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Surface active agents — Fabric conditioners — **Determination of antistatic performance**

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of static electricity elimination (antistatic) performance.

This document is applicable to fabric conditioners and antistatic agents.

The differences between this document and some International Standards related to static electricity on textiles are listed in Annex B.

Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

Terms and definitions

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3.1

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resistance measured when electric current flows through the surface of fabric

fabric surface resistance coefficient

surface resistance measured by two electrodes of unit length placed on the fabric surface with the distance of unit length between them

Note 1 to entry: Unit length is expressed in centimetres.

3.3

antistatic agent

product used to treat fabric for eliminating static electricity

fabric conditioner

product with both antistatic and softening function, which generally contains cationic surface active agents

4 Principle

The electrostatic effect of fabric is subject to not only the amount of static electricity generated, but also the dissipation capacity of electrostatic charge. The fabric surface resistance is a physical quantity characterizing the electrostatic charge attenuation velocity of fabric. Soak the test fabric material in fabric conditioner solution under specified conditions. Measure the surface resistance of the test fabric material with ultra-high resistance meter before and after soaking. Assess the antistatic performance for fabric conditioner with the decrease of the surface resistance coefficient ($\Delta \rho_s$) or the decrease of the logarithm of the surface resistance coefficient ($\Delta \log \rho_s$).

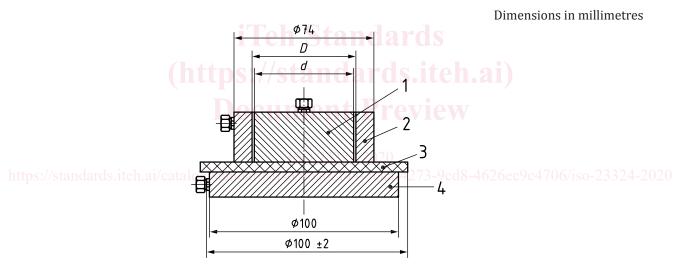
5 Test fabric material

5.1 Polyester, white or milky woven twill, with warp 428 threads per decimetre and weft 242 threads per decimetre.

Polyester of other specifications or cloth of other textures can be used. However, only the comparative test result of antistatic performance for different fabric conditioners can be provided, which shall be included in the test report.

6 Apparatus and materials

6.1 Digital ultra-high resistance meter, with three coaxial electrodes and measuring range from $1 \times 10^3~\Omega$ to $1 \times 10^{16}~\Omega$. The intrinsic error within limits shall not exceed 10 % of the indicated value. The pressure that the electrodes press on sample shall be 100 g/cm². Structure size of coaxial-electrode system is shown in Figure 1.



Key

- 1 measuring electrode
- 2 shield electrode
- 3 test sample
- 4 high-voltage electrode
- D inner diameter of the circular shield electrode
- d diameter of the measuring electrode

Figure 1 — Coaxial-electrode system

- **6.2 Oven**, regulated at a temperature of (45 ± 2) °C.
- **6.3 Humidistat.** A glass desiccator containing potassium carbonate-saturated solution can be used. The relative humidity (RH) of air at equilibrium shall be 43 % for a temperature between 10 °C and 30 °C.