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This edition of NFPA 2112 was approved as an American National Standard on August 31, 2011.

# Origin and Development of NFPA 2112

The NFPA Standards Council established the Technical Committee on Flash Fire Protective Garments in 1998. Between February and August of 1999, the Technical Committee developed two draft standards: NFPA 2112 and NFPA 2113, Standard on Selection, Care, Use, and Maintenance of Flame-Resistant Garments for Protection of Industrial Personnel Against Flash Fire, which were then released for public proposals and comments. NFPA 2112 specifies the minimum design, performance, certification requirements, and test methods for flame-resistant garments for use in areas at risk from flash fires. The first editions of NFPA 2112 and NFPA 2113 were approved by the NFPA membership at the May 2001 NFPA World Fire Safety Congress and were issued by the Standards Council in July 2001.

The 2007 edition revised the scope to clarify that the standard applies to the performance of fabrics and components of garments and not the garment itself. The scope was also modified to indicate that NFPA 2112 does not apply to single-use or limited-use garments. The Committee pursued the development of separate documents to address the design, testing, certification, selection, and use of those garments. This revision also incorporated updates to reference test methods and the method for calculating total heat flux.

The 2012 edition has updated the term from thermal protective performance to heat transfer performance and has incorporated ASTM F 2700, Standard Test Method for Unsteady-State Heat Transfer Evaluation of Flame Resistant Materials for Clothing with Continuous Heating, as the test method. The test method previously shown in the standard was removed, because it duplicated the ASTM F 2700 method. A definition for cold weather insulation material and testing requirements were added to ensure that garments incorporating such insulation material are properly tested and certified. The 2012 edition clarifies certain aspects of the laundering requirements to prevent the presence of residual detergent during testing.

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Committee Scope: This Committee shall have primary responsibility for documents on the manufacture, selection, care, and use of garments and equipment used for protection of industrial personnel where there is potential for flash fire. Industrial personnel include workers who are potentially or may accidentally be exposed to hydrocarbon or combustible dust flash fires, and not electrical flashes. These documents do not cover fire fighters and other emergency services personnel.

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Information on referenced publications can be found in Chapter 2 and Annex C.

# Chapter 1 Administration

**1.1 Scope.** The standard shall specify the minimum performance requirements and test methods for flame-resistant fabrics and components and the design and certification requirements for garments for use in areas at risk from flash fires.

#### 1.2 Purpose.

- 1.2.1\* This standard shall provide minimum requirements for the design, construction, evaluation, and certification of flameresistant garments for use by industrial personnel, with the intent of not contributing to the burn injury of the wearer, providing a degree of protection to the wearer, and reducing the severity of burn injuries resulting from short-duration thermal exposures or accidental exposure to flash fires.
- 1.2.2\* Controlled laboratory tests used to determine compliance with the performance requirements of this standard shall not be deemed as establishing performance levels for all situations to which personnel can be exposed.
- 1.2.3\* This standard shall not be intended to be utilized as a detailed manufacturing or purchasing specification but shall

be intended to be referenced in purchase specifications as minimum requirements.

#### 1.3 Application.

- **1.3.1** This standard shall apply to the design, manufacturing, and certification of new flame-resistant garments.
- 1.3.2\* This standard shall not apply to protective clothing for wildland fire fighting, technical rescue, structural fire fighting, proximity fire fighting, or any other fire-fighting operations or hazardous materials emergencies. This standard shall not apply to single-use or limited-use garments. This standard shall not apply to protection from electrical flashes, radiological agents, biological agents, or hazardous materials.
- **1.3.3** Certification of flame-resistant garments to the requirements of this standard shall not preclude certification to additional appropriate standards where the garment meets all the applicable requirements of each standard.
- **1.3.4** The requirements of this standard shall not apply to accessories that might be attached to flame-resistant garments unless specifically addressed herein.
- **1.3.5** The minimum requirements identified in this standard are not intended to meet all the protection needs of a user in areas at risk from flash fires. Users shall refer to NFPA 2113, *Standard on Selection, Care, Use, and Maintenance of Flame-Resistant Garments for Protection of Industrial Personnel Against Flash Fire, for conducting the appropriate hazard assessment to identify the in-use area's minimum protection requirements.*
- **1.4 Retroactivity.** This standard shall only apply to garments manufactured on or after the effective date of the standard.
- **1.5 Equivalency.** Nothing herein shall restrict any jurisdiction or manufacturer from exceeding these minimum requirements.
- **1.6 Units.** In this standard, values for measurement are followed by an equivalent in parentheses, but only the first stated value shall be regarded as the requirement. Equivalent values in parentheses shall not be considered as the requirement, as these values might be approximate.

### Chapter 2 Referenced Publications

- **2.1 General.** The documents or portions thereof listed in this chapter are referenced within this standard and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document.
- **2.2 NFPA Publications.** National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

NFPA 2113, Standard on Selection, Care, Use, and Maintenance of Flame-Resistant Garments for Protection of Industrial Personnel Against Flash Fire, 2012 edition.

#### 2.3 Other Publications.

**2.3.1 AATCC Publications.** American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, P.O. Box 12215, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

AATCC 135, Dimensional Changes of Fabrics After Home Laundering, 2004.

AATCC 158, Dimensional Changes on Dry-Cleaning in Perchloroethylene: Machine Method, 2005.



- 2.3.2 ASTM Publications. ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.
- ASTM D 6413, Standard Test Method for Flame Resistance of Textiles (Vertical Test), 2008.
- ASTM F 1930, Standard Test Method for Evaluation of Flame Resistant Clothing for Protection Against Flash Fire Simulations Using an Instrumented Manikin, 2000. (Reaffirmed 2008)
- ASTM F 2700, Standard Test Method for Unsteady-State Heat Transfer Evaluation of Flame Resistant Materials for Clothing with Continuous Heating, 2008.
- 2.3.3 GSA Publications. U.S. General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20405.

Federal Test Method Standard 191A, Textile Test Methods, July 20, 1978.

- 2.3.4 ISO Publications. International Organization for Standardization, 1, rue de Varembé, Case postale 56, CH-1211 Geneve 20, Switzerland.
  - ISO 9001, Quality Management Systems Requirements, 2008.
- ISO 17025, General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories, 2005.

ISO/IEC Guide 65, General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems, 1996.

#### 2.3.5 Other Publications.

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th edition, Merriam-Webster, Inc., Springfield, MA, 2003.

#### 2.4 References for Extracts in Mandatory Sections.

NFPA 270, Standard Test Method for Measurement of Smoke Obscuration Using a Conical Radiant Source in a Single Closed Chamber, 2008 edition.

NFPA 921, Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations, 2011 edition.

NFPA 1971, Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting, 2007 edition.

NFPA 1975, Standard on Station/Work Uniforms for Emergency Services, 2009 edition.

NFPA 1977, Standard on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Wildland Fire Fighting, 2011 edition.

NFPA 1983, Standard on Life Safety Rope and Equipment for Emergency Services, 2006 edition.

NFPA 1991, Standard on Vapor-Protective Ensembles for Hazardous Materials Emergencies, 2005 edition.

# **Chapter 3 Definitions**

**3.1 General.** The definitions contained in this chapter shall apply to the terms used in this standard. Where terms are not defined in this chapter or within another chapter, they shall be defined using their ordinarily accepted meanings within the context in which they are used. Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th edition, shall be the source for the ordinarily accepted meaning.

#### 3.2 NFPA Official Definitions.

- 3.2.1\* Approved. Acceptable to the authority having juris-
- 3.2.2\* Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). An organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements

of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure.

- 3.2.3 Labeled. Equipment or materials to which has been attached a label, symbol, or other identifying mark of an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with product evaluation, that maintains periodic inspection of production of labeled equipment or materials, and by whose labeling the manufacturer indicates compliance with appropriate standards or performance in a specified manner.
- **3.2.4\* Listed.** Equipment, materials, or services included in a list published by an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with evaluation of products or services, that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services, and whose listing states that either the equipment, material, or service meets appropriate designated standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.
- **3.2.5 Shall.** Indicates a mandatory requirement.
- **3.2.6 Should.** Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.
- **3.2.7 Standard.** A document, the main text of which contains only mandatory provisions using the word "shall" to indicate requirements and which is in a form generally suitable for mandatory reference by another standard or code or for adoption into law. Nonmandatory provisions shall be located in an appendix or annex, footnote, or fine-print note and are not to be considered a part of the requirements of a standard.

#### 3.3 General Definitions.

3.3.1 Accreditation/Accredited. A system whereby a certification organization determines that a laboratory has demonstrated the ability to conduct tests in an accurate and precise manner consistent with the requirements of this standard, accepts the laboratory's test data, and continues to monitor laboratory practices to ensure accurate and precise testing consistent with the requirements of this standard.

#### **3.3.2** Agents.

- 3.3.2.1 Biological Agents. Biological materials that are capable of causing an acute disease or long-term damage to the human body. [1991, 2005]
- 3.3.2.2 Radiological Agents. Radiation associated with x-rays, alpha, beta, and gamma emissions from radioactive isotopes, or other materials in excess of normal background radiation levels.

#### 3.3.3 Body.

- **3.3.3.1** *Lower Body.* The area of the body below the waist including the legs but excluding the ankles and feet.
- 3.3.3.2 Upper Body. The area of body above the waist and extending to the shoulders, including the arms and wrists but excluding the hands.
- 3.3.4 Certification/Certified. A system whereby a certification organization determines that a manufacturer has demonstrated the ability to produce a product that complies with the requirements of this standard, authorizes the manufacturer to use a label on listed products that comply with the requirements of this standard, and establishes a follow-up program conducted by the certification organization as a check on the methods the manufacturer uses to determine continued compliance with the requirements of this standard. [1971, 2007]

- **3.3.5 Certification Organization.** An independent, third-party organization that determines product compliance with the requirements of this standard with a labeling/listing/follow-up program. [1971, 2007]
- **3.3.6\* Cold Weather Insulation Material.** A fabric that consists of one or more nonseparable layers that is used for protection in a low-temperature environment.
- **3.3.7 Compliance/Compliant.** Meeting or exceeding all applicable requirements of this standard. [1971, 2007]
- **3.3.8 Component(s).** Any material, part, or subassembly used in the construction of the compliant product. [1971, 2007]
- **3.3.9 Drip.** A flow of liquid that lacks sufficient quantity or pressure to form a continuous stream and runs or falls in drops.
- **3.3.10 Emblem(s).** Shields, heraldry, or printing that designates a governmental entity or a specific organization; rank, title, position, or other professional status that is painted, screened, embroidered, sewn, glued, bonded, or otherwise attached in a permanent manner.
- **3.3.11\* Fabric.** The one or more layers of textile material(s) used in the primary construction of protective garments.
  - **3.3.11.1** *Textile Fabric.* A planar structure consisting of yarns or fibers. [1977, 2011]
- **3.3.12\* Flame Resistance.** The property of a material whereby combustion is prevented, terminated, or inhibited following the application of a flaming or nonflaming source of ignition, with or without subsequent removal of the ignition source.
- **3.3.13\* Flash Fire.** A fire that spreads by means of a flame front rapidly through a diffuse fuel, such as dust, gas, or the vapors of an ignitible liquid, without the production of damaging pressure. [921, 2011]
- **3.3.14 Follow-Up Program.** The sampling, inspections, tests, or other measures conducted by the certification organization on a periodic basis to determine the continued compliance of labeled and listed products that are being produced by the manufacturer to the requirements of this standard. [1977, 2011]
- **3.3.15 Garments.** Clothing including, but not limited to, coveralls, trousers, shirts, outerwear, and rainwear.
  - **3.3.15.1** *Limited-Use Garment.* A garment whose service life is limited by the manufacturer to a specified number of wear cycles and does not meet the testing requirements of this standard.
  - **3.3.15.2\*** *Single-Use Garment.* A garment that is designed to be used one time and then disposed of.
- **3.3.16 Hardware.** Nonfabric components of the protective garment including, but not limited to, those made of metal or plastic.
- **3.3.17 Hazardous Material.** Any solid, liquid, gas, or mixture thereof that can potentially cause harm to the human body through respiration, ingestion, skin absorption, or contact.
- **3.3.18 Hazardous Materials Emergencies.** Incidents involving the release or potential release of hazardous materials. [1971, 2007]
- **3.3.19 Industrial Personnel.** Workers who might be exposed to flash fire.
- **3.3.20 Interlining.** Any textile that is incorporated into any garment as a layer between outer and inner layers. [1975, 2009]

- **3.3.21 Lining.** Any material that is attached and used to cover or partially cover the inside surface of a flame-resistant garment.
- **3.3.22 Melt.** A response to heat by a material resulting in evidence of flowing or dripping. [1983, 2006]
- **3.3.23 Model.** The collective term used to identify a group of elements or items of the same basic design and components from a single manufacturer produced by the same manufacturing and quality assurance procedures that are covered by the same certification. [1971, 2007]
- **3.3.24 Product.** The compliant flame-resistant garment.
- **3.3.25\* Product Label.** Alabel or marking affixed to a product by the manufacturer containing compliant statements, certification statements, manufacturer or model information, or similar dates. [1971, 2007]
- **3.3.26 Reflective Striping.** Material added to the exterior of the garment to enhance nighttime or daytime visibility.
- **3.3.27 Reinforcement.** An additional layer of a textile material applied to a specific area of the protective garment to make that portion of the protective garment more resistant to wear.
- **3.3.28 Sample.** An amount of the material, product, or assembly to be tested that is representative of the item as a whole. [270, 2008]
- **3.3.29 Seam.** Any permanent attachment of two or more protective garment fabrics in a line formed by joining the separate material pieces.
  - **3.3.29.1** *Sewn Seam.* A series of stitches joining two or more separate plies of material(s) of planar structure, such as textiles. [1975, 2009]
- **3.3.30 Separate.** A material response evidenced by splitting or delaminating. [1971, 2007]
- **3.3.31 Specimen.** The item that undergoes testing; in some cases, the specimen is also the sample. [1971, 2007]
- **3.3.32 Trouser.** A garment that is designed to provide minimum protection to the lower torso and legs, excluding the ankles and feet.

#### **Chapter 4** Certification

#### 4.1 General.

- **4.1.1** All flame-resistant garments that are labeled as being compliant with this standard shall meet or exceed all applicable requirements specified in this standard and shall be certified.
- **4.1.2** All test data used to determine compliance of flameresistant garments with this standard shall be provided by an accredited testing laboratory.
- **4.1.3** All flame-resistant garments shall be labeled and listed.
- **4.1.4** All flame-resistant garments shall have a product label, which shall meet the requirements of Section 5.1.
- **4.1.5\*** The certification organization's label, symbol, or identifying mark shall be attached to the product label, be part of the product label, or be immediately adjacent to the product label.
- **4.1.6** Manufacturers shall not claim compliance with a portion(s) or segment(s) of the requirements of this standard and



- shall not use the name or identification of this standard in any statements about their respective product(s) unless the product(s) is certified as compliant to this standard.
- **4.1.7** The certification organization shall not certify any flame-resistant garments to the 2007 edition of this standard on or after August 1, 2012.
- **4.1.8** The certification organization shall not permit any manufacturer to label any flame-resistant garments as compliant with the 2007 edition of this standard on or after August 1, 2012.

### 4.2 Certification Program.

- **4.2.1\*** The certification organization shall not be owned or controlled by manufacturers or vendors of the product being certified.
- **4.2.2** The certification organization shall be primarily engaged in certification work and shall not have a monetary interest in the product's ultimate profitability.
- **4.2.3** The certification organization shall be accredited for personal protective equipment in accordance with ISO/IEC Guide 65, *General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems*.
- **4.2.4** The certification organization shall refuse to certify products to this standard that do not comply with all applicable requirements of this standard.
- **4.2.5\*** The contractual provisions between the certification organization and the manufacturer shall specify that certification is contingent on compliance with all applicable requirements of this standard.
- $\bf 4.2.5.1$  There shall be no conditional, temporary, or partial certifications.
- **4.2.5.2** Manufacturers shall not be authorized to use any label or reference to the certification organization on products that are not manufactured in compliance with all applicable requirements of this standard.
- **4.2.6** The certification organization shall have a program to accredit laboratories to perform the tests required by this standard.
- **4.2.6.1** The accredited laboratory shall conduct the required tests and maintain documentation of test results.
- **4.2.6.2** The accredited laboratory shall have laboratory facilities and equipment available for conducting required tests.
- **4.2.7** A program for calibration of all instruments shall be in place and operating, and procedures shall be in use to ensure proper control of all testing.
- **4.2.8** In the absence of an accredited laboratory, the certification organization shall be permitted to have its own laboratory facilities and equipment available for conducting required tests.
- **4.2.9\*** The certification organization shall require the manufacturer to establish and maintain a program of production inspection and testing that meets the requirements of Section 4.4.
- **4.2.9.1** The certification organization shall ensure that the audit assurance program provides continued product compliance with this standard.
- **4.2.9.2** The certification organization shall permit the manufacturer to be registered to ISO 9001, *Quality Management Systems Requirements*, in lieu of meeting the requirements of Section 4.4.

**4.2.10** The certification organization and the manufacturer shall evaluate any changes affecting the form, fit, or function of the certified product to determine its continued certification to this standard.

- **4.2.11\*** The certification organization shall have a follow-up inspection program of the manufacturing facilities of the certified product, with a minimum of one visit per 12-month period.
- **4.2.12** As part of the follow-up inspection program, the certification organization shall review the manufacturer's records and sample product to ensure the following:
- (1) Garments conform with the requirements of this standard.
- (2) The manufacturer has documentation that the fabric and components used in the garment were tested by an accredited laboratory and comply with this standard.
- (3) A manufacturing quality assurance plan meeting the requirements of this standard is in place.
- **4.2.13** The certification organization shall also have a follow-up inspection program of the accredited testing laboratory(ies).
- **4.2.13.1** The certification organization shall conduct a minimum of one visit per 12-month period.
- **4.2.13.2** The certification organization shall review the accredited laboratory's records and facilities to ensure required documentation is maintained and to ensure conformance with testing requirements.
- **4.2.14** The certification organization shall have a program for investigating field reports alleging malperformance or failure of listed products.
- **4.2.15\*** The certification organization shall require the manufacturer to have a product recall system as part of the manufacturer's quality assurance program.
- **4.2.16** The certification organization's operating procedures shall provide a mechanism for the manufacturer to appeal decisions, which shall include the presentation of information from both sides of a controversy to a designated appeals panel.
- **4.2.17** The certification organization shall be in a position to use legal means to protect the integrity of its name and label, which shall be registered and legally defended.

#### 4.3 Inspection and Testing.

- **4.3.1** For the certification of flame-resistant garments, the certification organization shall conduct inspections of the manufacturing facility and the accredited laboratory, as specified in 4.3.2 through 4.3.9.
- **4.3.2** All inspections, evaluations, conditioning, and testing for certification or for recertification shall be conducted by the certification organization or a facility accredited for inspections, evaluations, conditioning, and testing in accordance with all requirements pertaining to testing laboratories in ISO 17025, *General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*.
- **4.3.3** All inspections, evaluations, conditioning, or testing conducted by a product manufacturer shall not be used in the certification or recertification process unless the facility for inspections, evaluations, conditioning, or testing has been accredited in accordance with all requirements pertaining to testing laboratories in ISO 17025, *General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*.

- **4.3.4** Inspection by the certification organization shall include a review of all product labels to ensure that all required label attachment, compliance statements, certification statements, and other product information are as specified for the specific item in Section 5.1.
- **4.3.5** Inspection by the certification organization shall include a review of any graphic representations used on product labels, as permitted in 5.1.6 to ensure that the systems are consistent with the worded statements, are readily understood, and clearly communicate the intended message.
- **4.3.6** Inspection by the certification organization shall include a review of the user information required by Section 5.2 to ensure that the information has been developed and is available.
- **4.3.7** Inspection by the certification organization for determining compliance with the design requirements specified in Chapter 6 shall be performed on whole or complete products.
- **4.3.8** Testing conducted by the accredited laboratory in accordance with the testing requirements of Chapter 8, for determining product compliance with the applicable requirements specified in Chapter 7, shall be performed on samples representative of materials and components used in the actual construction of the flame-resistant garment or sample materials cut from a representative product.

#### 4.3.9 Recertification.

- **4.3.9.1** Any change in the design, construction, or material of a compliant product shall require new inspection and testing to verify compliance with all applicable requirements of this standard that the certification organization determines can be affected by such change.
- **4.3.9.2** Recertification shall be conducted before labeling the modified products as being compliant with this standard.

#### 4.3.10 Product Modifications.

- **4.3.10.1** The certification organization shall not permit any modifications, pretreatment, conditioning, or other such special processes of the product or any product component prior to the product's submission for evaluation and testing by the accredited laboratory.
- **4.3.10.2** The accredited laboratory shall accept, from the manufacturer for evaluation and testing for certification, only product or product components that are the same in every respect to the actual final product or product component.
- **4.3.10.3** The accredited laboratory shall not permit the substitution, repair, or modification, other than as specifically permitted herein, of any product or any product component during testing.

# 4.4 Manufacturer's Quality Assurance Program.

#### 4.4.1 General.

- **4.4.1.1** The manufacturer shall provide and maintain a quality assurance program that includes a documented inspection and product recall system.
- **4.4.1.2** The manufacturer shall have an inspection system to substantiate conformance to this standard.
- **4.4.1.3\*** The manufacturer shall be permitted to be registered to ISO 9001, *Quality Management Systems Requirements*, in lieu of meeting the requirements of 4.4.2 through 4.4.8.

#### 4.4.2 Instructions.

**4.4.2.1** The manufacturer shall maintain written inspection and testing instructions.

- **4.4.2.2** The instructions shall prescribe inspection and test of materials, work in process, and completed articles.
- **4.4.2.3** Criteria for acceptance and rejection of materials, processes, and final product shall be part of the instructions.

#### 4.4.3 Records.

- 4.4.3.1 The manufacturer shall maintain records of all "pass" and "fail" tests.
- **4.4.3.2** Records shall indicate the disposition of the failed materials or products.
- **4.4.4 Inspection System.** The manufacturer's inspection system shall provide for procedures that assure the latest applicable drawings, specifications, and instructions are used for fabrication, inspection, and testing.

#### 4.4.5 Calibration Program.

- **4.4.5.1** The manufacturer shall maintain, as part of the quality assurance program, a calibration program of all instruments used to ensure proper control of testing.
- **4.4.5.2** The calibration program shall be documented as to the date of calibration and performance verification.
- **4.4.6 Inspection Status.** The manufacturer shall maintain a system for identifying the inspection status of component materials, work in process, and finished goods.

#### 4.4.7 Nonconforming Materials.

- **4.4.7.1** The manufacturer shall establish and maintain a system for controlling nonconforming material, including procedures for the identification, segregation, and disposition of rejected material.
- **4.4.7.2** All nonconforming materials or products shall be identified to prevent use, shipment, and intermingling with conforming materials or products.
- **4.4.8 Third-Party Audit.** The manufacturer's quality assurance program shall be audited by the third-party certification organization to determine that the program ensures continued product compliance with this standard.

# Chapter 5 Labeling and Information

#### 5.1 Product Label Requirements.

- **5.1.1\*** All flame-resistant garments shall have a product label or labels permanently and conspicuously attached to each flame-resistant garment.
- **5.1.2** At least one product label shall be conspicuously located inside each flame-resistant garment when the item is properly assembled with all layers and components in place.
- **5.1.3** Multiple label pieces shall be permitted in order to carry all statements and information required to be on the product label.
- **5.1.4\*** The certification organization's label, symbol, or identifying mark shall be permanently attached to the product label or shall be part of the product label.
- **5.1.5** All worded portions of the required product label shall be printed in English. Supplementary languages, in addition to English, shall be permitted.



- **5.1.6** Symbols and other pictorial graphic representations shall be permitted to be used to supplement worded statements on the product label or labels.
- **5.1.7** Graphic representations shall be consistent to clearly communicate the intended message.
- **5.1.8** The following statement shall be printed legibly on the product label in letters at least 2.5 mm (0.10 in.) high:

THIS GARMENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF NFPA 2112, STANDARD ON FLAME-RESISTANT GARMENTS FOR PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL PERSONNEL AGAINST FLASH FIRE, 2012 EDITION. NFPA 2113 REQUIRES UPPER AND LOWER BODY COVERAGE.

- **5.1.9** The following information shall also be printed legibly on the product label in letters at least 1.6 mm (0.063 in.) high:
- (1) Model name, number, or design
- (2) Manufacturer's name, identification, or designation
- (3) Manufacturer's address
- (4) Country of manufacture
- (5) Manufacturer's garment identification number, lot number, or serial number
- (6) Size
- (7) Fiber content
- (8) "DO NOT REMOVE"
- **5.1.10** The product label shall also include the international symbol for "Read user instructions before use," as shown in Figure 5.1.10.

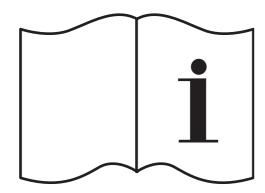


FIGURE 5.1.10 "Read User Instructions Before Use" Symbol.

- **5.1.11** The manufacturer shall be permitted to exclude the international symbol for "Read user instructions before use," as described in 5.1.10, when all of the information specified in 5.2.1 is provided on the product label or other labels adjacent to the product label.
- **5.1.12** Garments with multiple layers, including an outer layer and removable cold weather insulation material layer, shall specify the certified wearable configurations on the label.

#### 5.2 User Information.

- **5.2.1\*** The flame-resistant garment manufacturer shall provide information including, but not limited to, warnings, information, and instructions with each flame-resistant garment.
- **5.2.2\*** Manufacturers shall provide a sizing chart that indicates the range of key wearer measurements that are accommodated by each specific size of garment offered.

#### Chapter 6 Design Requirements

- **6.1 Hardware Finishes.** All flame-resistant hardware finishes shall be free of rough spots, burrs, or sharp edges.
- **6.2 Metal Components.** Any metallic closure systems or metal components of the flame-resistant garments shall not come in direct contact with the body.
- **6.3 Slide Fastener Tape Requirements.** All slide fastener tape utilized in the construction of flame-resistant garments shall be made of an inherently flame-resistant fiber.

# **Chapter 7 Performance Requirements**

#### 7.1 Fabric Requirements.

- 7.1.1 Fabric utilized in the construction of flame-resistant garments shall be tested for heat transfer performance (HTP) as specified in Section 8.2 and shall have a "spaced" HTP rating of not less than  $25~\text{J/cm}^2~(6.0~\text{cal/cm}^2)$  and a "contact" HTP rating of not less than  $12.6~\text{J/cm}^2~(3.0~\text{cal/cm}^2)$ .
- **7.1.2** Fabric and reflective striping utilized in the construction of flame-resistant garments shall be tested for flame resistance as specified in Section 8.3, and shall have a char length of not more than 100 mm (4 in.) and an after-flame of not more than 2 seconds, and shall not melt and drip.
- **7.1.3** Fabric utilized in the construction of flame-resistant garments, excluding manufacturers' labels, shall be individually tested for thermal shrinkage resistance as specified in Section 8.4, and shall not shrink more than 10 percent in any direction.
- **7.1.3.1** Cold weather insulation materials utilized in the construction of flame-resistant garments shall be tested in accordance with Section 8.4 and shall not shrink more than 20 percent in any direction.
- **7.1.4** Fabric, other textile materials, and reflective striping, other than those items described in 7.1.4.1 and 7.1.4.2, used in the construction of flame-resistant garments shall be individually tested for heat resistance in their original form as specified in Section 8.4, and shall not melt and drip, separate, or ignite.
- **7.1.4.1** Labels and emblems shall not be required to be tested for heat resistance.
- **7.1.4.2** Interlinings, collar stays, elastics, closures, and hook and pile fasteners, when not in direct contact with the skin, shall not be required to be tested for heat resistance.
- **7.1.5** Specimen garments shall be tested for overall flash fire exposure as specified in Section 8.5 as a qualification test for the material and shall have an average predicted body burn of not more than 50 percent based on the total surface area covered by sensors, excluding hands and feet.
- **7.1.5.1** Garments consisting of separable layers, such as a removable cold weather insulation material layer, that are intended to be worn together or separately shall be tested in all wearable configurations identified by the manufacturer.
- **7.2 Thread Requirements.** Specimens of all sewing thread utilized in the construction of flame-resistant garments, excluding embroidery, shall be made of an inherently flame-resistant fiber, shall be tested for heat resistance as specified in Section 8.6, and shall not melt.



- **7.3** Hardware Requirement. Specimens of hardware used in the construction of flame-resistant garments, including but not limited to buttons, fasteners, and closures, shall be individually tested for heat resistance in their original form as specified in Section 8.4; shall not melt and drip, separate, or ignite; and shall remain functional.
- **7.4 Label Requirement.** Specimen labels used in the construction of flame-resistant garments shall be tested for printing durability as specified in Section 8.7 and shall remain legible.

#### **Chapter 8** Test Methods

#### 8.1 Sample Preparation Procedures.

### 8.1.1 Application.

- **8.1.1.1** The sample preparation procedures contained in Section 8.1 shall apply to each test method in Chapter 8, as specifically referenced in the sample preparation section of each test method.
- **8.1.1.2** Only the specific sample preparation procedure or procedures referenced in the sample preparation section of each test method shall be applied to that test method.

#### 8.1.2 Room Temperature Conditioning Procedure.

- **8.1.2.1** Specimens shall be conditioned at a temperature of  $21^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $70^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and a relative humidity of 65 percent  $\pm 5$  percent for at least 4 hours.
- **8.1.2.2** Specimens shall be tested within 5 minutes of removal from conditioning.

- **8.1.3\* Washing and Drying Procedure.** Where required, specimens shall be subjected to the specified number of cycles of washing and drying in accordance with the following procedure:
  - (1) Each washing procedure shall be as specified in Table 8.1.3.
  - (2)\*When testing in accordance with 8.3.3.1, the final two cycles shall be run without adding any detergent or chemicals.
  - (3) No bleach or softener shall be used during any portion of the laundry cycle.
  - (4) The machine shall be filled with water to the specified level prior to adding chemicals.
  - (5) The water level shall be determined by measuring inside the washing machine from the bottommost portion of the basket to the water surface.
  - (6) The water level measurement shall be 12.7 cm (5.0 in.) for the low setting and 25.4 cm (10 in.) for the high setting.
- (7) Water hardness shall not exceed 25 ppm.
- (8) The extraction cycle shall continue as specified in Table 8.1.3 or until water is no longer flowing to the drain.
- (9) The load shall be removed immediately after the extraction cycle concludes.
- (10) A full load of 9 kg (20 lb) shall be laundered.
- (11) Fabric samples for washing shall be at least 1 m<sup>2</sup> (1 yd<sup>2</sup>) of each material.
- (12) A dummy load, if needed to make a full load, shall be of similar material as the test material.
- (13) The machine type shall be a front-loading, 16 kg (35 lb) capacity, industrial washer capable of performing the operations specified in Table 8.1.3.
- (14) Sample specimens shall be tumble dried.

**Table 8.1.3 Washing Cycle Procedure** 

		Temp	erature			per Wash oad
Operations	Time (min)	$^{\circ}\mathbf{C}$	°F	Water Level	g	oz
Break	10	66	150	Low		
Sodium metasilicate (or equivalent)					17	0.6
Sodium tripolyphosphate					11	0.4
Tergitol 15.S.9 or equivalent					22	0.8
Drain	1					
Carryover*	5	66	150	Low		
Drain	1					
Rinse	2	57	135	High		
Drain	1			· ·		
Rinse	2	48	118	High		
Drain	1					
Rinse	2	38	100	High		
Drain	1					
Sour	5	38	100	Low		
Sodium silicofluoride					6	0.2
Drain	1					
Extract	5					

<sup>\*</sup> Carryover shall be accomplished with agitation.



- (15) The dryer temperature shall be preset to provide a dryer exhaust temperature of  $68^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C} \ (155^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F})$  without a load.
- (16) Wash water temperature shall be within  $\pm 3^{\circ}$ C ( $\pm 5^{\circ}$ F) of the value in Table 8.1.3.

#### 8.1.4 Dry Cleaning Procedure.

- **8.1.4.1** Where required, specimens shall be subjected to the required number of cycles of dry cleaning in accordance with the procedures of Sections 9.2 and 9.3 of AATCC 158, *Dimensional Changes on Dry-Cleaning in Perchloroethylene: Machine Method.*
- **8.1.4.2** Fabric samples for dry cleaning shall be at least  $1 \text{ m}^2$   $(1 \text{ yd}^2)$  of each material.

### 8.2 Heat Transfer Performance (HTP) Test.

**8.2.1 Application.** This test method shall apply to flame-resistant garment fabrics.

# 8.2.2 Specimens.

- **8.2.2.1** HTP testing shall be conducted on six specimens measuring  $150 \text{ mm} \pm 5 \text{ mm} \times 150 \text{ mm} \pm 5 \text{ mm}$  (6 in.  $\pm \frac{1}{4}$  in.) and shall consist of all layers representative of the garment to be tested. Three specimens shall be tested in the spaced configuration and three specimens shall be tested in the contact configuration.
- **8.2.2.2** Specimens shall consist of all layers used in the construction of the flame-resistant garment, excluding any areas with special reinforcements.
- **8.2.2.3** Specimens shall not include seams.
- **8.2.2.4** Specimens shall not be stitched to hold individual layers together.

#### 8.2.3 Sample Preparation.

- **8.2.3.1** For fabrics that are designated on the flame-resistant garment label to be washed, specimens shall be tested before and after three cycles of washing and drying as specified in 8.1.3.
- **8.2.3.2** For fabrics that are designated on the flame-resistant garment label to be dry-cleaned, specimens shall be tested before and after three cycles of dry cleaning as specified in 8.1.4.
- **8.2.3.3** For fabrics that are designated on the flame-resistant garment label to be either washed or dry-cleaned, specimens shall be tested before and after three cycles of washing and drying as specified in 8.1.3, or after three cycles of dry cleaning as specified in 8.1.4.
- **8.2.4 Apparatus.** The test apparatus shall be that specified in ASTM F 2700, Standard Test Method for Unsteady-State Heat Transfer Evaluation of Flame Resistant Materials for Clothing with Continuous Heating.

### 8.2.5 Procedure.

- **8.2.5.1** Heat transfer performance testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM F 2700, *Standard Test Method for Unsteady State Heat Transfer Evaluation of Flame Resistant Materials for Clothing with Continuous Heating.*
- **8.2.5.2** Single layer specimen heat transfer performance testing shall use the Relaxed Single Layer configuration in ASTM F 2700 for testing in spaced and contact orientation.
- **8.2.5.3** Multilayer specimen HTP testing shall use the Multiple Layer Samples configuration in ASTM F 2700 for testing in spaced and contact orientation.

### 8.2.6 Report.

- **8.2.6.1** The individual test HTP rating of each specimen shall be reported separately for both "spaced" and "contact" tests.
- **8.2.6.2** The individual average HTP ratings for both "spaced" and "contact" tests shall also be reported.
- **8.2.6.3** If an HTP rating is greater than 60, then the HTP rating shall be reported as ">60."

### 8.2.7 Interpretation.

- **8.2.7.1** Pass or fail determinations shall be separately based on the individual average HTP ratings for both "spaced" and "contact" tests.
- **8.2.7.2** If an individual result from any test set varies more than  $\pm 10$  percent from the average result, the results from the test set shall be discarded and another set of specimens shall be tested.

#### 8.3 Flame Resistance Test.

#### 8.3.1 Application.

- **8.3.1.1** This test method shall apply to each flame-resistant garment fabric layer.
- **8.3.1.2** Modifications to this test method for testing woven textile materials shall be as specified in 8.3.8.
- **8.3.1.3** Modifications to this test method for testing knit textile materials shall be as specified in 8.3.9.
- **8.3.1.4** Modifications to this test method for testing non-woven textile materials shall be as specified in 8.3.10.
- **8.3.1.5** Modifications to this test method for testing small specimens not meeting the specimen size requirements of 8.3.2 shall be as specified in 8.3.11.
- **8.3.1.6** Modifications to this test method for testing reflective striping shall be as specified in 8.3.12.

# 8.3.2 Specimens.

- **8.3.2.1** Each specimen shall consist of a 76 mm  $\times$  305 mm (3 in.  $\times$  12 in.) rectangle with the long dimension parallel to either the warp or filling, the wale or course, or machine or cross-machine direction of the material.
- **8.3.2.2** Each individual layer of multilayer material systems or composites shall be separately tested.

#### 8.3.3 Sample Preparation.

- **8.3.3.1** For fabrics that are designated on the flame-resistant garment label to be washed, specimens shall be tested before and after 100 cycles of washing and drying as specified in 8.1.3.
- **8.3.3.2** For fabrics that are designated on the flame-resistant garment label to be dry-cleaned, specimens shall be tested before and after 100 cycles of dry cleaning as specified in 8.1.4.
- **8.3.3.3** For fabrics that are designated on the flame-resistant garment label to be either washed or dry-cleaned, specimens shall be tested before and after 100 cycles of washing and drying as specified in 8.1.3, or after 100 cycles of dry cleaning as specified in 8.1.4.
- **8.3.4 Apparatus.** The test apparatus shall be that specified in ASTM D 6413, *Standard Test Method for Flame Resistance of Textiles (Vertical Test).*

#### 8.3.5 Procedure.

- **8.3.5.1** Flame resistance testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM D 6413, *Standard Test Method for Flame Resistance of Textiles (Vertical Test)*.
- **8.3.5.2** Each specimen shall be examined for evidence of melting and dripping.

#### 8.3.6 Report.

- **8.3.6.1** After-flame time and char length shall be reported for each specimen.
- **8.3.6.2** The average after-flame time and char length for each material shall be calculated and reported.
- **8.3.6.3** The after-flame time shall be reported to the nearest 0.2 second, and the char length to the nearest 3.2 mm ( $\frac{1}{8}$  in.).
- **8.3.6.4** Observations of melting and dripping for each specimen shall be reported.

#### 8.3.7 Interpretation.

- **8.3.7.1** Pass/fail performance shall be based on any observed melting and dripping, the average after-flame time, and average char length.
- **8.3.7.2** Failure in either direction shall constitute failure of the material.

# 8.3.8 Specific Requirements for Testing Woven Textile Materials

- **8.3.8.1** Five specimens from each of the warp and filling directions shall be tested.
- **8.3.8.2** No two warp specimens shall contain the same warp yarns, and no two filling specimens shall contain the same filling yarns.
- **8.3.8.3** Testing shall be performed as described in 8.3.2 through 8.3.7.

#### 8.3.9 Specific Requirements for Testing Knit Textile Materials.

- **8.3.9.1** Five specimens from each of the two directions shall be tested.
- **8.3.9.2** Samples for conditioning shall include material that is a minimum of  $76 \text{ mm} \times 305 \text{ mm}$  ( $3 \text{ in.} \times 12 \text{ in.}$ ).
- 8.3.9.3 Testing shall be performed as described in 8.3.2 through 8.3.7.

# 8.3.10 Specific Requirements for Testing Nonwoven Textile Materials.

- **8.3.10.1** Five specimens from each of the machine and cross-machine directions shall be tested.
- **8.3.10.2** Testing shall be performed as described in 8.3.2 through 8.3.7.

# 8.3.11 Specific Requirements for Testing Small Materials.

- **8.3.11.1** Five specimens attached to the textile layer as used in the protective garment shall be tested.
- **8.3.11.2** The specimens shall be attached to the textile layer such that the bottom (exposure) edge of the item coincides with the bottom (exposure) edge of the textile support layer.

**8.3.11.3** Testing shall be performed as described in 8.3.2 through 8.3.7, except char length shall not be measured.

### 8.3.12 Specific Requirements for Testing Reflective Striping.

- **8.3.12.1** Five reflective striping specimens for flammability testing shall be prepared by attaching the reflective striping to  $76 \text{ mm} \times 305 \text{ mm}$  (3 in.  $\times$  12 in.) pieces of fabric utilized in the construction of the garment, in the manner that it is normally attached to the fabric.
- **8.3.12.2** The reflective striping shall be oriented parallel to the long axis and in the center of the fabric.
- **8.3.12.3** Testing shall be performed as described in 8.3.2 through 8.3.7, except char length shall not be measured.

#### 8.4 Heat and Thermal Shrinkage Resistance Test.

**8.4.1 Application.** The heat and thermal shrinkage resistance test method shall apply to flame-resistant garment fabrics, components, and hardware.

#### 8.4.2 Specimens.

- **8.4.2.1** Only heat resistance testing shall be conducted on not fewer than three specimens for each hardware item, label material, and other flame-resistant garment fabrics not listed in 8.4.2.2 and 8.4.2.3.
- **8.4.2.2** Both heat and thermal shrinkage resistance testing shall be conducted on a minimum of three specimens for each flame-resistant garment fabric.
- **8.4.2.3** Each separable layer of multilayer material systems or composites shall be tested as an individual layer.

#### 8.4.3 Sample Preparation.

- **8.4.3.1** For fabrics that are designated on the flame-resistant garment label to be washed, specimens shall be tested before and after three cycles of washing and drying as specified in 8.1.3.
- **8.4.3.2** For fabrics that are designated on the flameresistant garment label to be dry-cleaned, specimens shall be tested before and after three cycles of dry cleaning as specified in 8.1.4.
- **8.4.3.3** For fabrics that are designated on the flame-resistant garment label to be either washed or dry-cleaned, specimens shall be tested before and after three cycles of washing and drying as specified in 8.1.3, or after three cycles of dry cleaning as specified in 8.1.4.

#### 8.4.4 Apparatus.

- **8.4.4.1** The test oven shall be a horizontal flow circulating oven with minimum interior dimensions to permit the specimens to be suspended and be not less than 51 mm (2 in.) from any interior oven surface or other test specimens.
- **8.4.4.2** The test oven shall have an airflow rate of 38 m/min to 76 m/min (125 ft/min to 250 ft/min) at the standard temperature and pressure of 21°C (70°F) at 1 atm, measured at the center point of the oven.
- **8.4.4.3** A test thermocouple shall be positioned so that it is level with the horizontal centerline of a mounted sample specimen.



- **8.4.4.3.1** The thermocouple shall be equidistant between the vertical centerline of a mounted specimen placed in the middle of the oven and the oven wall where the airflow enters the test chamber.
- **8.4.4.3.2** The thermocouple shall be an exposed bead, Type J or Type K, No. 30 AWG thermocouple.
- **8.4.4.3.3** The test oven shall be heated and the test thermocouple stabilized at  $260^{\circ}\text{C} + 6/-0^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $500^{\circ}\text{F} + 10/-0^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) for a period of not less than 30 minutes.

#### 8.4.5 Procedure.

- **8.4.5.1** Specimen marking and measurements shall be in accordance with the procedure specified in AATCC 135, *Dimensional Changes of Fabrics after Home Laundering*.
- **8.4.5.2** The specimen shall be suspended by metal hooks at the top and centered in the oven so that the entire specimen is not less than 51 mm (2 in.) from any oven surface or other specimen and airflow is parallel to the plane of the material.
- **8.4.5.3** The oven door shall not remain open more than 15 seconds.
- **8.4.5.3.1** The air circulation shall be shut off while the door is open and turned on when the door is closed.
- **8.4.5.3.2** The total oven recovery time after the door is closed shall not exceed 30 seconds.
- **8.4.5.4** The specimen, mounted as specified, shall be exposed in the test oven for 5 minutes +0.15/-0 minutes.
- **8.4.5.5** The test exposure time shall begin when the test thermocouple recovers to a temperature of  $260^{\circ}\text{C} + 6/-0^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $500^{\circ}\text{F} + 10/-0^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).
- **8.4.5.6** Immediately after the exposure specified in 8.4.5.4, the specimen shall be removed and examined for evidence of ignition, melting and dripping, or separation.
- **8.4.5.7** Determination of "pass" or "fail" shall be made within 5 minutes of removal from the oven.
- **8.4.5.8** Knit fabric shall be pulled to original dimensions and shall be allowed to relax for 1 minute prior to measurement to determine "pass" or "fail."

#### **8.4.6 Report.**

- **8.4.6.1** Observations of ignition, melting and dripping, or separation shall be reported for each specimen.
- **8.4.6.2** The percent change in the width and length dimensions of each specimen shall be calculated, and the results shall be reported as the average of all three specimens in each dimension.

#### 8.4.7 Interpretation.

- **8.4.7.1** Any evidence of ignition, melting and dripping, or separation on any specimen shall constitute failing performance.
- **8.4.7.2** The average percent change in both dimensions shall be used to determine pass/fail performance.
- **8.4.7.3** Failure in any one dimension shall constitute failure for the entire sample.

# 8.4.8 Specific Requirements for Testing Flame-Resistant Garment Textile Materials.

- **8.4.8.1** Each specimen shall be  $381 \text{ mm} \pm 13 \text{ mm} \times 381 \text{ mm} \pm 13 \text{ mm}$  (15 in.  $\pm 0.5$  in.) and shall be cut from the fabric to be utilized in the construction of the clothing item.
- **8.4.8.2** Measurements of cold weather insulation material thermal shrinkage shall be made on the side of the fabric facing the wearer as used in the construction of the garment.
- **8.4.8.3** Testing shall be performed in accordance with 8.4.2 through 8.4.7.
- 8.4.9 Specific Requirements for Testing Other Flame-Resistant Garment Materials (Including Reflective Striping).
- **8.4.9.1** Specimen length shall be 152 mm (6 in.), except for textiles utilized in the clothing item in lengths less than 152 mm (6 in.), where lengths shall be the same as utilized in the clothing item.
- **8.4.9.2** Specimen width shall be 152 mm (6 in.), except for textiles or reflective striping utilized in the clothing item in widths less than 152 mm (6 in.), where widths shall be the same as utilized in the clothing item.
- **8.4.9.3** Samples for conditioning shall include material sewn onto a  $0.84~\text{m}^2$  (1 yd²), of navy  $200~\text{g/m}^2$  (6.0 oz/yd²), 100 percent aramid material no closer than 51 mm (2 in.) apart in parallel strips.
- **8.4.9.3.1** Specimens, except reflective striping, shall be removed from the ballast material prior to testing.
- **8.4.9.3.2** Specimens shall be placed in the oven with the long dimension of the specimen parallel to the oven sides.
- **8.4.9.3.3** Reflective striping specimens shall be placed in the oven with the striping parallel to the oven sides.
- **8.4.9.4** Testing shall be performed in accordance with 8.4.2 through 8.4.7, and thermal shrinkage shall not be measured.

# 8.4.10 Specific Requirements for Testing Hardware.

- **8.4.10.1** A minimum of three complete hardware items shall be tested.
- **8.4.10.2** Hardware shall not be conditioned.
- **8.4.10.3** Observations of hardware condition following heat exposure shall be limited to ignition.
- **8.4.10.4** Hardware shall be evaluated for functionality within 10 minutes following removal from the oven.
- **8.4.10.5** Testing shall be performed in accordance with 8.4.2 through 8.4.7, and thermal shrinkage shall not be measured.

# 8.5 Manikin Test.

**8.5.1 Application.** The manikin test shall apply to flame-resistant garment fabrics.

# 8.5.2 Specimens.

- **8.5.2.1** Three specimens shall be tested.
- **8.5.2.2** Fabrics to be tested shall be used to construct the standard garment design specified in 8.3.2 of ASTM F 1930, Standard Test Method for Evaluation of Flame Resistant Clothing for Protection Against Flash Fire Simulations Using an Instrumented Manikin.

# 8.5.3 Sample Preparation.

- **8.5.3.1** For garments that are designated on the flameresistant garment label to be washed, specimens shall be tested after one cycle of washing and drying as specified in 8.1.3.
- **8.5.3.2** For garments that are designated on the flameresistant garment label to be dry-cleaned, specimens shall be tested after one cycle of dry cleaning as specified in 8.1.4.
- **8.5.3.3** For garments that are designated on the flameresistant garment label to be either washed or dry-cleaned, specimens shall be tested after one cycle of washing and drying as specified in 8.1.3, or after one cycle of dry cleaning as specified in 8.1.4.
- **8.5.3.4** Samples for conditioning shall be full garments.

#### 8.5.4 Procedure.

- **8.5.4.1** Specimens shall be tested in accordance with ASTM F 1930, Standard Test Method for Evaluation of Flame Resistant Clothing for Protection Against Flash Fire Simulations Using an Instrumented Manikin, using an exposure heat flux of 84 kW/m<sup>2</sup> (2.02 cal/cm<sup>2</sup>·sec) with an exposure time of 3 seconds.
- **8.5.4.2** The manikin shall be dressed in 170 g/m²(5.0 oz/yd²) ( $\pm$  5 percent), jersey knit, 100 percent cotton underwear briefs and 140 g/m² (4.2 oz/yd²) ( $\pm$ 5 percent) jersey knit, 100 percent cotton short-sleeve crew-neck T-shirts before the garment specimen is placed on the manikin.

#### 8.5.5 Report.

- **8.5.5.1** The predicted percent body burn based on the total surface area covered by sensors, excluding hands and feet, for each specimen shall be reported.
- **8.5.5.2** The average predicted body burn of all specimens shall be calculated and reported.
- **8.5.6 Interpretation.** The average predicted body burn shall be used to determine pass/fail performance for garment fabrics.

### 8.6 Thread Heat Resistance Test.

- **8.6.1 Application.** The thread heat resistance test method shall apply to each type of thread used in the construction of the flame-resistant garment, other than embroidery.
- **8.6.2 Specimens.** A total of three different determinations shall be made.

### 8.6.3 Sample Preparation.

**8.6.3.1** Specimens shall be tested after conditioning as specified in 8.1.2.

- **8.6.3.2** Samples for conditioning shall be at least  $10 \text{ cm } (4 \text{ in.}) \log$ .
- **8.6.4 Procedure.** Specimens shall be tested to a temperature of 260°C (500°F) in accordance with Method 1534, *Melting Point of Synthetic Fibers*, of Federal Test Method Standard 191A, *Textile Test Methods*.
- **8.6.5 Report.** The pass/fail results for each specimen tested shall be reported.
- **8.6.6 Interpretation.** One or more thread specimens failing this test shall constitute failing performance for the thread type.

#### 8.7 Label Print Durability Test.

- **8.7.1 Application.** This test method shall apply to flame-resistant garment product labels.
- **8.7.2 Specimens.** A total of three different specimen labels shall be evaluated.

#### 8.7.3 Sample Preparation.

- **8.7.3.1** For fabrics that are designated on the flame-resistant garment label to be washed, specimens shall be tested before and after 100 cycles of washing and drying as specified in 8.1.3.
- **8.7.3.2** For fabrics that are designated on the flame-resistant garment label to be dry-cleaned, specimens shall be tested before and after 100 cycles of dry cleaning as specified in 8.1.4.
- **8.7.3.3** For fabrics that are designated on the flame-resistant garment label to be either washed or dry-cleaned, specimens shall be tested before and after 100 cycles of washing and drying as specified in 8.1.3, or after 100 cycles of dry cleaning as specified in 8.1.4.
- **8.7.3.4** Samples for conditioning by laundering or dry cleaning shall include labels sewn onto a square sample of fabric measuring 0.84 m<sup>2</sup> (1 yd<sup>2</sup>), meeting the requirements of Section 7.1. The labels shall be no closer than 51 mm (2 in.) apart in parallel strips.
- **8.7.4 Procedure.** Specimens shall be examined at a distance of 30.5 cm (12 in.) by the unaided eye with 20/20 vision, or vision corrected to 20/20, for legibility to determine pass/fail.
- **8.7.5 Report.** The pass/fail results for each specimen tested shall be reported.
- **8.7.6 Interpretation.** One or more label specimens failing this test shall constitute failing performance.

# Annex A Explanatory Material

Annex A is not a part of the requirements of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only. This annex contains explanatory material, numbered to correspond with the applicable text paragraphs.

**A.1.2.1** Users are cautioned that flammable clothing can contribute to the severity of burn injuries through its ignition and continued burning after exposure to flash fire.

Short-duration thermal exposures can arise from other fire types in industrial environments. These include, but are not limited to, jet flames, liquid fires (pool fires or running liquid fires), solids fires (fires of solid materials or dust fires), warehouse fires, and fires associated with oxygen.



**A.1.2.2** The testing requirements in Chapter 8 of this standard are not intended to establish the limitations of the working environment for personnel involved in situations that might be exposed to chemical flash fires, but are intended to establish material performance.

Users should be advised that if unusual conditions prevail, or if there are signs of abuse or mutilation of the protective garment, or if modifications or replacements are made or accessories are added without authorization of the protective garment manufacturer, the margin of protection might be reduced.

Users should be advised that the protective properties in new protective garments, as required by this standard, can change as the product is worn and ages.

- **A.1.2.3** This standard is not designed to be utilized as a purchase specification. It is prepared, as far as practical, with regard to required performance, avoiding restriction of design wherever possible. Purchasers should specify departmental requirements for such items as color, markings, closures, pockets, and trim patterns. Tests specified in this standard should not be deemed as defining or establishing performance levels for protection from all flash fire environments.
- **A.1.3.2** Organizations responsible for fire-fighting applications should use protective clothing and equipment specifically designed for those activities. Applicable standards include the following:
- (1) NFPA 1971, Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting
- (2) NFPA 1977, Standard on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Wildland Fire Fighting

Organizations responsible for hazardous materials emergencies should use protective clothing and equipment specifically designed for those activities. Applicable standards include the following:

- NFPA 1991, Standard on Vapor-Protective Ensembles for Hazardous Materials Emergencies
- (2) NFPA 1992, Standard on Liquid Splash-Protective Ensembles and Clothing for Hazardous Materials Emergencies

Organizations responsible for emergency medical operations should use protective clothing and equipment specifically designed for those activities. The applicable standard is NFPA 1999, Standard on Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations.

- **A.3.2.1 Approved.** The National Fire Protection Association does not approve, inspect, or certify any installations, procedures, equipment, or materials; nor does it approve or evaluate testing laboratories. In determining the acceptability of installations, procedures, equipment, or materials, the authority having jurisdiction may base acceptance on compliance with NFPA or other appropriate standards. In the absence of such standards, said authority may require evidence of proper installation, procedure, or use. The authority having jurisdiction may also refer to the listings or labeling practices of an organization that is concerned with product evaluations and is thus in a position to determine compliance with appropriate standards for the current production of listed items.
- **A.3.2.2** Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). The phrase "authority having jurisdiction," or its acronym AHJ, is used in NFPA documents in a broad manner, since jurisdictions and approval agencies vary, as do their responsibilities. Where public safety is primary, the authority having jurisdiction may be a federal, state, local, or other regional department or indi-

vidual such as a fire chief; fire marshal; chief of a fire prevention bureau, labor department, or health department; building official; electrical inspector; or others having statutory authority. For insurance purposes, an insurance inspection department, rating bureau, or other insurance company representative may be the authority having jurisdiction. In many circumstances, the property owner or his or her designated agent assumes the role of the authority having jurisdiction; at government installations, the commanding officer or departmental official may be the authority having jurisdiction.

- **A.3.2.4 Listed.** The means for identifying listed equipment may vary for each organization concerned with product evaluation; some organizations do not recognize equipment as listed unless it is also labeled. The authority having jurisdiction should utilize the system employed by the listing organization to identify a listed product.
- **A.3.3.6** Cold Weather Insulation Material. Examples of insulation materials are textile batting(s) alone or batting(s) that are attached to a face cloth. For example, an insulation material consisting of two layers are considered nonseparable by the attachment that combines the two layers.

Cold weather insulation material as defined in this standard does not preclude the use of intermediate layers for additional protection against thermal hazards.

- **A.3.3.11 Fabric.** Where a garment is constructed of multiple, nonseparable layers, such as an outer layer and cold weather insulation material, *fabric* is intended to mean the composite of those layers for the purpose of testing.
- **A.3.3.12 Flame Resistance.** Flame resistance can be an inherent property of a material, or it can be imparted by specific treatment.
- **A.3.3.13 Flash Fire.** A flash fire requires an ignition source and a hydrocarbon atmosphere or atmosphere containing combustible finely divided particles (e.g., coal dust or grain) that contains a concentration above the lower explosive limit of the chemical. Both hydrocarbon and dust flash fires generate temperatures from 540°C to 1040°C (1000°F to 1900°F). A flash fire depends on the size of the gas or vapor cloud, and when ignited, the flame front expands outward in the form of a fireball. The resulting effect of the fireball's energy with respect to radiant heat significantly enlarges the hazard areas around the gas released.
- **A.3.3.15.2 Single-Use Garment.** What constitutes a "use" will be defined by the garment manufacturer. A single use could include unpacking, or one donning, or one wearing. In the absence of any manufacturer's specific information, one "use" should be considered any one-time wearing of the garment.
- **A.3.3.25 Product Label.** The product label is not the label, symbol, or identifying mark of the certification organization; however, the label, symbol, or identifying mark of the certification organization can be attached to, or can be part of, the product label.
- **A.4.1.5** NFPA occasionally receives complaints that certain items of fire and emergency services protective clothing or protective equipment might be carrying labels falsely identifying them as compliant with an NFPA standard. The requirement for placing the certification organization's mark on or next to the product label helps to ensure that the purchaser can readily determine compliance of the respective product through independent third-party certification.

- **A.4.2.1** The certification organization should have sufficient breadth of interest and activity so that the loss or award of a specific business contract would not be a determining factor in the financial well-being of the agency.
- **A.4.2.5** The contractual provisions covering a certification program should contain clauses advising the manufacturer that if requirements change, the product should be brought into compliance with the new requirements by a stated effective date through a compliance review program involving all currently listed products.

Without the clauses, certifiers would not be able to move quickly to protect their name, marks, or reputation. A product safety certification program would be deficient without these contractual provisions and the administrative means to back them up.

**A.4.2.9** Investigative procedures are important elements of an effective and meaningful product safety certification program. A preliminary review should be carried out on products submitted to the agency before any major testing is undertaken.

Good practice should be followed regarding the use of laboratory manuals, form data sheets, documented calibration and calibration routines, performance verification, proficiency testing, and staff qualification training programs.

- **A.4.2.11** Such inspections should include, in most instances, witnessing of production tests. With certain products, the certification organization inspectors should select samples from the production line and submit them to the main laboratory for countercheck testing. With other products, it might be desirable to purchase samples in the open market for test purposes.
- **A.4.2.15** For further information and guidance on recall programs, see 21 CFR 7, Subpart C.
- **A.4.4.1.3** ISO 9000, *Quality Management Systems Fundamentals and Vocabulary*, defines quality terms and concepts. It gives an overview of the content and use of the entire ISO 9000 series. A useful cross-reference to the series' quality system elements is found in Annex A of ISO 9000.

ISO 9001, *Quality Management Systems* — *Requirements*, is used when the quality system to be assessed covers several stages of one firm's processes. It prescribes quality system requirements for design, development, production, installation, and servicing.

**A.5.1.1** Purchasers might wish to include a requirement in the purchase specifications for an additional label that includes certain information such as the date of manufacture, manufacturer's name, and protective garment identification number to be located in a protected location on the protective garment in order to reduce the chance of label degradation and as a backup source of information to aid in protective garment tracking or during an investigation.

# **A.5.1.4** See A.4.1.5.

- **A.5.2.1** The garment manufacturer should provide, at a minimum, the following instructions and information with each flame-resistant garment:
- (1) Pre-use information
  - (a) Safety considerations
  - (b) Limitations of use
  - (c) Garment marking recommendations and restrictions
  - (d) Warranty information

- (2) Preparation for use
  - (a) Sizing/adjustment
  - (b) Recommended storage practices
- (3) Inspection frequency and details
- (4) Donning and doffing procedures
- (5) Proper use consistent with NFPA 2113, Standard on Selection, Care, Use, and Maintenance of Flame-Resistant Garments for Protection of Industrial Personnel Against Flash Fire
- (6) Maintenance and cleaning
  - (a) Cleaning instructions and precautions
  - (b) Maintenance criteria and methods of repair where applicable
- (7) Retirement and disposal criteria
- **A.5.2.2** The selection of protective clothing size relates directly to the garment's ability to function properly. In occupations such as the petrochemical industry, proper fit and function relate directly to the wearer's ability to perform assigned jobs. Issues of proper fit are directly associated with the risk of injury. Protective clothing that restricts movement will result in lost efficiency and can promote injury and illness. Proper sizing is a factor in the ability of a person to perform tasks that often involve life or death situations. Protective clothing must fit well to function properly when additional safety equipment or other garments are worn. In addition, the selection of flame-resistant garment size has a direct impact on maintaining appropriate protection in areas where the flame-resistant garment has an interface with safety equipment or other protective garments. ASTM F 1731, Standard Practice for Body Measurements and Sizing of Fire and Rescue Services Uniforms and Other Thermal Hazard Protective Clothing, might be found useful when selecting protective clothing for technical operations. ASTM F 1731 primarily addresses processes for sizing flame-resistant garments; however, the techniques described are useful in the selection of protective clothing addressed in this standard.
- **A.8.1.3** Tergitol 15.S.9 is available from Union Carbide. Sodium metasilicate is available from Tilly Chemical Co. under the trade name Metso 2048 beads, anhydrous sodium metasilicate. Sodium tripolyphosphate is available from Tilly Chemical Co. under the trade name Amoto. Sodium silicofluoride is available from UNX Chemical Co. under the trade name Sourcide. Materials from other sources that are of equivalent chemical composition and concentration can be used in place of the laundry chemicals listed herein.

One example of a suitable industrial laundry machine is a Milnor Model 30015C6M-AAC. Equivalents can be used.

One example of a suitable industrial tumble dryer is a Huebsch Originator, Model 37CSH. Equivalents can be used.

**A.8.1.3(2)** The two chemical-free cycles are intended to remove any residuals from the test specimens.

# Annex B Properties for Evaluating Flame-Resistant Garments

This annex is not a part of the requirements of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only.

**B.1** Test Properties and Methods. Table B.1 provides a description of the test properties and methods used for evaluating flame-resistant garments. A number of additional properties can be used in the evaluation of flame-resistant garments that are not required as part of this standard. Table B.1 also lists these additional properties, recommended test methods, and their suggested application.



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| Table B.1 Performance Properties and Additional Evaluation Properties for Flame-Resistant Garments

Property (Section No.)	Test Method Cited	Description of Test Method	Application of Test Method
Mandatory Tests			
Heat transfer performance (HTP) (7.1.1)	Method appears in Section 8.2.	A 150 mm (6 in.) square fabric specimen is placed on a specimen holder that suspends the specimen horizontally over two Meker burners and a radiant panel. The heat and flame source is adjusted to provide an exposure heat flux of 84 kW/m² (2.0 cal/cm²·sec). A weighted sensor containing a copper calorimeter is placed on top of the specimen and measures the heat transfer through the specimen. A water-cooled shutter between the specimen and heat source is withdrawn to begin the exposure. The test measures the amount of time with continuous heating for heat breakthrough resistance (using an arbitrary criterion of heat through the specimen to cause a second-degree burn). This time is multiplied by the exposure heat flux to provide an HTP rating. HTP ratings are measured with the sensor both in "contact" with the specimen and "spaced" 6 mm (¼ in.) away from the specimen. Note that this test method does not result in a burn injury prediction. The heat remaining in a test sample is not accounted for, which would otherwise contribute to a predicted skin burn injury.	This test is a measure of the unsteady state heat transfer properties of garment materials. The HTP test uses an exposure heat flux that is representative of a JP4 (Jet Fuel) pool fire environment. NFPA 2112 requires that specimens have an HTP rating of 12.6 J/cm² (3.0 cal/cm²) or more when measured in "contact," simulating direct contact with the skin, and 25 J/cm² (6.0 cal/cm²) or more when measured "spaced," simulating an air gap between the skin and the garment material. Higher HTP ratings indicate better unsteady state heat transfer performance for this test but do not correlate to improved predicted skin burn injury performance.
Flame resistance (7.1.2)	ASTM D 6413; washing and drying per commercial laundering procedure or dry cleaning (100 cycles) (Section 8.3)	A 75 mm × 305 mm (3 in. × 12 in.) fabric specimen is placed in a holder that is suspended vertically over a 38 mm (1½ in.) high methane-fueled flame. The specimen is placed 19 mm (¾ in.) into the flame for 12 seconds. After exposure to the flame, the amount of time during which the specimen continues to burn (after-flame) is recorded. The length of the burn or char length is then measured by attaching a weight to the specimen and measuring the length of the tear along the burn line. Observations are recorded if any melting and dripping are observed. Samples are tested in this manner both before and after 100 wash/dry cycles or 100 dry cleaning cycles.	This test is used to determine how easily fabrics ignite and how easily they continue to burn once ignited. In order to pass NFPA 2112, materials cannot have an average after-flame time greater than 2 seconds, a char length greater than 102 mm (4 in.), or any melting with dripping.

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Property (Section No.)	Test Method Cited	Description of Test Method	Application of Test Method
Thermal shrinkage resistance (7.1.3)	Method appears in Section 8.4; washing and drying per commercial laundering procedure or dry cleaning (3 cycles)	A 381 mm (15 in.) square fabric specimen is marked for width and length dimensions and is then suspended in a forced air–circulating oven at 260°C (500°F). Following a 5-minute exposure, the specimen dimensions are remeasured and then compared against the original measurements to determine the amount of shrinkage. The specimen is examined for evidence of melting, dripping, separation, or ignition. Specimens that demonstrate such behavior fail the test.	A fabric's resistance to shrinkage of a fabric when exposed to heat is considered important in minimizing the effects of a flash fire. NFPA 2112 permits shrinkage in this laboratory-based test of 10 percent or less. Lower reported shrinkage indicates fabric that is more resistant to thermal shrinkage.
Heat resistance (7.1.4/7.3)	Method appears in Section 8.4; washing and drying per commercial laundering procedure or dry cleaning (3 cycles)	The exposure used for thermal shrinkage is also used for measuring heat resistance. Fabrics or garment components not required to meet thermal shrinkage requirements can be 152 mm (6 in.) square specimens. Following a 5-minute exposure, the specimen is examined for evidence of melting and dripping, separation, or ignition. Specimens that demonstrate such behavior fail the test. The test is also applied to hardware items.	This test measures how garment fabrics and components react to the high heat that could occur during a flash fire. The purpose of the test is to prevent materials or components that will easily ignite, melt, drip, or separate during exposure to high heat from being used in garments.
Manikin testing (7.1.5)	ASTM F 1930; washing and drying per commercial laundering procedure or dry cleaning (1 cycle) (Section 8.5)	The fabric is made into a standardized coverall design and placed on an instrumented manikin that is dressed in cotton underwear. The manikin is subjected to an overall flame and heat exposure averaging 84 kW/m² (2.0 cal/cm² · sec) for 3 seconds. Sensors embedded in the manikin's skin predict whether a second- or third-degree burn will occur at that specific location. A computer program determines the percentage of the body that would sustain second- or third-degree burns.	This test provides an overall evaluation of how the fabric performs in a standardized coverall design.  NFPA 2112 requires a body burn prediction of 50 percent or less of the surface area covered by sensors (hands and feet are excluded). Lower percent body burn predictions indicate greater protection provided by the fabric.
Thread melting resistance (7.2)	FTMS 191A, 1534 (Section 8.6)	A small segment of thread used in the stitching of station/work uniforms is placed in a flask containing an organic solvent and heated. (The solvent extracts substances that would interfere with the test.) Next, the extracted thread segment is put in a device that slowly heats the thread. The temperature at which the thread begins to melt is the melting temperature.	Thread used in flame-resistant garments must withstand temperatures of up to 260°C (500°F). If the melting temperature is less than 260°C (500°F), the thread fails the test. The temperature, 260°C (500°F), is consistent with the heat resistance test.

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Property (Section No.)	Test Method Cited	Description of Test Method	Application of Test Method
Label legibility (7.4)	Method appears in Section 8.7; washing and drying per commercial laundering procedure or dry cleaning (100 cycles)	Sample labels containing the required product information are subjected to 100 wash/dry or dry cleaning cycles and then examined for legibility.	This requirement checks for label durability. Following this test, the labels must remain legible from a distance of at least 305 mm (12 in.).
Other Property Evalua	ations		
Fabric weight	ASTM D 3776	A known, specific area of fabric is weighed using a laboratory balance. The measured fabric weight is divided by the area of the fabric. This yields a fabric weight in ounces per square yard.	Fabric weights are commonly used to reference materials.
Tensile strength (grab method)	ASTM D 5034	In this test, a 102 mm × 204 mm (4 in. × 8 in.) fabric specimen is placed between the two grips of a tensile testing machine and pulled in the direction of the specimen's long axis until it breaks. The force measured at the site of the break is reported as the tensile strength. Tensile strength is reported for both the warp (machine) and fill (cross-machine) directions of the fabric.	Tensile strength is a measurement that describes the ease with which a woven material can be pulled apart. Higher tensile strengths indicate greater fabric strength.
Tear strength (Elmendorf method)	ASTM D 1424	In this test, a notched 102 mm × 204 mm (4 in. × 8 in.) material specimen is placed into a test device. The test device uses a pendulum that is allowed to fall by its own weight. The force of the falling pendulum tears the material beyond the notch. This test measures the force in pounds that is required to continue a tear in the notched test specimen. Tear resistance is reported for both the warp (machine) and fill (cross-machine) directions of the fabric.	Tear resistance is a measurement of the ease with which a woven fabric can be torn apart. Higher tear strengths indicate fabrics with greater resistance to tearing.
Material burst strength	ASTM D 3787	This test measures the force required to burst a knit or stretch woven fabric. A material specimen is clamped over a diaphragm that is inflated until the specimen bursts. The pressure at which the fabric bursts is the burst strength.	Burst strength is a measure of how easily a knit fabric can be penetrated by a hard round object. Higher burst strength indicates fabrics that are more resistant to bursting.

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Property (Section No.)	Test Method Cited	Description of Test Method	Application of Test Method
Laundering shrinkage	AATCC 135; machine cycle 3; wash temp. IV; and drying procedure Aiii (number of cycles to be specified)	A fabric specimen, on which dimensions are marked and measured in both its width and length, is subjected to a specified number of separate wash/dry cycles under controlled conditions. Following the washing and drying, the dimensions of the material sample are compared to its original dimensions to determine the amount of shrinkage. Shrinkage is reported in both the warp (machine) and fill (cross-machine) directions of the fabric.	Laundering shrinkage is a measure of the percentage a fabric shrinks after laundering. Shrinkage measured for a fabric is not necessarily representative of shrinkage measured for a garment.
Laundering colorfastness	AATCC 61; color change procedure	A fabric sample is subjected to controlled washing and drying conditions. Following exposure, the color of the material sample is compared to a color scale chart that indicates the degree of a color change. Color scale ratings range from Grade 1 (change in color) to Grade 5 (negligible or no change) in 0.5 increments.	Laundering colorfastness assesses the amount of color change, or fading, that occurs in the fabric following exposure to washing and drying. Fabrics with high color scale ratings are more resistant to color changes in laundering.
Dry cleaning colorfastness	AATCC 132	A fabric sample is subjected to controlled dry cleaning conditions. Following exposure, the color of the material sample is compared to a color scale chart that indicates the degree of a color change. Color scale ratings range from Grade 1 (change in color) to Grade 5 (negligible or no change) in 0.5 increments.	Dry cleaning colorfastness assesses the amount of color change, or fading, that occurs in the fabric following exposure to dry cleaning solvents.  Fabrics with high color scale ratings are more resistant to color changes in dry cleaning.
Crocking colorfastness	AATCC 8	In this test method, a fabric sample is placed in a device against a white transfer cloth. The device rubs the fabric against the transfer cloth. The amount of color that is transferred to the white transfer cloth is assessed by a rating scale of Grade 1 to 5 in 0.5 increments (similar to laundering colorfastness).	Crocking colorfastness is a measure of the amount of color or dye that is transferred from the fabric by rubbing or abrasion. Fabrics with high color scale ratings are more resistant to loss of color through rubbing from wearing.
Light colorfastness, continuous xenon-arc lamp exposure	AATCC 16, Option e	A fabric specimen is placed in a weatherometer using a water-cooled xenon-arc lamp, which simulates intense exposure to sunlight and humidity. The exposure test is conducted for a total of two weeks. Following the exposure, the fabric is compared to a color scale chart that indicates the degree of color change. Color scale ratings range from Grade 1 to 5 in 0.5 increments (similar to laundering colorfastness).	Light colorfastness is a measure of the amount of color loss in a fabric due to extended exposure to light. Fabrics with high color scale ratings are more resistant to fading when exposed to outdoor light.

Table B.1 Continued

Property (Section No.)	Test Method Cited	Description of Test Method	Application of Test Method
Seam efficiency	ASTM D 1683	The strength of a seam is measured in the same way as fabric tensile strength. In this test, a garment seam specimen is placed between two grips in a tensile testing machine and pulled in a direction perpendicular to the seam line until it breaks. The force to break the seam can be compared to the force to break the fabric by itself. The location of the break in the specimen can also be reported.	Seam efficiency compares the strength of a seam to the fabric that it joins. Higher seam strength indicates stronger seams; however, seams that break in the fabric, as opposed to at the stitching or seam area, are stronger than the fabric itself.

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Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 2112, Standard on Flame-Resistant Garments for Protection of Industrial Personnel Against Flash Fire, 2012 edition. The TIA was processed by the Technical Committee on Flash Fire Protective Garments, and was issued by the Standards Council on March 7, 2013, with an effective date of March 27, 2013.

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- 1. Delete 7.1.5.1 and replace with the following:
- **7.1.5.1** Where the flame-resistant garment consists of multiple and separable layers intended to be worn separately, both of the following shall apply:
  - (a) Specimen garments consisting of the outer layer only shall be tested.
  - (b) Specimen garments consisting of the inner layer or layers only shall be tested.
- 2. Add new 7.1.5.2 to read as follows:
- **7.1.5.2** Where the flame-resistant garment consists of multiple layers intended only to be worn together, specimen garments consisting of the outer layer only shall be tested.

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