification and Consumer Information and Distribution Section (WFSIS), Washington, Navy Yard, Building 197, Washington, DC 20407.

⁴ The United States Testing Company, Inc., 1415 Park Ave., Hoboken, NJ 07030. The apparatus is described in Federal Test Method Standard 191-Method 5410.

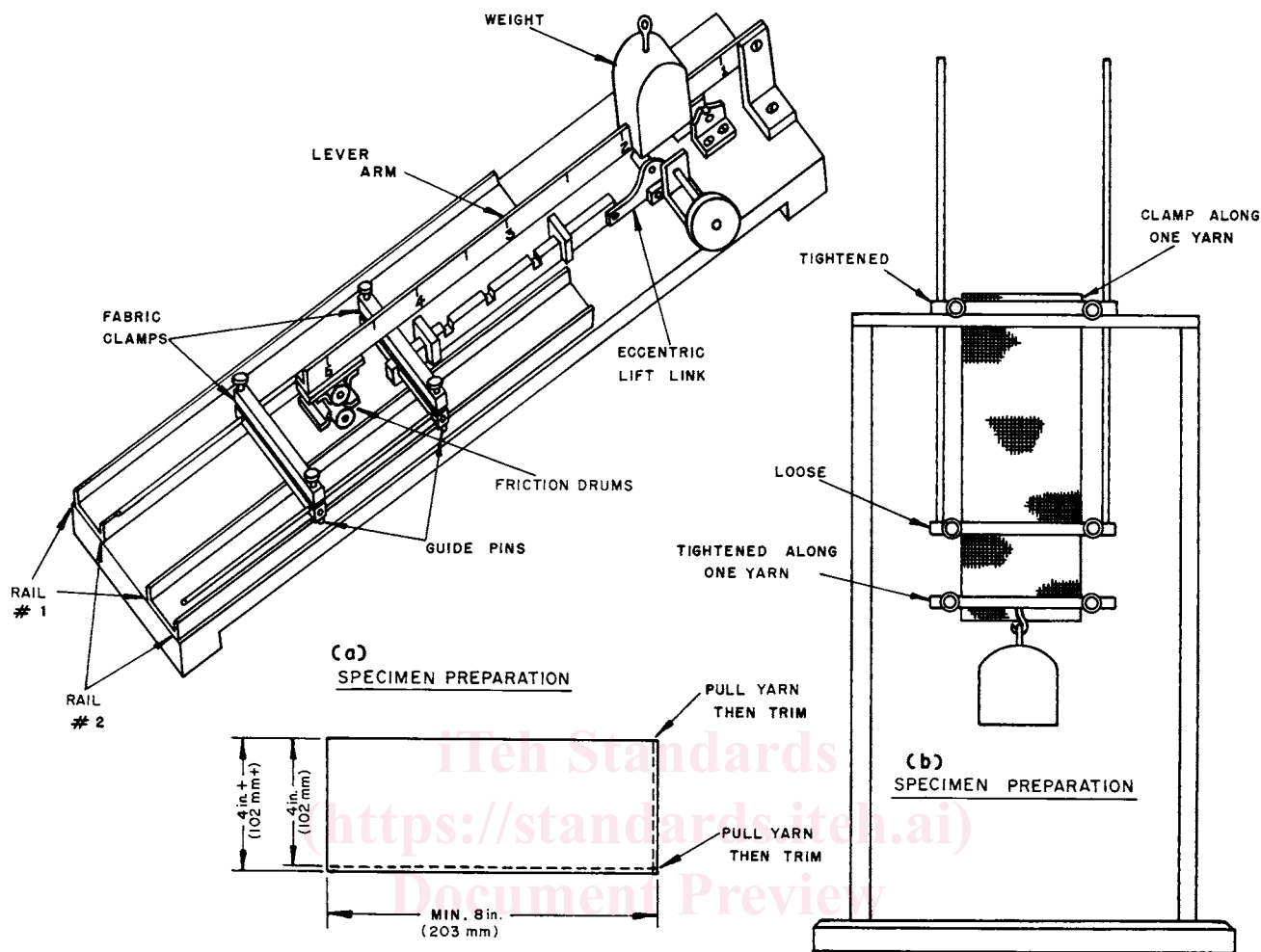


FIG. 1 Fabric Shift Tester

be provided for rotation of the drums in the mounting frame between tests. The upper drum shall be 25 mm (1 in.) in length, have the same provisions for rotation as the lower one, and shall be so mounted that a total force of 4.5 to 18 N (1 to 4 lbf) can be exerted upon the specimen by means of a lever arm and movable weight.

NOTE 2—The term “weight” is used temporarily in this test method because of established trade usage. The word weight is used to mean both “force” and “mass,” and care must be taken to determine which is meant in each case (SI unit for force = newton and for mass = kilogram).

6.1.2 *Mounting Frame or Bracket*, designed to hold the specimen under uniform tension. The frame shall consist of a rectangle whose inside dimensions are 102 by 153 mm (4 by 6 in.). The 153-mm (4-in.) sides shall be rectangular screw clamps 10 mm (0.375 in.) wide, with the gripping surfaces suitably grooved, taped, or otherwise designed or modified to minimize slipping of the specimen in the clamps during the test. The frame, when placed in the test position on the rails, shall be free to slide as a carriage in a plane perpendicular to the plane of the areas of the friction drums.

6.1.3 *Hand-Crank Arrangement*, for 25 mm (1 in.) reciprocating motion of the carriage. This device, or reciprocating arm, shall have a cam attachment that lifts the upper drum in the return motion.

6.1.4 *Rails*, two sets, fixed and spaced on the platform of the tester, for supporting the carriage.

6.2 *Jig*, for mounting the specimen in the frame under tension of 22.2 ± 0.22 N (5 ± 0.05 lbf). A suitable device consists of a clamp and weight (Fig. 1) having a total mass of 2.3 kg (5 lb).

6.3 *Steel Scale*, graduated in a 0.2 mm (0.01 in.).

6.4 *Dividers*.

6.5 *Magnifying Device*, 5× power.

7. Sampling, Selection and Number of Specimens

7.1 Take a lot sample and a laboratory sample as directed in the applicable material specification or as agreed upon by the purchaser and the supplier. In the absence of such a specification or agreement, take one representative sample from each lot of rolls, pieces, or consumer items.

NOTE 3—A realistic specification or other agreement between the purchaser and the supplier requires taking into account the variability between primary sampling units and within primary sampling units so as to provide a sampling plan, which has a meaningful producer’s risk, consumer’s risk, acceptable quality level, and limiting quality level. A lot sample normally consists of a very small fraction of the total primary sampling units.