



Standard Performance Specification for Woven Necktie and Scarf Fabrics¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This performance specification covers woven necktie and scarf fabrics composed of any textile fiber or mixture of textile fibers.

1.2 This performance specification is not applicable to woven fabrics used for interlinings.

1.3 These requirements apply to the length and width directions for those properties where fabric direction is pertinent.

1.3.1 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.4 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 7, of this specification. *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

D434 Test Method for Resistance to Slippage of Yarns in Woven Fabrics Using a Standard Seam (Withdrawn 2003)³

D1336 Test Method for Distortion of Yarn in Woven Fabrics

D1424 Test Method for Tearing Strength of Fabrics by Falling-Pendulum (Elmendorf-Type) Apparatus

D1682 Test Method for Breaking Load and Elongation of Textile Fabric (Withdrawn 1992)³

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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.

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

D2262 Test Method for Tearing Strength of Woven Fabrics by the Tongue (Single Rip) Method (Constant-Rate-of-Travel Tensile Testing Machine) (Withdrawn 1995)³

D2724 Test Methods for Bonded, Fused, and Laminated Apparel Fabrics

D2905 Practice for Statements on Number of Specimens for Textiles (Withdrawn 2008)³

D7022 Terminology Relating to Apparel³

2.2 AATCC Methods:⁴

8 Colorfastness to Crocking: Crockmeter Method

15 Colorfastness to Perspiration

16.3 Colorfastness to Light

23 Colorfastness to Burnt Gas Fumes

61 Colorfastness to Laundering: Accelerated

96 Dimensional Changes in Commercial Laundering of Woven and Knitted Fabrics Except Wool

116 Colorfastness to Crocking: Rotary Vertical Crockmeter Method

124 Smoothness Appearance of Fabrics After Repeated Home Laundering

132 Colorfastness to Drycleaning

135 Dimensional Changes of Fabrics After Home Laundering

172 Colorfastness to Powdered Non-Chlorine Bleach in Home Laundering

188 Colorfastness to Sodium Hypochlorite Bleach in Home Laundering

Evaluation Procedure 1 Gray Scale for Color Change

Evaluation Procedure 2 Gray Scale for Staining

Evaluation Procedure 8 AATCC 9-Step Chromatic Transference Scale

NOTE 1—Reference to test methods in this specification give only the permanent part of the designation of ASTM, AATCC, or other test methods. The current editions of each test method cited shall prevail.

3. Terminology

3.1 For all terminology related to Apparel see Terminology D7022.

3.1.1 The following terms are relevant to this standard: scarf.

⁴ Available from American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC), P.O. Box 12215, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, <http://www.aatcc.org>.

3.2 For terms relating to chemical or colorfastness testing, refer to specific AATCC methods. For definitions of all other textile terms see Terminology [D123](#).

4. Specification Requirements

4.1 The properties of fabrics for woven neckties and scarfs shall conform to the specification requirements in [Table 1](#).

TABLE 1 Specification Requirements

NOTE 1—Grade in colorfastness and SA requirements is based on a numerical scale of 5 for negligible or no color change, color transfer, or fabric wrinkle to 1 for severe color change, color transfer, or fabric wrinkle.

Characteristic	Requirements	Section
Breaking strength (load) (CRT)	20 lbf (89 N), min	7.1
Yarn slippage	¼-in. (6.3-mm) separation at 15 lbf(67 N), min	7.2
Tongue tear strength	1.5 lbf (6.7 N), min	7.3
Yarn distortion:		7.4
Satis	0.10 in. (2.5 mm), min	
All other	0.05 in. (1 mm), min	
Dimensional change:		
After five launderings	3 % max	7.5.1
After three dry cleanings	2 % max	7.5.2
Colorfastness:		
Burnt gas fumes—2 cycles:		7.6.1
Shade change, original fabric	Grade 4 ^A min	
Shade change after one laundering or one dry cleaning	Grade 4 ^A min	
Sodium Hypochlorite Bleach	Grade 4 ^A min	7.6.7
Powdered Non-Chlorine Bleach	Grade 4 ^A min	7.6.8
Laundering: ^E		7.6.2
Shade change	Grade 4 ^A min	
Staining	Grade 3 ^B min	
Dry cleaning:		7.6.3
Shade change	Grade 4 ^A min	
Crocking: ^E		7.6.4
Dry	Grade 4 ^C min	
Wet	Grade 3 ^C min	
Perspiration: ^E		7.6.5
Shade change	Grade 4 ^A min	
Staining	Grade 3 ^B min	
Light (20 AATCC Fading Units) (xenon-arc)	Grade 4 ^A min	7.6.6
Fabric appearance (see 7.7.1.1)	SA 3.5 ^D min	7.7
Flammability	pass	7.8

^A AATCC Gray Scale for Color Change.

^B AATCC Gray Scale for Staining.

^C AATCC 9-Step Chromatic Transference Scale

^D For durable-press fabrics only.

^E See [Note 7](#).

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Upon mutual agreement between the purchaser and the seller, woven fabrics intended for this end use should meet all of the requirements listed in [Table 1](#) of this specification.

5.2 It is recognized that for purposes of fashion or aesthetics the ultimate consumer of articles made from these fabrics may find acceptable fabrics that do not conform to all of the requirements in [Table 1](#). Therefore, one or more of the requirements listed in [Table 1](#) may be modified by mutual agreement between the purchaser and the seller.

5.2.1 In such cases, any references to the specification shall specify that: This fabric meets ASTM Specification D3785 except for the following characteristic(s).

5.3 Where no prepurchase agreement has been reached between the purchaser and the seller, and in case of controversy, the requirements listed in [Table 1](#) are intended to be used as a guide only. As noted in [5.2](#), ultimate consumer demands dictate varying performance parameters for any particular style of fabric.

5.4 The significance and use of particular properties and test methods are discussed in the appropriate sections of the specified test methods.

6. Sampling

6.1 Tests shall be performed on the fabric as it will reach the consumer.

6.2 Unless otherwise agreed upon, as when specified in an applicable material specification, take the number of specimens directed in each of the applicable test methods.

6.2.1 If there has been no prior agreement and the test method does not specify the number of specimens, use the procedure in Practice [D2905](#) to determine the number of specimens, such that the user may expect at the 95 % probability level that the test result is no more than 5 % of the average above or below the lot average (that is, the average that would be obtained by applying this method to the entire lot) when using a reliable estimate of variability of individual observations on similar materials in the user's laboratory under conditions of single-operator precision.

7. Test Methods (See [Note 1](#))

7.1 *Breaking Strength (Load)*—Determine the dry breaking strength, in the standard atmosphere for testing textiles, as directed in the grab test procedure of Test Methods [D1682](#), using a constant-rate-of-traverse (CRT) tensile testing machine with the speed of the pulling jaw at 12 ± 0.5 in. (305 ± 13 mm)/min.

NOTE 2—If preferred, the use of a constant-rate-of-extension (CRE) tensile testing machine is permitted. The crosshead speed should be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller. There may be no overall correlation between the results obtained with the CRT machine. Consequently these two breaking load testers cannot be used interchangeably. In case of controversy, the CRT method shall prevail.

7.2 *Resistance to Yarn Slippage*—Determine the resistance to yarn slippage as directed in Test Method [D434](#).

NOTE 3—The precision of Test Method [D434](#) is being established and it may not be suitable for fabrics with low yarn counts (see [5.2](#)) in terms of ends and picks per inch.

7.3 *Tongue Tear Strength*—Determine the tongue tear strength as directed in Test Method [D2262](#).

NOTE 4—If preferred, use of Test Method [D1424](#) is permitted with existing requirements as given in this specification. There may be no overall correlation between the results obtained with the tongue tear machine and with the Elmendorf machine. Consequently, these two tear testers cannot be used interchangeably. In case of controversy, Test Method [D2262](#) shall prevail.

7.4 *Yarn Distortion*— Determine the yarn distortion as directed in Test Method [D1336](#).

7.5 *Dimensional Change:*

7.5.1 *Laundering*—Determine the maximum dimensional change after five launderings as directed in the applicable procedure in AATCC Method 135 (Note 5).

7.5.1.1 The wash conditions and drying procedure shall be as specified by the seller.

7.5.2 *Dry Cleaning*—Determine the maximum dimensional change after three dry cleanings as directed in 10.1.1 through 10.1.4 of Test Methods D2724.

NOTE 5—Launderable fabrics are expected to be dry-cleanable unless specifically labeled “Do Not Dry Clean.” “Dry-cleanable” goods are to be dry-cleaned only.

7.6 *Colorfastness:*

7.6.1 *Burnt Gas Fumes*—Determine the colorfastness to burnt gas fumes on the original fabric and after one laundering or one dry cleaning as directed in AATCC Method 23.

NOTE 6—Washing conditions shall be the same as those used in 7.5.1.1. Dry-cleaning conditions shall be the same as those used in 7.5.2.

7.6.2 *Laundering*—Determine the colorfastness to laundering as directed in the applicable procedure of AATCC Method 61. The test conditions shall be as specified by the seller (Note 5).

NOTE 7—It has been reported that the results for staining, obtained by standard AATCC Test Methods, on fabrics dyed to dark shades that contain a combination of polyester and spandex, or their blends, may not show the full staining propensity of such fabrics in consumer use. It is, therefore, recommended that the staining results obtained by these tests not be used for acceptance testing of such fabrics.

7.6.3 *Dry Cleaning*—Determine colorfastness to dry cleaning as directed in AATCC Method 132 (Note 5).

7.6.4 *Crocking*—Determine colorfastness to dry and wet crocking as directed in AATCC Method 8 for solid shades and AATCC Method 116 for prints or as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller (see Note 7).

7.6.5 *Perspiration*—Determine colorfastness to perspiration as directed in AATCC Method 15 (see Note 7).

7.6.6 *Light*—Determine colorfastness to light as directed in AATCC Method 16.3.

NOTE 8—There are distinct differences in spectral distribution between the various types of machines listed in AATCC Method 16.3, with no overall correlations between them. Consequently, these machines cannot be used interchangeably. In case of controversy, results obtained with the water-cooled xenon-arc machine listed in Option 3 shall prevail.

7.6.7 *Colorfastness to Sodium Hypochlorite Bleach in Home Laundering*—Determine colorfastness to sodium hypochlorite bleach as directed in AATCC Method 188.

7.6.8 *Colorfastness to Powdered Non-Chlorine Bleach in Home Laundering*—Determine colorfastness to non-chlorine bleach as directed in AATCC Method 188.

7.7 *Fabric Appearance*—Determine the fabric appearance as directed in AATCC Method 124 after laundering using the wash-and-wear cycle or the normal cycle as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller as specified in 7.5.1.1 for washable fabrics or after dry cleaning as specified in 7.5.2 for dry-cleanable fabrics (see Note 5).

7.7.1 For fabrics not intended for use in “durable-press” garments, determine the fabric smoothness after pressing as specified in 5.12 of AATCC Method 96.

7.7.1.1 The fabric smoothness durable-press (SA) rating of such fabrics, and the SA rating of dry-cleaned fabrics, shall have decreased no more than ½ SA rating from that of the fabric before it is laundered or dry-cleaned.

7.8 *Flammability*—The flammability requirements shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller, except when regulated by applicable Government mandatory standards.

8. Keywords

8.1 neckties

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