



Standard Test Method to Measure Heat Transfer Through Textile Thermal Barrier Materials¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the evaluation of heat transfer of textile materials which are used as thermal barriers when exposed to a calibrated convective and radiant energy heat source for 60 s.

1.1.1 This standard is used to determine if the heat transfer is sufficient to ignite flammable materials which are contiguous to the textile thermal barriers.

1.2 This standard is used as a means to differentiate textile materials.

1.3 This test method is not intended to measure the insulation properties of materials used in protective clothing.

1.4 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.5 This standard is used to measure and describe the response of materials, products, or assemblies to heat and flame under controlled conditions, but does not by itself incorporate all factors required for fire hazard or fire risk assessment of the materials, products or assemblies under actual fire conditions.

1.6 *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

D123 Terminology Relating to Textiles

¹ This standard is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D13 on Textiles and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D13.52 on Flammability.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, 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 website.

D4391 Terminology Relating to The Burning Behavior of Textiles

2.2 Other Standards:

State of California, Technical Bulletin 603 Requirements and Test Procedures for Resistance of a Mattress/Boxspring Set to a Large Open Flame, January, 2004³

Code of Federal Regulations – Title 16 – Consumer Product Safety Commission Part 1633, Standard for the Flammability of Mattress Sets⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 The following terms are relevant to this standard: break open, charring, dripping, embrittlement, exposure energy to thermal end point, heat flux, ignition, melting, shrinkage.

3.1.1 For all terminology relating to D13.52, Flammability, refer to Terminology **D4391**.

3.2 For all terminology related to Textiles see Terminology **D123**.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 A textile thermal barrier that is used to prevent transfer of heat to flammable materials which are contiguous to this barrier are exposed to a controlled radiant and convective heat source for 60 s.

4.2 The heat transfer is measured using a data collection system.

4.3 Performance of thermal barrier textile material is determined by the amount of heat transferred through the specimen.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method measures the level of heat transfer through the thermal barrier textile material within a specific period of time.

5.2 This test method is used to evaluate thermal barriers and determine if they are able to withstand impingement by an open flame.

³ Available from the State of California.

⁴ Available from U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), 4330 East West Hwy., Bethesda, MD 20814, <http://www.cpsc.gov>.