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Standard Terminology Relating to Floor Coverings and Textile Upholstered Furniture¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This standard is a compilation of all terminology developed by Subcommittee D13.62 on Labeling and related to refurbishing or care of floor coverings and textile upholstered furniture, excluding leather. These items cannot be refurbished by the laundering and dry cleaning methods used for apparel and other domestic textile products.

1.2 This document defines terms for the care of textile floor coverings and textile upholstered furniture. The exact care instructions and sequence of procedures are to be determined by the manufacturer.

1.3 The recommended terminology covers common meanings used by both textile technologists and consumers.

1.4 This terminology is not applicable to unattached fabrics, such as slipcovers, used for covering furniture.

1.5 When care labels are provided, a standardized terminology in a logical sequence facilitates the maximum disclosure of essential information in small label space and assists understanding of recommended care practices by the consumer.

1.6 The use of either a permanent or a nonattached care instruction should not preclude the use of the alternative as an additional source of information to the consumer.

1.7 The term “only” in any label term limits the procedure to the stated instruction.

1.8 This terminology is unique to the care of textile floor coverings and upholstered furniture. Meanings of the same terms outside the industry can be found in other compilations or dictionaries of general usage.

1.9 In addition to being a specialized dictionary, Terminology D5253 is also useful for managing the subcommittee’s terminology.

1.10 Terms listed are under the jurisdiction of SC D13.62.

1.11 For definitions of refurbishing or care terms for apparel, textile, home furnishing, and leather products cleaned by laundering or dry cleaning methods, see Terminology [D3136](#).

¹ This terminology is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [D13](#) on Textiles and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [D13.62](#) on Labeling.

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1.12 For definitions of other textile terms, see Terminology [D123](#).

1.13 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[D123 Terminology Relating to Textiles](#)

[D3136 Terminology Relating to Care Labeling for Apparel, Textile, Home Furnishing, and Leather Products](#)

[D3938 Guide for Determining or Confirming Care Instructions for Apparel and Other Textile Products](#)

[D5489 Guide for Care Symbols for Care Instructions on Textile Products](#)

[D6322 Guide to International Test Methods Associated with Textile Care Procedures \(Withdrawn 2024\)³](#)

[D6719 Guide for Standard Test Methods and Practices for Evaluating Pile Yarn Floor Covering](#)

[D6859 Test Method for Pile Thickness of Finished Level Pile Yarn Floor Coverings](#)

[D6962 Practice for Operation of a Roller Chair Tester for Pile Yarn Floor Coverings](#)

[D7241 Test Method for Pile Thickness of Finished Multi-level Pile Yarn Floor Covering](#)

[D7267 Test Method for Edge Ravel Resistance of Finished Loop Pile, Pile Yarn Floor Covering](#)

[D7330 Test Method for Assessment of Surface Appearance Change in Pile Floor Coverings Using Standard Reference Scales](#)

[D7570 Test Method for Evaluation of Dimensional Stability of Pile Yarn Floor Covering](#)

2.2 Other Document:

[16 CFR, Part 423, As Amended Effective September 1, 2000 Federal Trade Commission Amendment to Trade](#)

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

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.