

# Laboratory Services for Textiles and Nonwovens



# Textiles/Nonwovens Technical Services

- Fabric information and recommendations
- Product application
- Performance evaluation
- Formulation support
- Direct on-site customer support

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# Recommendations for Fabric Selection

- Supply background information on various textiles
- Communicate strengths and deficiencies
- Support customer fabric selection
- Provide application-based recommendations



# Application Support Services

- Fabric preparation
- Treatment
- Drying
- Curing
- Ironing

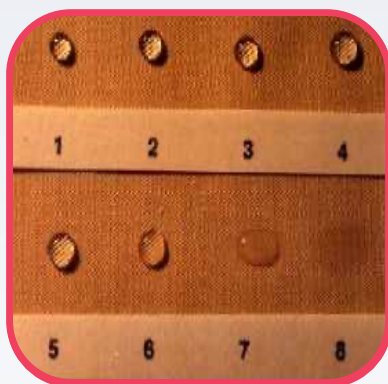
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# Performance Evaluation Services

- Water repellency
- Oil repellency
- Spray performance
- Stain release
- Wash durability
- Hydrostatic testing
- Static decay
- Surface resistivity

# Static Water Repellency: Drop Kit Test Method

- Three drops of the IPA and water solutions are placed on the fabric
- Fabric passes the test if no wetting is observed after ~15 seconds



**Water Drop  
Kit Test  
AATCC 193  
(Teflon/CHT  
Standard)**

## Kit Comparison

3M Kit Test		
Grade	Isopropanol	Water
W	0%	100%
1	10%	90%
2	20%	80%
3	30%	70%
4	40%	60%
5	50%	50%
6	60%	40%
7	70%	30%
8	80%	20%
9	90%	10%
10	100%	0%

Teflon® Kit Test		
Grade	Isopropanol	Water
1	2%	98%
2	5%	95%
3	10%	90%
4	20%	80%
5	30%	70%
6	40%	60%
7	50%	50%
8	60%	40%

# Oil Repellency: Drop Kit Test Method

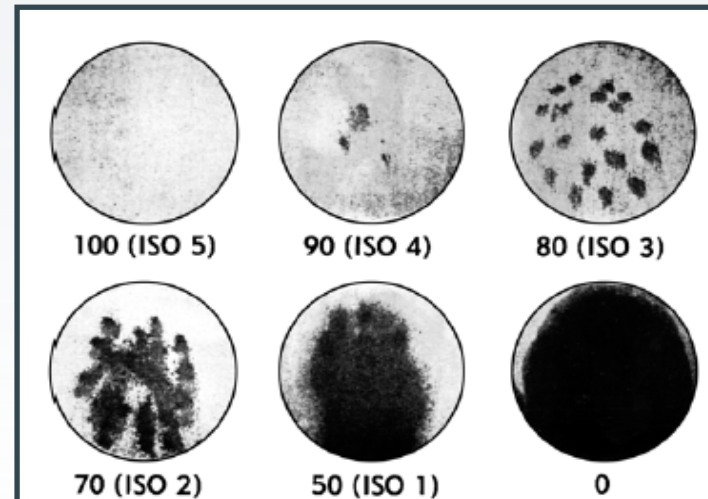
- Three drops of the test grade are placed on the fabric
- Fabric passes the test if no wetting is observed after 15–30 seconds

Oil Kit Test	
Grade	Description
1	Kaydol Oil
2	65:35 Kaydol: Hexadecane
3	Hexadecane
4	Tetradecane
5	Dodecane
6	Decane
7	Octane
8	Heptane

**Oil Drop  
Kit Test  
AATCC 118**

# Dynamic Water Repellency: Spray Test Method

- 250 ml of tap water is sprayed over fabric
- Spray height = 15 cm
- Knock off the specimen
- Ratings: 0–100



**Spray Test  
AATCC 22**

# Stain Release Test Method



**Stain Release  
Test  
AATCC 130**

**Measures ability of fabric to release oily stains during home laundering**

- Corn oil and mineral oil are applied to fabric
- Glassine surface is placed on top followed by a 2.27 kg weight for 60 seconds
- Surface and weight are removed and the fabric is washed



## Wash Durability

- Allows fabric to be washed and dried as much as required
- Sample evaluation is completed again after the wash and dry cycles are completed
- Provides a numerical value for performance longevity
- Used in stain release evaluations



# Hydrostatic Pressure Testing

- Equipment measures the force (kPa) and time required to force a liquid, usually water, through a piece of fabric
- The greater the force and time required to penetrate the fabric, the more resistant the fabric is to that particular liquid
- This equipment provides a means of quantitatively differentiating treatments that perform similarly in the testing discussed earlier

# Static Decay Testing

- Measures the time it takes for the charge applied to the fabric to dissipate
- Decay data is useful for medical garment and carpet customers

# Surface Resistivity Testing

- Electrical resistance of the fabric surface is measured between two concentric rings
- Comparing the voltage gradient to the current density provides a numerical value of how much charge can build up on the surface of the fabric



# Direct Customer Support

Available for:

- USA
- Mexico
- Canada
- South America

