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**New and Revised AATCC Test Methods for Textile Testing**

**RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC, USA, January 5, 2015**—The 2015 AATCC Technical Manual is now available and includes two new test methods, ten significantly revised methods, and nine editorially revised methods.

Published each January, the AATCC Technical Manual contains nearly 150 test methods and evaluation procedures used worldwide to evaluate and characterize fiber and textile materials.

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Test methods are developed and updated through collaboration of individuals in all sectors of the industry. For information about participating in the test method development process, visit www.aatcc.org/testing/development.

**New Test Methods**


**TM203-2014, Light Blocking Effect of Textiles: Spectrophotometric Method.** This new method spectrophotometrically measures the light passing through window covering textiles and being seen by a standard observer on the darkened side of the textile.

**Revised Test Methods**

Revised to clarify use of L2 AATCC Blue Wool Lightfastness Standard for 5 AFU and 20 AFU tests:

- TM16.1-2014, Colorfastness to Light: Outdoor
- TM16.2-2014, Colorfastness to Light: Carbon-Arc
- TM16.3-2014, Colorfastness to Light: Xenon-Arc

Revised to add information regarding 4-lb versus 8-lb wash loads:

- TM88B-2014, Smoothness of Seams in Fabrics after Repeated Home Laundering
- TM88C-2014, Retention of Creases in Fabrics after Repeated Home Laundering
- TM124-2014, Smoothness Appearance of Fabrics after Repeated Home Laundering
- TM143-2014, Appearance of Apparel and Other Textile End Products after Repeated Home Laundering

**TM20A-2014, Fiber Analysis: Quantitative**
Fluorocarbon/hydrochlorofluorocarbon replaced with hexane. Reference to additional extraction and analysis techniques. Clarified table format.
TM127-2014, Water Resistance: Hydrostatic Pressure Test
Restraint option (Method B) added.

TM135-2014, Dimensional Change of Fabrics after Home Laundering
Specimens for this method may also be used for TM179, Skewness Change in Fabric and Garment Twist Resulting from Automatic Home Laundering.

Editorially Revised Methods
- TM15-2013, Colorfastness to Perspiration
- TM23-2010, Colorfastness to Burnt Gas Fumes.
- TM 96-2012, Dimensional Changes in Commercial Laundering of Woven and Knitted Fabrics except Wool
- TM104-2014, Colorfastness to Water Spotting
- TM121-2014, Carpet Soiling: Visual Rating Method
- TM125-2013, Colorfastness to Perspiration and Light
- TM179-2012, Skewness Change in Fabric and Garment Twist Resulting from Automatic Home Laundering

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