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**ISO/DIS 4484-1:2021(E)****Introduction**

There is significant evidence that during laundering of textiles, material loss and fragmentation can occur. These fibre fragments find their way through drainage systems into water courses and oceans, whereupon it is suggested that they are ingested by aquatic life (fish, shellfish, etc.). The purpose of this document is to provide a method of assessment, to be used in laboratories, of the degree to which different fabrics shed fibres and fibre fragments of both synthetic and natural origin. The results obtained by using this standard will enable manufacturers of textile articles to make an informed choice about the type of fabric to use to reduce/minimize shedding as well as to test different methods of manufacture that minimize material loss during use/laundry.

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# Textiles and textile products — Microplastics from textile sources —

## Part 1: Determination of material loss from fabrics during washing

### 1 Scope

The method provides a means of systematically collecting material loss from fabrics under standardized laundry conditions to achieve comparable and accurate results. The method is designed to assess both synthetic and natural material loss and is a modification of ISO 105-C06.

NOTE In this document any collected debris is assumed to be fibre fragmentation. For better understanding of the composition of this debris please refer to prISO 4484-2.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3696:1995, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)*

EN 12127:1997, *Textiles - Fabrics — Determination of mass per unit area using small samples*

ISO 105-C06:2010, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part C06: Colour fastness to domestic and commercial laundering*

ISO 4915:1991, *Textiles — Stitch types — Classification and terminology*

ISO 4916:1991, *Textiles — Seam types — Classification and terminology*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### Fibre

n.—in textiles, a generic term for any one of the various types of matter that form the basic elements of a textile and which are generally characterized by flexibility, fineness and high ratio of length to thickness  
**Fibre fragment**, n.—a short piece (typically  $< 5 \times 10^{-3}$  m long) of textile fibre, broken from the main textile construction

Note 1 to entry: Fibre fragments are of particular concern as aquatic pollutants; they are often incorrectly referred to as “microfibers.”

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**Microfibre**, n.—a fibre with linear density less than 1 denier

Note 2 to entry: Polyester microfibers typically have diameter of  $< 10^{-5}$  m; this is a frequently referenced dimension, but not the formal definition of a microfiber.

### 4 Principle

The test specimen is subjected to an accelerated laundering process under appropriate conditions of temperature, time and mechanical action. The resultant wash liquor is vacuum filtered. Material loss is assessed gravimetrically to approximate material loss during domestic laundering, however, direct correlation has yet to be determined.

### 5 Reagents

5.1 **Water**, distilled or grade 3 according to ISO 3696:1995

### 6 Apparatus

6.1 **Nitrile gloves**, these must be worn during all stages of method execution to prevent contamination.

6.2 **Lab coat**, this must be worn during all stages of method execution to prevent contamination.

6.3 **Cutting system**, e.g. scissors or cutting press.

6.4 **Sewing machine**, single needle, capable of lock stitch, type 301 as described in ISO 4915:1991 (see [Figure 1](#)).



Figure 1 — Stitch type 301 (1, needle thread; 2, bobbin thread) (ISO 4915:1991)

6.5 **Sewing needle**, size appropriate for sewing thread, point appropriate for specimen fabric.

6.6 **Sewing thread**, 100 % polyester or nylon continuous filament thread, size appropriate for the specimen fabric.

6.7 **Ovens**, capable of maintaining  $(50 \pm 3)$  °C, without air circulation.

6.8 **Analytical balance**, with a precision of at least 0,1 mg.

6.9 **Glass fibre filter**, 1,6 µm pore size, 47 mm diameter, no binder.

6.10 **Aluminium pans / specimen tray (non-plastic)**, with a minimum diameter of 47mm to support filter when not in use in the filter assembly.