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Introduction

This standard specifies the determination of dimensional stability of narrow fabrics.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the procedure for the determination of dimensional stability of narrow fabrics.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 139 *Textiles – Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 dimensional stability

the ability of a fabric to retain its dimensions when immersed in boiling water

4 Health and safety

This standard does not necessarily include all health and safety requirements associated with its use.

Persons using this standard shall be familiar with normal laboratory/test house practices.

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5 Principle

The test consists in measuring the changes in length after immersion in boiling water.

6 Apparatus

A sufficiently large dish to accommodate the specimen.

A plate glass sheet large enough to cover the specimen.

7 Reagents

No requirements

8 Preparation of specimens

Cut a specimen not less than 450 mm long from the test sample and make a mark approximately 50 mm from each end.

9 Procedure

9.1 With the specimen laid on a flat surface and covered with a sheet of plate glass, accurately measure the distance between the marks.

9.2 Lay the specimen flat in boiling water and keep it approximately 25 mm below the water surface using small weights as necessary.

9.3 After 15 minutes in the boiling water remove the specimen. Allow to dry on a flat surface at room temperature and then condition it according to ISO 139 and maintain this atmosphere until the test has been carried out.

9.4 Repeat the measurement through the plate glass.

NOTE The usual convention is to denote extension by an A+@ sign and a shrinkage by an A-@ sign.

10 Calculation and expression of results

10.1 Calculation of dimensional stability

The dimensional stability is calculated in accordance with the following equation:

$$Cl = \frac{d1 - d2}{d2} \times 100$$

where

Cl is the percentage change in length;

d1 is the final length

d2 is the original length.

11 Test report

The report shall include the following information:

- a) Reference to this European Standard, i.e. EN 4505.
- b) Identification of sample tested (i.e. lot number, batch number).
- c) Percentage dimensional change in length and/or width.
- d) State if dimension has decreased (shrinkage) by means of a minus sign (–) or increased (extension) by means of a plus sign (+).
- e) Details of any deviation from this test method.

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