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FINAL REPORT

WATER RESISTANCE: IMPACT PENETRATION TEST AATCC TEST METHOD 42-2017

LABORATORY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 41435

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LABORATORY I.D. NUMBER: 41435

PROCEDURE NUMBER: AATCC 42-2017 SAMPLE SOURCE: KEYSTONE SAFETY

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: BLUE MEDICAL GOWNS

DEVIATIONS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: None

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Sequentially by lab number

 SAMPLE RECEIVE DATE:
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 TEST START DATE:
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 TEST COMPLETION DATE:
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ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:

As defined by the customer, the Spray Test results must be below 1.0 g. with a sample size of 32 gowns and an AQL of 4.0 (Accept on 3, Reject on 4).

INTRODUCTION:

This report describes details and results for the impact penetration testing of surgical gown materials. The testing was performed in accordance with AATCC test method 42. This test method measures the resistance of a fabric to penetration of water by impact, and the results can be expected to reasonably simulate resistance of the fabric to penetration by blood or other body fluids.

JUSTIFICATION:

The materials tested are intended to provide a barrier between blood or other potentially infectious agents that could potentially cross-contaminate the healthcare provider and/or the healthcare patient. This test method is applicable to all types of fabrics, including those treated with a water resistant or water repellant finish.

TEST SPECIMEN PREPARATION:

Test specimens measuring 178 x 330 mm were taken diagonally across the width of the material. Specimens are conditioned at $21 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C ($70 \pm 5^{\circ}$ F) air at $65 \pm 2\%$ RH for at least 4 hours before testing. Testing was performed on the outside surface of the gown fabric.



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TEST PROCEDURE:

The test samples were clamped under the 152 mm spring clamp at the top of an incline stand. Another 152 +/-10 mm clamp is fastened at the free end of the test specimen. Blotter paper 152 x 230 mm is weighed to the nearest 0.01 g and is inserted beneath the test specimen.

A 500 + -10 mL volume of distilled water (27 degrees c + -1 degree) is poured into a funnel of the tester at a height of 0.6 m and allowed to spray onto the test sample.

Upon completion of the spraying period, the test specimen is carefully lifted, the blotter beneath removed, and then quickly reweighed to the nearest 0.01 g.

TEST CONTROLS:

Positive and negative test controls are not required for this procedure.

RESULTS:

Refer to Table 1 for a summary of the results.

The data showed that one of the samples tested was over 1.0 g. The AQL (4.0) in this procedure allows for 3 gowns to test above this level. The maximum blotter gain was 1.15 g, the minimum was 0.00 g with a mean of 0.21 g. These samples are therefore considered to meet requirements of a Level 3 gown as defined by AAMI PB70.2012.

STATEMENT OF UNCERTAINTY:

This test method has no known bias. Water resistance of fabrics can only be defined in terms of the test method as there is no independent, referee method of determining the true value.

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TABLE 1. Water Resistance: Impact Penetration Results
AATCC Method 42-2017
Sample ID: BLUE MEDICAL GOWNS

Sample ID	Results	Sample ID	Results
	(grams)		(grams)
1	0.00	17	0.18
2	0.08	18	0.14
3	0.14	19	0.23
4	0.12	20	0.22
5	0.17	21	0.20
6	0.09	22	0.17
7	0.11	23	0.12
8	0.17	24	0.21
9	0.99	25	0.11
10	0.19	26	0.26
11	0.16	27	0.20
12	0.15	28	0.14
13	0.00	29	0.19
14	0.09	30	1.15
15	0.28	31	0.11
16	0.25	32	0.14

REFERENCES:

AATCC 42-2017 Water Resistance: Impact Penetration Test. American Association of Textile Colorists and Chemists

ANSI/AAMI PB70:2012 Liquid Barrier Performance and Classification of Protective Apparel and Drapes Intended for Use in Healthcare Facilities. Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation.

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HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE TEST AATCC METHOD 127-2018

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LABORATORY I.D. NUMBER: 41508

PROCEDURE NUMBER: AATCC 127-2018 SAMPLE SOURCE: KEYSTONE SAFETY

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: BLUE MEDICAL GOWNS

DEVIATIONS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: None

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Sequentially by lab number

SAMPLE RECEIVE DATE: 06-04-2020 TEST START DATE: 06-04-2020 TEST COMPLETION DATE: 06-05-2020 REPORT ISSUE DATE (ORIGINAL): 06-05-2020

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ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:

As defined by the customer, the Hydrostatic Pressure Test results must meet a minimum of 50 cm, with a sample size of 32 gowns and an AQL of 4.0.

INTRODUCTION:

This report describes details and results for the hydrostatic pressure testing of surgical gown materials. The testing was performed in accordance with AATCC test method 127. This test method measures the resistance of a fabric to penetration of water under hydrostatic pressure and the results can be expected to reasonably simulate resistance of the fabric to penetration by blood or other body fluids.

JUSTIFICATION:

The materials tested are intended to provide a barrier between blood or other potentially infectious agents that could potentially cross-contaminate the healthcare provider and/or the healthcare patient. This test method is applicable to all types of fabrics, including those treated with a water resistant or water repellant finish.

TEST SPECIMEN PREPARATION:

Test specimens measuring 200 x 200 mm were taken diagonally across the width of the material. Specimens are conditioned at $21 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C ($70 \pm 5^{\circ}$ F) air at $65 \pm 2\%$ RH for at least 4 hours before testing. Testing was performed on the outside surface of the gown fabric. Clamped areas of the specimen were sealed with a soft rubber gasket to minimize lateral water leakage.



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TEST PROCEDURE:

The test samples were clamped onto the suter hydrostatic pressure test fixture with the outside surface of the fabric facing the water (ambient temperature) introducing apparatus. Test samples were exposed to water pressure in increasing amounts until penetration of the sample by water droplets is detected in at least three areas. Water droplets that appear within approximately 3 mm adjacent to the edge of the specimen clamping ring were disregarded.

TEST CONTROLS:

Positive and negative test controls are not required for this procedure.

RESULTS:

Refer to Table 1 for a summary of the results.

The data showed that none of the samples tested were below 50 cm. The AQL (4.0) in this procedure allows for 3 gowns to test below this level. The maximum pressure was 87.8 cm, the minimum was 60.7 cm with an average pressure of 79.3 cm. These samples are therefore considered to meet requirements of a Level 3 gown as defined by AAMI PB70.2012

STATEMENT OF UNCERTAINTY:

This test method has no known bias. Water resistance of fabrics can only be defined in terms of the test method as there is no independent, referee method of determining the true value.

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TABLE 1. Hydrostatic Pressure Test Results AATCC Method 127-2018 Sample ID: BLUE MEDICAL GOWNS

Sample ID	Results	Sample ID	Results
	(cm)		(cm)
1	62.2	17	68.5
2	68.0	18	79.2
3	77.7	19	81.3
4	64.0	20	79.0
5	72.3	21	78.2
6	75.8	22	81.7
7	63.8	23	81.6
8	68.9	24	82.9
9	71.5	25	77.7
10	69.4	26	87.8
11	77.4	27	76.2
12	68.2	28	82.5
13	60.7	29	76.3
14	72.2	30	78.6
15	73.4	31	77.2
16	70.0	32	73.0

REFERENCES:

AATCC 127-2018 Water Resistance: Hydrostatic Pressure Test. American Association of Textile Colorists and Chemists

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