

## Gabriel internal test report for bleach cleanability

<b>Test performed:</b>	05. Oct. 2020
<b>Test:</b>	BIFMA HCF 8.1-2019 Health Care Furniture design guidelines or cleanability & ACT Test Method 1-2020
<b>Bleach concentration:</b>	1:10 Sodium Hypochlorite 5.25 – 6.25 %
<b>Product tested:</b>	8691 Flex – 100 % polyester

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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
Flex	66057	Dark Turquoise	Low	4-5
Flex	66062	Blue	Low	4-5
Flex	66065	Dark blue	Low	4-5
Flex	60011	Grey	Low	4
Flex	60999	Black	Low	4
Flex	63036	Dark orange	Low	4
Flex	65037	Purple	Low	4
Flex	66041	Blue	Low	4
Flex	66061	Blue	Low	4
Flex	67031	Turquoise	Low	4
Flex	68056	Green	Low	4
Flex	60025	Dark grey	Medium	3-4
Flex	61078	Beige	Medium	3-4
Flex	65036	Purple	Medium	3-4
Flex	65039	Purple	Medium	3-4
Flex	68057	Dark green	Medium	3-4
Flex	63035	Orange	High	3
Flex	64089	Red	High	2-3
Flex	64094	Red	High	2
Flex	64095	Red	High	2

*\*) 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.

**Gabriel A/S**



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