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**Textiles — Woven fabrics —  
Determination of dimensional change  
on commercial laundering near the  
boiling point**

*Textiles — Tissus — Détermination de la variation des dimensions au lavage industriel au voisinage de l'ébullition*

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## Foreword

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# Textiles — Woven fabrics — Determination of dimensional change on commercial laundering near the boiling point

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the dimensional change (shrinkage or stretch) of all types of woven fabrics after commercial laundering near the boiling point.

The test has been devised principally for cotton fabrics. If it is applied to other fabrics such as linen or regenerated cellulosic fibres, 9i) should be consulted. The method is intended only for the assessment of dimensional changes undergone by a woven fabric subjected to a single laundering. When it is desired to determine the amount of progressive dimensional change, the test specimen can be washed repeatedly and the results reported so as clearly to indicate the amount of dimensional change in the laundered specimen as compared with the original dimensions of the unwashed specimen and the number of testing cycles to which the specimen has been subjected.

## 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*

ISO 3759:2011, *Textiles — Preparation, marking and measuring of fabric specimens and garments in tests for determination of dimensional change*

## 3 Principle

Washing of a specimen in a cylindrical reversing laundry machine under specified conditions. Extraction of excess water and pressing without preliminary drying. Measurement, before and after laundering, of distances marked on the specimen in the warp and weft directions.

## 4 Reagents

### 4.1 Soap solution.

A stock solution may be prepared by dissolving 0,5 kg of soap in 4 l of hot water. When cooled, this solution forms a thick homogeneous jelly which may be used as required.

The soap meeting the following specification is satisfactory:

- moisture and volatile matter contents at 105 °C, max.: 10,0 % (m/m);
- sum of free alkali, total matter insoluble in alcohol, and sodium chloride contents, max.: 4,0 % (m/m);
- free alkali content, calculated as NaOH, max.: 0,2 % (m/m);
- content of matter insoluble in water, max.: 1,0 % (m/m);
- titre of the mixed fatty acids prepared from the soap, min.: 39 °C;
- anhydrous soap content, min.: 85,0 %.

#### 4.2 Water.

Soft water (not more than 50 mg/kg hardness) shall be used (see [Annex A](#)).

#### 4.3 Anhydrous sodium carbonate.

### 5 Apparatus

#### 5.1 Wash wheel.

A horizontal cylindrical machine with rotating cage and reversing mechanism shall be used. The cage should have a diameter between 400 mm and 600 mm and a peripheral speed of 50 m/min to 55 m/min. Other diameters may be used as a temporary measure, provided that the rotational frequency is adjusted to give an equivalent peripheral speed.

For preference, three or four fins or "lifters" about 80 mm wide, equally spaced around the interior of the cage and extending its full length, should be used. Either a single fin or two fins may be used, however, provided that equivalent results can be obtained.

The cage shall turn at such speed that the load is lifted by the fins and falls back into it. (A peripheral speed of 54 m/min has been found satisfactory.) The cage shall make 5 to 10 revolutions before reversing its direction.

The machine shall be equipped with heating facilities, such as live steam, gas or electricity, and with an outlet large enough to permit discharge of all water from the machine in less than 2 min.

A thermometer in a suitable well, or equivalent equipment, shall be provided to indicate the temperature of the water to within 1 °C during the washing and rinsing, and there shall be an outside water gauge to indicate the level of the water in the wheel.

The mass of the load to be run in the machine shall be between 8 kg and 50 kg of air-dry fabric per cubic metre of cage space, including the volume of the fins. The load shall be made up of test specimens and as much other similar fabric as is required. The quantity of water used shall be sufficient to cover the load, the level being situated at a height from 1/7 to 1/3 of the inside diameter of the cage.

#### 5.2 Extractor.

A laundry-type centrifugal extractor with perforated basket, or equivalent apparatus, shall be used and shall be capable of adjusting the moisture retention to a range between 50 % and 100 % (*m/m*) based on the air-dry mass of the fabric.

Any other apparatus that will give equivalent results without fabric distortion may be used, for example, a rubber roll wringer which could pass the specimen through the rolls along a diagonal line without altering its dimensions.

NOTE Heavier fabrics of tight construction require a high-moisture retention to ensure removal of wrinkles during pressing.

#### 5.3 Pressing equipment.

A flat bed press capable of pressing a specimen 600 mm × 600 mm and of providing a minimum pressure of 3,0 kPa is required. The temperature of the press shall be 150 °C ±15 °C.

#### 5.4 Marking equipment.

The equipment specified in ISO 3759:2011, Clause 4 is required.

## 6 Preparation of specimen

Take a specimen, preferably the full width of the cloth and at least 600 mm long. Each specimen shall be cut, not torn, from the material to be tested so that its sides are parallel to the warp and weft. Take specimens from at least 1 m away from the end of a roll and preferably 3 m away from the end. Mark, condition and measure the specimens as specified in ISO 3759:2011, 6.3 to 6.5 but using at least 500 mm between adjacent marks in each direction.

To prevent entangle due to excessive ravelling, 10 mm slits along the cut edges of the test specimen should be made at approximately 100 mm intervals.

## 7 Procedure

### 7.1 Washing and rinsing

**7.1.1** Place the specimen or specimens individually in the machine with sufficient similar fabric to make up the proper dry load (5.1). Start the machine, noting the time, and allow the machine to run continuously for 60 min. During this time, carry out the following operations as indicated, each without delay.

**7.1.2** Run water (4.2) into the machine at a temperature such that the machine will heat the liquor to boiling point within 10 min maximum, and fill to the proper level for washing (5.1) within 4 min.

**7.1.3** Add approximately 2 g/l of the anhydrous sodium carbonate (4.3). Raise the temperature rapidly to 95 °C. Add sufficient soap solution (4.1) to give good running suds. If more than 5 g/l of soap is used, the amount and reasons for use shall be reported [see Clause 9, item h)]. The temperature shall be maintained at not less than 80 °C.

**7.1.4** When the machine has run for 40 min timed from the start of the test, drain off the soap solution quickly, and fill the machine with water to the proper level for rinsing. Raise the temperature to 60 °C within 2 min.

**7.1.5** When the machine has run for 45 min from the start of the test, drain off the water, fill again, and heat to 60 °C as before.

**7.1.6** At the end of 55 min from the start of the test, drain off the water quickly. Allow the machine to run without further additions to complete the full 60 min of operation. Stop the machine.

### 7.2 Extraction

Remove the specimen from the machine. Extract the excess water (5.2).

### 7.3 Pressing

Press each specimen, using the press (5.3), taking care to ensure that it is smoothed, without stretching, to remove wrinkles before pressing. Continue this operation until sufficient moisture has been extracted from the fabric to ensure conditioning from the dry side.

### 7.4 Evaluation

Allow the pressed specimen to cool, condition it in the standard atmosphere according to ISO 139, and measure the dimension as specified in ISO 3759:2011, 6.5. Make all measurements to the nearest 1 mm.

## 8 Calculation and expression of results

Calculate the dimensional change between the marks of each pair. Express as percentages of the original value to the nearest 0,1 %, using a minus sign (-) to indicate shrinkage and a plus sign (+) to indicate stretch.

Calculate the mean dimensional change, in the warp and weft directions separately.

## 9 Test report

The test report shall include the following particulars:

- a) a reference to this International Standard (i.e. ISO 675);
- b) the description of the sample;
- c) the positions of the specimens in the fabric in relation to the ends of the piece;
- d) the number of washing cycles to which the specimen has been subjected;
- e) if necessary, the dimensional change between the marks of each pair, as a percentage of the original value;
- f) the mean dimensional change, in the warp and weft directions separately, as a percentage of the original value;
- g) whether the specimen includes selvedge;
- h) the amount of the soap used. State the reasons for using more than 5 g/l of soap when this amount is exceeded;
- i) the following statement, if the test method is applied to fabrics which may be inherently extensible:  
"The application of even moderate tension in commercial washing and pressing may be expected to cause considerable extension of the washed fabrics."