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Standard Guide for Conducting Wear Tests on Textiles¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This guide is designed to provide data on which a prediction can be based concerning the expected wear performance of a wide variety of textiles in end-use conditions.

1.2 *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:²

- D123 Terminology Relating to Textiles
- D1335 Test Method for Tuft Bind of Pile Yarn Floor Coverings
- D2051 Test Method for Durability of Finish of Zippers to Laundering
- D2052 Test Method for Colorfastness of Zippers to Dry-cleaning
- D2057 Test Method for Colorfastness of Zippers to Laundering
- D2058 Test Method for Durability of Finish of Zippers to Drycleaning
- D3511 Test Method for Pilling Resistance and Other Related Surface Changes of Textile Fabrics: Brush Pilling Tester
- D3512 Test Method for Pilling Resistance and Other Related Surface Changes of Textile Fabrics: Random Tumble Pilling Tester
- D3514 Test Method for Pilling Resistance and Other Related Surface Changes of Textile Fabrics: Elastomeric Pad
- D3884 Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Textile Fabrics (Rotary Platform, Double-Head Method)
- D3885 Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Textile Fabrics (Flexing and Abrasion Method)

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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.

- D3886 Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Textile Fabrics (Inflated Diaphragm Apparatus)
 - D3936 Test Method for Resistance to Delamination of the Secondary Backing of Pile Yarn Floor Covering
 - D3938 Guide for Determining or Confirming Care Instructions for Apparel and Other Textile Products
 - D3939 Test Method for Snagging Resistance of Fabrics (Mace)
 - D4157 Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Textile Fabrics (Oscillatory Cylinder Method)
 - D4231 Practice for Evaluation of Launderable Woven Dress Shirts and Sports Shirts³
 - D4390 NO TITLE
 - D4721 Practice for Evaluation of the Performance of Machine Washable and Drycleanable Bedcoverings and Accessories³
 - D4852 Practice for Evaluation of Attached Upholstery Fabrics
- #### 2.2 AATCC Standards:
- 5 Evaluation Procedure: Subjective Evaluation of Fabric Hand⁴
 - 8 Colorfastness to Crocking: AATCC Crockmeter Method⁴
 - 88B Appearance of Seams in Wash-and-Wear Items After Home Laundering⁴
 - 88C Appearance of Creases in Wash-and-Wear Items After Home Laundering⁴
 - 96 Dimensional Changes in Laundering of Woven and Knitted Textiles (Excluding Wool)⁴
 - 119 Color Change Due to Flat Abrasion (Frosting): Screen Wire Method⁴
 - 120 Color Change Due to Flat Abrasion (Frosting): Emery Method⁴
 - 121 Carpet Soiling: Visual Rating Method⁴
 - 122 Carpet Soiling: Service Soiling Method⁴
 - 123 Carpet Soiling: Accelerated Soiling Method⁴
 - 124 Appearance of Fabrics After Repeated Home Launderings⁴
 - 128 Wrinkle Recovery of Fabrics: Appearance Method⁴
 - 130 Soil Release: Oily Stain Release Method⁴
 - 150 Dimensional Changes in Automatic Home Laundering

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

⁴ *Annual AATCC Technical Manual*, available from American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, P.O. Box 12215, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

of Woven Garments⁴

158 Dimensional Changes on Drycleaning in Perchloroethylene: Machine Method⁴

163 Color Fastness: Dye Transfer in Storage: Fabric-to-Fabric⁴

2.3 *Other Documents:*

Knit Upholstery Fabric Standards and Guidelines⁵

Woven Upholstery Fabric Standards and Guidelines⁶

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *control textile, n*—a textile having a known history, the performance of which in a specific end-use has been established previously, and which is used as a standard of comparison.

3.1.2 *end-use, n*—*in wear testing*, the use for which a textile is intended.

3.1.3 *evaluation period, n*—the period of time an item is used before being evaluated on the specific performance properties.

3.1.4 *grade, n*—*in textile testing*, the symbol for any step of a multistep standard reference scale, for a quality characteristic.

3.1.4.1 *Discussion*—The grade is assigned to test specimen exhibiting a degree of the quality comparable to that step of the standard. Numerical grades assigned to different specimens from a sample, or by different observers are commonly averaged (AATCC).

3.1.5 *participant, n*—*in wear testing*, any individual that uses a test or control textile during a wear test.

3.1.5.1 *Discussion*—The term does not include additional personnel contributing other services needed to carry out a test.

3.1.6 *performance property, n*—*in wear testing*, any chemical or physical property of a fiber, yarn, or fabric that is evaluated during the wear-refurbishing cycles.

3.1.7 *rating, n*—*in textile testing*, the process for determining or assigning a grade to a material by comparing it to a standard reference scale.

3.1.8 *wear level, n*—the number of wear-refurbishing cycles to which an item has been subjected.

3.1.9 *wear-refurbishing cycle, n*—for a specific wear testing program, one complete series of events that may be terminated by laundering or dry cleaning.

3.1.9.1 *Discussion*—A description of a wear-refurbishing cycle usually includes the number of hours worn or used and the number of wearing or uses an item receives prior to refurbishing (that is, laundering or drycleaning), or both.

3.1.10 *wear-service condition, n*—the specific conditions under which a textile is used.

3.1.11 *wear test, n*—a test in which textiles are subjected to wear-service conditions and evaluated for performance.

3.1.12 For definitions of other textile terms used in this practice, refer to Terminology **D123**.

⁵ Issued in 1982 by the Joint-Industry Fabric Standards Committee. Available from the American Furniture Mfrs. Assc., P. O. Box Hp-7, High Point, NC 27261.

⁶ Re-issued in 1986 by the Joint-Industry Fabric Standards Committee. Available from the American Furniture Mfrs. Assc., P. O. Box Hp-7, High Point, NC 27261.

4. Summary of Guide

4.1 Textiles are subjected to actual wear under service conditions. This practice recommends a control textile having a known wear performance history to be included with other items being tested. Statistical methods for design of test and analysis of data are included that are applicable to all wear tests. Standard procedures for evaluation of textiles are provided.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This guide may be used to evaluate textiles used in apparel, upholstered furniture, floor coverings, window treatments, and bed, bath and table linens.

5.2 This guide may be used for several purposes:

5.2.1 To determine the comparative performance of new or existing products,

5.2.2 To determine the suitability of current products in different end-uses, and

5.2.3 To evaluate and compare the effect of wear of construction details as well as specific fabrics, fibers, dyeings, finishing, fabrication techniques, etc.

5.3 This guide provides for flexibility in design and evaluation since the information sought from each wear test will vary (see **Appendix X1**).

5.4 This guide may be used to compare the wear performance of two or more textiles when these are included in the same test, or to compare a textile whose properties have not been evaluated with one having a known performance history.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Viewing Board*, with standard lighting, as specified in AATCC **124**.

6.2 *Smoothness Appearance Replicas*, as specified in AATCC **124**.

6.3 *Gray Scale for Color Change*, as specified in AATCC Evaluation Procedure 1.⁷

6.4 *Soil Release Replicas*, as specified in AATCC **130-1981**.

6.5 *Pilling Standards*, as specified in Test Method **D3512**.

6.6 *Seam Puckering Standards*, as specified in AATCC **88B-1984**.

6.7 *Crease Retention Standards*, as specified in AATCC **88C**.

6.8 *Photographic Standards for Evaluating Shirt Components (collar, pocket, placket)*, as specified in Practice **D4231**.

6.9 *Work Sheets*, to record data (see **Fig. 1**).

7. Sampling, Selection, and Number of Specimens

7.1 *Division into Lots*—For acceptance testing, divide the product into lots as agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

7.2 *Lot Sample*—As a lot sample for acceptance testing, take at random the number of shipping cartons directed in an applicable material specification or other agreement between the purchaser and the supplier.

NOTE 1—A realistic specification or other agreement between the

⁷ This is the same as ISO R105/1, Part 2.

