



Standard Terminology Relating to Fabric Defects¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This terminology covers defects in both woven and knit fabrics. Descriptions of the defects, illustrations, and related material are given under the most frequently used terms; synonym(s) are listed in parentheses and cross referenced.

2. Terminology

2.1 Definitions:

abrasion mark, *n*—an area damaged by friction. (*Syn.* chafe mark)

apron mark—See **decating mark**.

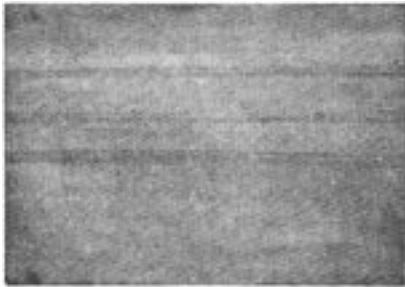
baggy cloth—See **wavy cloth**.

baggy selvage—See **slack selvage**.

balling up—See **fuzz ball**.

barré, *n*—an unintentional, repetitive visual pattern of continuous bars and stripes usually parallel to the filling of woven fabric or to the courses of circular knit fabric. (Compare **warp streak**, **mixed filling**)

DISCUSSION—The term “barré” is sometimes used as a synonym for “warp streaks” in warp knit and woven fabrics. Barré can be caused by physical, optical, or dye differences in the yarns, geometric differences in the fabric structure, or by any combination of these differences.



Barré

beaded selvage—See **loopy selvage**.

bias—See **skew**.

birdseye, *n*—in knitted fabrics, an unintentional tuck stitch.

blanket mark—See **sanforizing mark**.

blotch, *n*—an offcolored area of any shape caused by grease or oil. (*Syn.* **oil spot**)

bow, *n*—a fabric condition resulting when filling yarns or knitting courses are displaced from a line perpendicular to the selvages and form one or more arcs across the width of fabric. (See also **double bow**)

bow, double—See **double bow**.

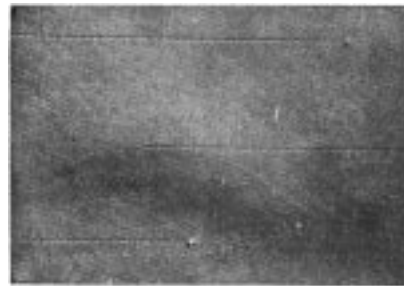
box mark—See **shuttle mark**.

break-out—See **smash**.

broken end, *n*—in woven fabrics, a void in the warp direction due to yarn breakage.

broken filament, *n*—in multifilament yarn, breaks in one or more filaments. (*Syn.* strip back, skin back)

broken pick, *n*—in woven fabrics, a discontinuity in the filling direction caused by a break or cut in the filling yarn.



Broken Pick

broken selvage—See **cut selvage**.

bruise, *n*—in fabrics, an area that has been subjected to impact or pressure, that differs from the adjacent normal fabric. (*Syn.* **pressure mark**.)

bunch—See **slug**.

chafe mark—See **abrasion mark**.

clip mark, *n*—a visual deformation near the edge of a fabric parallel with the lengthwise direction caused by pressure exerted by a clasping device on a clip tenter frame. (See also *pin mark*.)

coarse end, *n*—a larger than normal diameter warp end. (*Syn.* heavy end) (Compare **fine end**)
coarse filling—See **coarse pick**.

coarse pick, *n*—in woven fabrics, one or more picks of larger diameter than the normal filling yarn in the fabric. (*Syn.* thick filling)

cockles, *n*—in yarns, irregular thick, uneven, lumps.

color bleeding, *n*—the loss of color from a dyed fabric when

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