



Standard Test Method for Durability of Finish of Zippers to Laundering¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the durability of the enamel or other decorative coating of a zipper when subjected to laundering.

1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D 123 Terminology Relating to Textiles

D 2050 Terminology Relating to Zippers

D 2052 Test Method for Colorfastness of Zippers to Drycleaning

D 2053 Test Method for Colorfastness of Zippers to Light

D 2054 Test Method for Colorfastness of Zipper Tapes to Crocking

D 2057 Test Method for Colorfastness of Zippers to Laundering

D 2058 Test Method for Durability of Finish of Zippers to Drycleaning

D 2059 Test Method for Resistance of Zippers to Salt Spray (Fog)

D 2060 Test Methods for Measuring Zipper Dimensions

D 2061 Test Methods for Strength Tests for Zippers

D 2062 Test Methods for Operability of Zippers

2.2 AATCC Method:

Method 61 Colorfastness to Washing, Domestic; and Laundering, Commercial: Accelerated³

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of zipper terms used in this standard, refer to Terminology D 2050. For definitions of other textile terminology used in this standard, refer to Terminology D 123.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 Specimens are laundered in laboratory equipment at a low liquor-to-goods ratio under conditions of temperature, bleaching, and abrasive action that produce the effect of repeated launderings in a conveniently short time. The zipper coating is abraded by the throw, slide, and impact of an appropriate number of steel balls. The effects of the test on zipper coating are evaluated by noting the loss of coating on the zipper chain or components, or both.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Test Method D 2051 is useful for testing to determine the effect of repeated laundering on the appearance of the decorative coating of a zipper.

5.2 This test method is considered satisfactory for acceptance testing of commercial shipments because the method has been used extensively in the trade for acceptance testing.

5.2.1 If there are differences of practical significance between reported test results for two laboratories (or more), comparative test should be performed to determine if there is a statistical bias between them, using competent statistical assistance. As a minimum, the test samples should be used that are as homogeneous as possible, that are drawn from the material from which the disparate test results were obtained, and that are randomly assigned in equal numbers to each laboratory for testing. Other materials with established test values may be used for this purpose. The test results from the two laboratories should be compared using a statistical test for unpaired data, at a probability level chosen prior to the testing series. If a bias is found, either its cause must be found and corrected, or future test results must be adjusted in consideration of the known bias.

5.3 The test method(s) in the standard along with those in Test Methods D 2052, D 2053, D 2054, D 2057, D 2058, D 2059, D 2060, D 2061, and D 2062 are a collection of proven test methods. They can be used as aids in the evaluation of zippers without the need for a thorough knowledge of

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM web site, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM web site.

³ Technical Manual of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, P.O. Box 12215, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.