

Gabriel internal test report for bleach cleanability

Test performed:	05. Oct. 2020
Test:	BIFMA HCF 8.1-2019 Health Care Furniture design guidelines or cleanability & ACT Test Method 1-2020
Bleach concentration:	1:10 Sodium Hypochlorite 5.25 – 6.25%
Product tested:	2446/2447 Twist Melange – 100% Trevira CS

Gabriel tests all polyester fabrics, and tests include all colour options for each fabric. Tests are conducted in accordance with BIFMA's and ACT's recommended cleanability guidelines for use of cleaners, sanitisers and disinfectants on fabrics in hospitals and health care settings. The test result for each colour includes an assessment of the risk for colour change, when bleach is applied to the fabric in the concentrations required in health care environments.

When choosing a bleach-cleanable product, it is important to be aware that a variety of test methods to evaluate bleach resistance exist. Consequently, we recommend that you always ensure that the test method applied to a specific fabric meets the requirements - in terms of bleach concentration, application and contact time - for the specific context and environment in which the fabric will be used.

The test method applied by Gabriel is extremely thorough, and we consider it to be the best test available to assess and inform about the risk for colour change when using chlorine products.

Test description

1 ml of hospital grade disinfectant cleaner - diluted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions - is applied to the centre of the test specimen. The solution is allowed to set for a period of two hours, after which any remaining liquids are blotted up (on both face and back).

The process is repeated for a total of ten times. Two hours after the 10th application, three ml of water are applied, excess fluids are blotted up with a clean white cloth, and the test specimen is allowed to air dry. The last step is repeated if chemical residue remains.

The material is evaluated by comparing the test specimen with AATCC Grey Scale for Color change.

Rating system – Grades according to AATCC Grey scale

Grade 5 – Very good-excellent

Grade 4 – Good

Grade 3 – Fair-moderate

Grade 2 – Poor behaviour

Grade 1 – Very poor

Acceptance criteria according ACT/BIFMA.

Colour Change: Grade 4 minimum

Colour Transfer: Not permitted

Physical damage: Not permitted

Fabric	Colour	Name	Risk for colour changes*	Result
Twist Melange	60076	Light Grey	Low	4-5
Twist Melange	67004	Green Blue	Low	4-5
Twist Melange	61104	Beige	Low	4
Twist Melange	64013	Red	Low	4
Twist Melange	66018	Blue	Low	4
Twist Melange	68118	Light Green	Low	4
Twist Melange	60004	Grey	Medium	3-4
Twist Melange	61102	Dark Brown	Medium	3-4
Twist Melange	61103	Brown	Medium	3-4
Twist Melange	65018	Purple	Medium	3-4
Twist Melange	68120	Green	Medium	3-4
Twist Melange	60011	Medium Grey	High	3
Twist Melange	62066	Yellow	High	3
Twist Melange	63012	Orange	High	3
Twist Melange	63075	Dark Orange	High	3
Twist Melange	68119	Yellow Green	High	3
Twist Melange	60021	Dark Grey	High	2-3

**) Low risk = Grade 4-5; Medium risk = Grade 3-4; High risk = Grade 3 and below*

Gabriel A/S confirms that the above results were obtained after testing the specimen in accordance with the procedures and equipment specified above.

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