

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: 8613 Medley – 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 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

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Fabric	Colour	Name	Risk for colour changes*	Result
Medley	66144	Blue	Low	4
Medley	60003	Light grey	Medium	3-4
Medley	60167	Grey	Medium	3-4
Medley	61002	Beige	Medium	3-4
Medley	61189	Light Beige	Medium	3-4
Medley	64124	Light Red	Medium	3-4
Medley	66009	Blue	Medium	3-4
Medley	66010	Dark blue	Medium	3-4
Medley	67006	Turquise	Medium	3-4
Medley	60999	Black	High	3
Medley	62054	Yellow	High	3
Medley	63013	Orange	High	3
Medley	63016	Orange red	High	3
Medley	64019	Red	High	3
Medley	64125	L. Bordeaux	High	3
Medley	65011	Light purple	High	3
Medley	66007	Blue	High	3
Medley	66008	Light blue	High	3
Medley	67052	Turquoise	High	3
Medley	67053	D. Turquoise	High	3
Medley	67054	Blue Green	High	3
Medley	60004	Grey	High	2-3
Medley	62002	Yellow	High	2-3
Medley	63017	Dark orange	High	2-3
Medley	64123	D.Red	High	2-3
Medley	65086	Purple	High	2-3
Medley	66145	Red Blue	High	2-3
Medley	68114	L.Green	High	2-3
Medley	61003	Brown	High	2
Medley	61004	Dark Brown	High	2
Medley	63063	D. Orange	High	2
Medley	63064	L.Orange	High	2
Medley	65012	Purple	High	2
Medley	67002	Green Brown	High	2
Medley	68002	Green	High	2
Medley	68005	Green	High	2
Medley	68115	Green	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.

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