

Gabriel internal test report for bleach cleanability

Test performed:	11 Jan 2024
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:	Future Loop – 100% post-consumer recycled 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, sanitizers 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 center 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
Future Loop	63142	Orange	Low	5
Future Loop	64274	Light Red	Low	5
Future Loop	64275	Red	Low	5
Future Loop	68306	Yellow Green	Low	5
Future Loop	67137	Turquoise	Low	5
Future Loop	66269	Blue	Low	5
Future Loop	60356	Grey	Low	5
Future Loop	60357	Dark Grey	Low	5

**) 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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