



Standard Test Method for Bow and Skew Using a Measuring Tool¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method is used to determine the bow and skew of woven and knitted fabrics over a fixed distance, using a measuring tool.

1.2 This test method is useful when a small specimen or cut parts need to be evaluated for bow and skew, provided a warp or fill, or both, reference line is available, to aid in aligning the tool.

1.3 Test Method [D3882](#) may be used when measuring bow and skew in fabric in rolls. However, results obtained with [D3882](#) may not be comparable with results obtained by this test method.

1.4 There is no known ISO equivalent standard.

1.5 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

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](#)

[D1776 Practice for Conditioning and Testing Textiles](#)

[D3882 Test Method for Bow and Skew in Woven and Knitted Fabrics](#)

[D3990 Terminology Relating to Fabric Defects](#)

[E177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods](#)

[E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method](#)

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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.

3. Terminology

3.1 For all terminology related to fabric defect terms, refer to Terminology [D3990](#).

3.1.1 The following terms are relevant to this standard: bow, double bow, double hooked bow, double reverse bow, hooked bow, knitted fabric, skew, standard atmosphere for testing textiles.

3.2 For all other terminology related to textiles, refer to Terminology [D123](#).

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 A straightedge is placed across the fabric between two points at which a marked filling yarn, knitted course, designated printed line, or designated design meets the two selvages or edges. The greatest distance between the straightedge and the marked filling line, knitted course, designated printed line, or designated design is measured parallel to the selvage.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method provides a standard procedure for obtaining data for research and development, quality control, acceptance and rejection under specifications, and for special purposes.

5.2 The data obtained by this test method is applicable to the material under the conditions of this particular test and is not necessarily the same as obtained under other environments in use.

5.3 This test method is considered satisfactory for acceptance testing of commercial shipments.

5.4 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 to be used are as homogeneous as possible, are drawn from the material from which the disparate test results were obtained, and are randomly assigned in equal numbers to each laboratory for testing. Other fabrics 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