

News Release

For Immediate Release

AATCC Launches 2019 Proficiency Programs for Lab Performance Verification

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., USA, October 8, 2018— Labs may now register online for all 2019 AATCC Proficiency Testing Programs (PTP) programs. PTPs support certification and continuous improvement initiatives for textile laboratories.

Six AATCC programs cover **Antibacterial, Appearance, Color Evaluation, Colorfastness, Fiber Analysis,** and **Water Resistance** test methods and evaluation procedures. Samples are selected to provide consistent results in a meaningful range for each program.

Online registration, launched in September 2018, allows labs to complete registration and credit card payment in one easy step.

For more information, visit www.aatcc.org/test/proficiency.

How it works:

- Labs register for one or more PTPs.
- AATCC sends samples, instructions, and data sheets to participating labs twice per year.
- Labs have approximately one month to complete testing and submit results online.
- AATCC distributes a report to participating labs with a confidential lab code.
- Each lab receives a Certificate of Participation.

Visual Color Evaluation

Samples shipped **January** and **July**

- EP1, Gray Scale for Color Change
- EP2, Gray Scale for Staining

Fiber Analysis

Samples shipped **February** and **August**

- TM20, Fiber Analysis: Qualitative
- TM20A, Fiber Analysis: Quantitative

Appearance & Physical Properties

Samples shipped **March** and **September**

- TM88B, Seam Smoothness in Fabrics after Home Laundering
- TM88C, Crease Retention in Fabrics after Home Laundering
- TM124, Appearance of Fabrics after Home Laundering
- TM135, Dimensional Changes of Fabrics after Home Laundering

Antibacterial

Samples shipped **April** and **October**

- TM100, Antibacterial Finishes on Textile Materials: Assessment of
- TM147, Antibacterial Activity Assessment of Textile Materials: Parallel Streak Method

Water Resistance & Repellency

Samples shipped **May** and **November**

- TM22, Water Repellency: Spray Test
- TM35, Water Resistance: Rain Test
- TM42, Water Resistance: Impact Penetration Test
- TM127, Water Resistance: Hydrostatic Pressure Test

Colorfastness

Samples shipped **June** and **December**

- TM8, Colorfastness to Crocking: Crockmeter Method
- TM15, Colorfastness to Perspiration
- TM16.3, Colorfastness to Light: Xenon-Arc
- TM61, Colorfastness to Laundering: Accelerated
- TM107, Colorfastness to Water

Photos available:

Color Evaluation: <https://www.aatcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/ColorEvalPTP.jpg>

Fiber Analysis: <https://www.aatcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/FiberPTP.jpg>

Appearance: <https://www.aatcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/AppearancePTP.jpg>

Antibacterial: <https://www.aatcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/AntibacterialPTP.jpg>

Water Resistance: <https://www.aatcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/WaterPTP.jpg>

Colorfastness: <https://www.aatcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/ColorfastnessPTP.jpg>

About AATCC: AATCC is the world's leading not-for-profit association serving textile professionals since 1921. AATCC, headquartered in Research Triangle Park, NC, USA, provides test method development, quality control materials, and professional networking for members in about 50 countries throughout the world.

###

Media Contact:

Diana A Wyman | Technical Director

AATCC | Association of Textile, Apparel & Materials Professionals

1 Davis Drive | PO Box 12215 | Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2215 | USA

Office: +1.919.549.3532 | Fax: +1.919.549.8933 | Headquarters: +1.919.549.8141

Email: diana@aatcc.org | www.aatcc.org

AATCC News Releases: www.aatcc.org/pub/news-releases/



If you do not wish to receive information regarding AATCC activities,
please send a message including your email address to [AATCC](mailto:info@aatcc.org).