



Standard Test Method for Colorfastness of Zippers to Light¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the alteration in shade of the textile portion of zippers when exposed to light, regardless of the materials of manufacture.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as the standard. Within the text, the inch-pound units are shown in parentheses. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with this test method.

1.3 *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:

- D 123 Terminology Relating to Textiles²
- D 2050 Terminology Relating to Zippers²
- D 2051 Test Method for Durability of Finish of Zippers to Laundering²
- D 2052 Test Method for Colorfastness of Zippers to Dry-cleaning²
- D 2054 Test Method for Colorfastness of Zipper Tapes to Crocking²
- D 2057 Test Method for Colorfastness of Zippers to Laundering²
- D 2058 Test Method for Durability of Finish of Zippers to Drycleaning²
- D 2059 Test Method for Resistance of Zippers to Salt Spray (Fog)²
- D 2060 Test Method for Measuring Zipper Dimensions²
- D 2061 Test Methods for Strength Tests for Zippers²
- D 2062 Test Methods for Operability of Zippers²

2.2 AATCC Methods:

Test Method 16 Colorfastness to Light³

AATCC Gray Scale for Color Change³

Evaluation Procedure 1 Gray Scale for Color Change³

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 A specimen of zipper tape and chain is exposed to continuous artificial light for a predetermined period of exposure. Fading of the specimen is evaluated and rated by means of the AATCC Gray Scale for Color Change.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Test Method D 2053 is useful for testing to determine if the loss of color due to light exposure is satisfactory for the intended end-use.

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 tests 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 this standard along with those in Test Methods D 2051, D 2052, D 2054, D 2057, D 2058, D 2059, D 2060, D 2061, and D 2062 are a collection of proven zipper test methods. They can be used as aids in the

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 07.01.

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