

Determination of Fabric Propensity to Surface Fuzzing & Pilling

Pilling Box method

Test Methods: ISO 12945-1

TWC 152

AWTA Test Code: T07A



Test Information Sheet

This method is applicable to all knitted fabrics and woven fabrics having a soft finish.

Specimens of fabric, mounted on polyurethane tubes, are tumbled in a rotating cork-lined cubical box for a specified time.

This tumbling times specified are 2, 4, 5 or 10 hours and selection is generally dependent on the end use of the desired product.

Assessment is made using a standard viewing cabinet under standard lighting conditions. The degree of pilling of the specimens can be assessed by visual comparison using a written rating scale, or by visual comparison using standard rating photographs.

Grade	Description	
5	No change	
4	Slight surface fuzzing and/or partially formed	
	pills	
3	Moderate surface fuzzing and/or moderate pilling. Pills of varying size and density partially covering the specimen surface	Crade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5
2	Distinct surface fuzzing and/or distinct pilling. Pills of varying size and density covering a large proportion of the specimen surface	
1	Dense surface fuzzing and/or severe pilling. Pills of varying size and density covering the whole of the specimen surface	

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Table 1 Visual Assessment

Sample Size required for testing:

5 specimens 15cm X 15cm are tested, preferably from a submitted sample of 50cm X full width.

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