

# Identification of local options for quality testing of personal protective equipment (PPE) during COVID-19 Pandemic

## IFC webinar PPE Specifications



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| INTERVENTION         |                      | COMMODITY                           | TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION   |   |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| PREVENTION & CONTROL | Triage/Screening PPE | Gloves, examination, non-sterile    | Gloves, examination, nitrile, powder-free, non-sterile, single-use<br>Gloves should have long cuffs, reaching well above the wrist, ideally to mid-forearm. Sizes: small, medium, large | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU MDD Directive 93/42/EEC Category III</li> <li>• EU PPE Regulation 2016/425 Category III</li> <li>• EN 455</li> <li>• EN 374</li> <li>• ANSI/ISEA 105</li> <li>• ASTM D6319</li> </ul> |
|                      |                      | Mask, surgical – health care worker | Surgical mask, good breathability, internal and external faces should be clearly identified Type II or higher.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU MDD Directive 93/42/EEC Category III or equivalent,</li> <li>• EN 14683 Type II, IR, IIR</li> <li>• ASTM F2100 minimum Level 1 or equivalent.</li> </ul>                              |
|                      |                      | Mask, surgical – patient            | Surgical mask, good breathability, internal and external faces should be clearly identified Type I.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EN 14683 any type including Type I</li> <li>• ASTM F2100 any level or equivalent</li> </ul>  |

|  <b>World Health Organization</b> <span>COVID-19 v 4</span> <span>Disease Commodity Packages Operational Support &amp; Logistics</span> |                            |  |   |
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| INTERVENTION  |                            | COMMODITY                                    | TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION   |
|   | PPE Health Care Facilities | Gloves, examination, non-sterile             | <p>Gloves, examination, nitrile, powder-free, non-sterile, single-use</p> <p>Gloves should have long cuffs, reaching well above the wrist, ideally to mid-forearm</p> <p>Sizes: small, medium, large</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU MDD Directive 93/42/EEC Category III</li> <li>• EU PPE Regulation 2016/425 Category III</li> <li>• EN 455</li> <li>• EN 374</li> <li>• ANSI/ISEA 105,</li> <li>• ASTM D6319,</li> </ul>  |
|   |                            | Face shield                                  | <p>Made of clear plastic and providing good visibility to both the wearer and the patient. Adjustable band to attach firmly around the head and fit snugly against the forehead, fog-resistant (preferable). Completely covers the sides and length of the face. May be re-usable (made of robust material which can be cleaned and disinfected) or disposable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU PPE Regulation 2016/425</li> <li>• EN 166</li> <li>• ANSI/ISEA Z87.1 or equivalent</li> </ul>   |
|   |                            | Particulate respirator, grade N95 or higher. | <p>N95 or FFP2 respirator, or higher</p> <p>Good breathability with a design that does not collapse against the mouth (e.g. duckbill, cup-shaped).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum "N95" respirator according to FDA Class II, under 21 CFR 878.4040, and CDC NIOSH, or</li> <li>• Minimum "FFP2" according to EN 149, EU PPE Regulation 2016/425 Category III, or equivalent</li> </ul>   |
|   |                            | Mask, surgical – health care worker.         | <p>Surgical mask, good breathability; internal and external faces should be clearly identified Type II or higher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU MDD Directive 93/42/EEC Category III or equivalent</li> <li>• EN 14683 Type II, IR, IIR</li> <li>• ASTM F2100 minimum level 1 or equivalent</li> </ul>  |
|   |                            | Mask, surgical – patient                     | <p>Surgical mask, good breathability; internal and external faces should be clearly identified Type I.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EN 14683 any type including Type I</li> <li>• ASTM F2100 minimum level 1 or equivalent</li> </ul>   |
|   |                            | Scrubs, tops                                 | Tunic/tops, woven, scrubs, reusable or single-use, short-sleeved (tunic/tops), worn underneath the coveralls or gown  |
|   |                            | Scrubs, pants                                | Trouser/pants, woven, scrubs, reusable or single-use, worn underneath the coveralls or gown   |
|   |                            | Apron, heavy duty                            | <p>Straight apron with bib,</p> <p>Fabric: 100% polyester with PVC coating, or 100% PVC, or 100% rubber, or other fluid-resistant coated material.</p> <p>Waterproof, sewn strap for neck and back fastening</p> <p>Minimum weight: 300 g/m<sup>2</sup></p> <p>Covering size: 7090 cm (width) x 120–150 cm (height)</p> <p>Reusable (provided appropriate arrangements for decontamination are in place)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EN ISO 13688</li> <li>• EN 14126-B and partial protection (EN 13034 or EN 14605)</li> <li>• EN 343 for water and breathability or equivalent</li> </ul> |
|   |                            | Gown   | <p>Single-use, length mid-calf.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU PPE Regulation 2016/425 and EU MDD Directive 93/42/EEC</li> <li>• FDA Class I or II medical device, or equivalent</li> <li>• EN 13795 any performance level, or</li> <li>• AAMI PB70 all levels acceptable, or equivalent</li> </ul>  |
|   |                            | Gloves, cleaning                             | <p>Outer glove should have long cuffs, reaching well above the wrist, ideally to mid-forearm,</p> <p>Minimum 280 mm total length</p> <p>Sizes: small, medium, large</p> <p>Reusable</p> <p>Puncture-resistant, FDA compliant</p>  |

# Classifications:



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| Type of PPE | Feature Tested             | Standard Designation | Sub headings | Description   | Applicability  |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---|--|
| Gowns       | Liquid Barrier Performance | AAMI PB70:2012       |              | Classifies a gown's ability to act as a barrier to penetration by liquids or liquid-borne pathogens based on four levels.<br><br>The critical protective zones for surgical and non-surgical gowns are defined differently by the standard.<br><br>While the critical zones designate different protective areas for the different gowns, the levels of protection are the same for both surgical and non-surgical gowns  | Liquid barrier performance is not related to the strength of the material.<br><br>This standard references several other standards |
|             |                            |                      | Level 1      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used for MINIMAL risk situations</li> <li>Provides a slight barrier to small amounts of fluid penetration</li> <li>Single test of water impacting the surface of the gown material is conducted to assess barrier protection performance.</li> </ul>   | basic care, standard hospital medical unit   |
|             |                            |                      | Level 2      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used in LOW risk situations</li> <li>Provides a barrier to larger amounts of fluid penetration through splatter and some fluid exposure through soaking</li> <li>Two tests are conducted to assess barrier protection performance:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water impacting the surface of the gown material</li> <li>Pressurizing the material</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                 | Blood draw from a vein, Suturing, Intensive care unit, Pathology lab   |
|             |                            |                      | Level 3      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used in MODERATE risk situations</li> <li>Provides a barrier to larger amounts of fluid penetration through splatter and more fluid exposure through soaking than Level 2</li> <li>Two tests are conducted to test barrier protection performance:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water impacting the surface of the gown material</li> <li>Pressurizing the material</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Arterial blood draw, Inserting an IV, Emergency Room, Trauma   |
|             |                            |                      | Level 4      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used in HIGH risk situations</li> <li>Prevents all fluid penetration for up to 1 hour</li> <li>May prevent VIRUS penetration for up to 1 hour</li> <li>In addition to the other tests conducted under levels 1-3, barrier level performance is tested with a simulated blood containing a virus. If no virus is found at the end of the test, the gown passes.</li> </ul>  | Pathogen resistance, Infectious diseases (non-airborne), Large amounts of fluid exposure over long periods                         |

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## Summary of Infectious Agent Resistance Tests in EN 14126

Below are the four tests included in EN 14126 to assess fabric used for garments to protect against infectious agents.

Each assesses resistance to different types of fabric penetration. In each cases, resistance is assessed using bacteria, with penetration being identified through the growth of bacterial cells on the reverse side of the fabric

|   |              |  |
|---|--------------|--|
| 1. <b>Clause 4.1.4.1</b><br><b>ISO/FDIS 16604: Resistance to penetration by contaminated liquids under pressure</b>   | <b>Class</b> | <b>Hydrostatic pressure at which the materials passes the test</b> |
| Tests resistance to infectious agents that are transmitted in pressurised liquids such as body fluids. This includes many diseases - the important test for protection against Ebola<br><br>Note there is no classification for the ISO/FDIS 16603 which is purely a pre-cursor test for ISO/FDIS 16604 (16603 identifies "strike-through" only by visual identification)                     | 6            | 20 kPa   |
|   | 5            | 14 kPa   |
|   | 4            | 7 kPa  |
|   | 3            | 3.5 kPa  |
|   | 2            | 1.75 kPa   |
|   | 1            | 0 kPa a  |
| a this means that the materials is only exposed to the hydrostatic pressure of the liquid in the test cell  |              |  |
| 2. <b>Clause 4.1.4.2</b><br><b>EN 14126: Annex A: Resistance to penetration by infective agents due to mechanical contact with substances containing contaminated liquids</b>   | <b>Class</b> | <b>Breakthrough time. T. Min.</b>                                  |
| Measures the time until a breakthrough for contamination by mechanical contact with a wet surface in which the liquid is contaminated with a bacteria. Thus it might be important for garments that might rub against contaminated surfaces.<br><br>Note that the "Annex A" test in the standard has been superceded by EN 22610. The 14126 standard has not yet been updated to reflect this | 6            | $t > 75$   |
|   | 5            | $60 < t \leq 75$   |
|   | 4            | $45 < t \leq 60$   |
|   | 3            | $30 < t \leq 45$   |
|   | 2            | $15 < t \leq 30$   |
|   | 1            | $\leq 15$  |
| 3. <b>Clause 4.1.4.3</b><br><b>ISO/DIS 22611: Resistance to penetration by contaminated liquid aerosols</b>   | <b>Class</b> | <b>Penetration ratio (log)</b>                                     |
| Measures the resistance to bacteria or infectious agents contain in light aerosol sprays of liquids   | 3            | $\log > 75$  |
|   | 2            | $3 < \log \leq 5$  |
|   | 1            | $1 < \log \leq 3$  |
| 4. <b>Clause 4.1.4.4</b><br><b>ISO/DIS 22612: Resistance to penetration by contaminated solid particles</b>   | <b>Class</b> | <b>Penetration (log cfu)</b>                                       |
| Measures the resistance to solid particles that may be contaminated with a bacteria or infectious agents  | 3            | $\leq 1$   |
|   | 2            | $1 < \log \text{ cfu} \leq 2$                                      |
|   | 1            | $2 < \log \leq 3$  |



# Gowns and Aprons:

Fluid Resistant

Disposable

Sterile

Non-Sterile

Level - 1

Level - 2

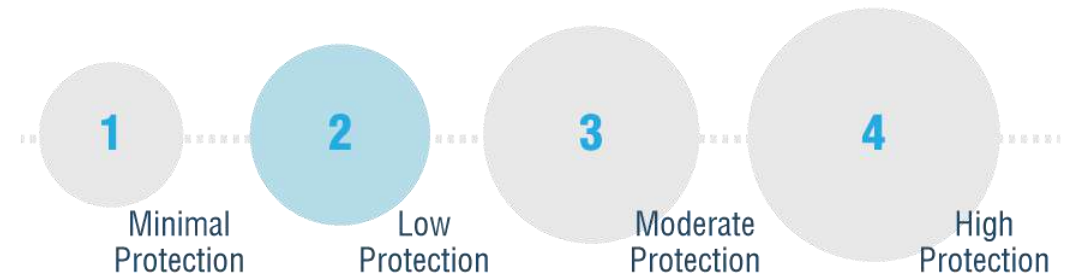
Level - 3

Level - 4



## Special Conditions:

- All items MUST have product specification sheet
- All items Must have SOP to use and to dispose.
- All items Must be individually packaged;
- All items Must be latex free (surgical or no-surgical);
- All surgical items Must be supplied **Sterile**;
- All **Sterile items** Must be packaged in a **Sterile facilities**.



# General relationships between barrier performance and anticipated exposure risks (cont.)

## (ANSI/AAMI PB70 Barrier Performance)

| ANSI/AAMI PB70 Barrier Performance | Fluid Amount | Fluid Spray or Splash | Pressure on Gown or Drape | Examples of Procedures with Anticipated Exposure Risks  |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Level 1                            | Minimal      | Minimal               | Minimal                   | <p>Minimum risk, to be used, for example, during basic care, standard isolation, cover gown for visitors, or in a standard medical unit.</p> <p>Simple/excisional biopsies<br/>Excision of “lumps and bumps”<br/>Ophthalmological procedures<br/>Simple eye, nose, and throat (ENT) procedures</p>  |
| Level 2                            | Low          | Low                   | Low                       | <p>Low risk, to be used, for example, during blood draw, suturing, in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), or a pathology lab.</p> <p>Endoscopic gastrointestinal procedures; Simple orthopedic procedures with tourniquets; Tonsillectomies and adenoidectomies; Open hernia repair; Minimally invasive surgery<br/>Interventional radiology/catheter lab procedures</p>                           |
| Level 3                            | Moderate     | Moderate              | Moderate                  | <p>Moderate risk, to be used, for example, during arterial blood draw, inserting an Intravenous (IV) line, in the Emergency Room, or for trauma cases.</p> <p>Arthroscopic orthopedic procedures<br/>Endoscopic urological procedures(e.g., transurethral prostate resections)<br/>Open gastrointestinal and genito-urinary procedures; Mastectomies</p>                                      |
| Level 4                            | High         | High                  | High                      | <p>To be used, for example, during long, fluid intense procedure, surgery, when pathogen resistance is needed or infectious diseases are suspected (non-airborne)</p> <p>Any procedure in which the surgeon’s hands and arms are in a body cavity.<br/>Orthopedic procedures without a tourniquet;<br/>Open cardiovascular/thoracic procedures;<br/>Trauma procedures; Caesarean sections</p> |

# Gowns and Coveralls:

| Serial. No | Test Parameter  | Unit                | Minimum/Maximum Requirement (as per AAMI Standards) |                  |                         |                                      | Remarks  |
|------------|---|---------------------|---|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|            |   |                     | Level 1<br>(minimal)                                | Level 2<br>(low) | Level 3<br>(moderate)   | Level 4<br>(high)                    |  |
| 1.         | Tensile Strength (ASTM D5034, ASTM D1682)   | N                   | >30   | >60              | >100                    | >250                                 | <sup>a</sup> For isolation gown Levels (1,2,3,4) ≥ 30N                   |
| 2.         | Tear resistance (ASTM D5587(woven), ASTM D5587 (nonwoven), ASTM D1424)  | N                   | >5  | >10              | >50                     | >100                                 | <sup>a</sup> For isolation gown Levels (1,2,3,4) ≥ 10N                   |
| 3.         | Seam Strength (ASTM D751 (stretch woven or knit))   | N                   | ≥30   | ≥30              | ≥30                     | ≥30                                  | ASTM F3352-19<br>Ref: ASTM D1683/D1683M                                  |
| 4.         | Water vapor transmission (breathability) (ISO 11092:2014(EN); ASTM F1868 Part B, ASTM D6701 (nonwoven), ASTM D737-75; or equivalent | m²Pa/W              | -   | -                | <30 (for coveralls)     | <30 (for coveralls)                  | ISO11092:2014(EN)  |
|            |   | mm/s                | AP > 100  | 5 < AP < 100     | AP ≤ 5                  | -                                    | ASTM D737-75<br>Re: EN14058:2017(E)                                      |
| 5.         | Water Resistance: Hydrostatic Test (AATCC 127; BS EN 13795:2019)  | cm H <sub>2</sub> O | N/A   | >20              | >50 (sterile)           | >100 (sterile)                       | No data available for Level 1  |
|            |   |                     |   |                  | >57.3 (fluid resistant) | >91 (fluid resistant)                |  |
| 6.         | Water Resistance: Impact Penetration Test (AATCC 42 or equivalent (e.g., AATCC 35*))  | g                   | ≤4.5  | ≤1               | ≤1                      | ≤1                                   | No data available for Level 4.<br>Emphasis given on breathability test   |
| 7.         | Synthetic Blood Penetration Test (ASTM F1670 or equivalent) *   | Pass at Psi/Kpa     | N/A   | N/A              | N/A                     | No penetration at 2 psi up to 1 hour | <u>* PPE importers must present relevant documents and certification</u> |
| 8.         | Viral Penetration Test (ASTM F1671 or equivalent) *   | Pass at Psi/Kpa     | N/A   | N/A              | N/A                     | No penetration at 2 psi up to 1 hour |  |

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\*\* Acceptance Quality Limit: AQL 4%

# Surgical Mask:

| Serial. No | Test Parameter   | Unit                                | Minimum/Maximum Requirement (as per ASTM F2100) |                 |                 | Remarks   |
|------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|---|
|            |  |                                     | Level 1 barrier                                 | Level 2 barrier | Level 3 barrier |   |
| 1.         | Breathing Resistance, Differential Pressure (EN 14683:2019, ASTM F2100, or equivalent) | mm H <sub>2</sub> O/cm <sup>2</sup> | <5.0  | <6.0            | <6.0            | ASTM F2100  |
| 2.         | Particulate Filtration Efficiency (F2299, or equivalent) @ 0.1 μ, <b>0.3 μ *</b>       | %                                   | ≥95   | ≥98             | ≥98             |   |
| 3.         | Splash Resistance/ Synthetic Blood Resistance ((ASTM F1862-07), or equivalent)         | mmHg                                | 80  | 120             | 160             | <b>* PPE importers must present relevant documents and certification.</b> |
| 4.         | Test Bacterial Filtration Efficiency (EN14683, ASTM F2101, or equivalent)              | %                                   | ≥95   | ≥98             | ≥98             |   |

| Serial. No | Test Parameter  | Unit               | Minimum/Maximum Requirement (as per EN 14683:2019) |         |         |          | Remarks   |
|------------|---|--------------------|--|---------|---------|----------|---|
|            |   |                    | Type I   | Type II | Type IR | Type IIR |   |
| 1.         | Breathing Resistance, Differential Pressure (EN 14683:2019, ASTM F2100, or equivalent)                  | Pa/cm <sup>2</sup> | <40  | <40     | <40     | <60      | EN 14683:2019   |
| 2.         | Particulate Filtration Efficiency (F2299, or equivalent) @ 0.1 μ, <b>0.3 μ *</b>                        | %                  | ≥95%   | ≥98%    | ≥95%    | ≥98%     | ASTM F2100  |
| 3.         | Splash Resistance/ Synthetic Blood Resistance ((ASTM F1862-07), or equivalent, e.g. ISO22609:2004 (EN)) | mmHg               | 80   | 120     | 80      | 160      | <b>* PPE importers must present relevant documents and certification.</b> |
| 4.         | Test Bacterial Filtration Efficiency (EN14683, ASTM F2101, or equivalent)                               | %                  | ≥95%   | ≥98%    | ≥95%    | ≥98%     |   |

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# Respirator: N95 Mask and KN95 Mask

| Serial. No | Test Parameter  | Unit                                | Minimum/Maximum Requirement (as per ASTM F2100) |                 |                 | Remarks   |
|------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|---|
|            |   |                                     | Level 1 barrier                                 | Level 2 barrier | Level 3 barrier |   |
| 1.         | Breathing Resistance, Differential Pressure (EN 14683:2019, ASTM F2100, or equivalent)                  | mm H <sub>2</sub> O/cm <sup>2</sup> | <5.0  | <6.0            | <6.0            | ASTM F2100  |
| 2. *       | Particulate Filtration Efficiency (F2299, or equivalent) @ 0.1 μ, <b>0.3 μ *</b>                        | %                                   | ≥95   | ≥98             | ≥98             |   |
| 3. *       | Particulate Filtration Efficiency (NIOSH 42 CFR 84.181, or equivalent) @ 0.075 ± 0.020 μ                | %                                   | ≥95   | ≥98             | ≥98             | <b>* <u>Optional</u></b>  |
| 4.         | Splash Resistance/ Synthetic Blood Resistance ((ASTM F1862-07), or equivalent, e.g. ISO22609:2004 (EN)) | mmHg                                | 80  | 120             | 160             | <b>* <u>PPE importers must present relevant documents and certification</u></b> |
| 5.         | Test Bacterial Filtration Efficiency (EN14683, ASTM F2101, or equivalent)                               | %                                   | ≥95   | ≥98             | ≥98             |   |

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# Report Template

## Page 1:

- Client Info,
- Sample Info,
- Test Info,
- Results, etc.

## Page 2:

- Minimum/Maximum Required values of DGDA/WHO-PAHO recommended test parameters

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Ref. No.:

Date:

Client Name:

Client ID:

Client Address:

Sample Type: Gowns **Fluid Resistant**

Batch No.:

Table 1: Parameter Analysis of Biomedical PPE – Gowns (Fluid Resistant)

| Serial No. | Test parameter                            | Standard (as per DGDA/WHO-PAHO recommended parameters) | Unit | Result        |                              | Comment |
|------------|---|--|------|---------------|------------------------------|---------|
|            |   |  |      | Average Value | Sample Number (n), ± St. Dev |         |
| 01.        | Tensile Strength                          | ASTM D5034   |      |               |                              |         |
| 02.        | Tear resistance                           | ASTM D5587(woven)                                      |      |               |                              |         |
| 03.        | Seam Strength                             | ASTM D751  |      |               |                              |         |
| 04.        | Water vapor transmission (breathability)  | ISO 11092:2014(EN)                                     |      |               |                              |         |
| 05.        | Water Resistance: Hydrostatic Test        | AATC 127   |      |               |                              |         |
| 06.        | Water Resistance: Impact Penetration Test | AATCC 42   |      |               |                              |         |

Result Analysis and Overall Comment:

Tests Performed by:

Countersigned by:

XXXXYZ

Affiliation

Address

YYZZXX

Affiliation

Address

ZZXXYY

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Address

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Disclaimer: Test was performed as per the samples were supplied (where applicable) and valid for exactly identical samples. Wherever applicable, XXXXYZ is not responsible for any error/omission occurred during the sampling by the client.

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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): **Gowns (Fluid Resistant)**

Table 2: List of Test Parameters with Recommended Values

| Serial No | Test Parameter   | Unit                | Minimum/Maximum Requirement (as per AAMI Standards) |               |                         |                                      | Remarks   |
|-----------|--|---------------------|---|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
|           |  |                     | Level 1 (minimal)                                   | Level 2 (low) | Level 3 (moderate)      | Level 4 (high)                       |   |
| 1.        | Tensile Strength (ASTM D5034, ASTM D1682)  | N                   | >30   | >60           | >100                    | >250                                 | #For isolation gown Levels (1,2,3,4) ≥30N                           |
| 2.        | Tear resistance (ASTM D5587(woven), ASTM D5587 (nonwoven), ASTM D1424)   | N                   | >5  | >10           | >50                     | >100                                 | #For isolation gown Levels (1,2,3,4) ≥10N                           |
| 3.        | Seam Strength (ASTM D751 (stretch woven or knit))  | N                   | ≥30   | ≥30           | ≥30                     | ≥30                                  | ASTM F3352-19 Ref: ASTM D1683/D1683M                                |
| 4.        | Water vapor transmission (breathability) (ISO 11092:2014(EN); ASTM F1868 Part B, ASTM D6701 (nonwoven), ASTM D737-75; or equivalent (ASTM E96/E96M-16*)) | m²Pa/W              | -   | -             | <30 (for coveralls)     | <30 (for coveralls)                  | ISO11092:2014(EN)   |
|           |  | mm/s                | AP>100  | 5<AP<100      | AP≤5                    | -                                    | ASTM D737-75 Re: EN14058:2017(E)                                    |
| 5.        | Water Resistance: Hydrostatic Test (AATCC 127; BS EN 13795:2019)   | cm H <sub>2</sub> O | N/A   | >20           | >50 (sterile)           | >100 (sterile)                       | No data available for Level 1                                       |
|           |  |                     |   |               | >57.3 (fluid resistant) | >91 (fluid resistant)                |   |
| 6.        | Water Resistance: Impact Penetration Test (AATCC 42 or equivalent (e.g., AATCC 35*))   | g                   | ≤4.5  | ≤1            | ≤1                      | ≤1                                   | No data available for Level 4. Emphasis given on breathability test |
| 7.        | Synthetic Blood Penetration Test (ASTM F1670 or equivalent) *  | Pass at Psi/Kpa     | N/A   | N/A           | N/A                     | No penetration at 2 psi up to 1 hour | * PPE importers must present relevant documents and certification   |
| 8.        | Viral Penetration Test (ASTM F1671 or equivalent) *  | Pass at Psi/Kpa     | N/A   | N/A           | N/A                     | No penetration at 2 psi up to 1 hour |   |

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Footnote: The above parameters were developed based on the WHO specifications for personal protective equipment as mentioned in the Disease Commodity Package for COVID-19, and as per expert consultations overseen by DGDA to accommodate critical test parameters during the COVID-19 emergency and current capacity of local accredited testing laboratories.

# Thank You !!



# Appendix

# Sample of Product Specification Sheet

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## Technical Data Sheet

### 3M™ Protective Coverall 4570

The 3M™ Protective Coverall 4570 range of coveralls are designed to help protect against hazardous dusts (Type 5), light liquid splashes (Type 6), low pressure liquid sprays (Type 4) and high pressure liquid jets (Type 3).






#### Key Features

- Advanced film technology
- Soft material reducing noise from movement
- High levels of chemical hold out and mechanical strength
- Certified to offer protection against radioactive particulates (EN 1073-2) and biological contaminants (EN 14126)
- Anti-static treated (inside only) to EN 1149
- Elastic waist is adhered with glue to minimize potential entry points
- Elastic wrists and ankles for convenience and freedom of movement
- Thumb loops for secure fit during overhead work
- Three-panel hood design for a better fit and compatibility with other PPE
- Chin flap with easy grab sealable tape for ease of use and secure fit
- Two integrated storm-flaps combined with double color-coded zip to create a double seal for added convenience and extra protection
- Large ring-zip closures for easy donning and doffing when wearing gloves
- Seams are taped with a multi-layer co-extruded clear tape which offers a discreet finish and a consistent seal and barrier to hazardous dusts and high pressure liquid jets

#### Approvals

CE approved under PPE Directive (89/686/EEC), Category III.  
CE Certificate Issue: BTTG Testing and Certification Limited, UK.  
Notified Body Number: 0338  
Article 118 Supervisor: SGS United Kingdom Limited, UK.  
Notified Body Number: 0120

#### Comfort and Protection

|   |                          |  |
|---|--------------------------|--|
|  | <b>Liquid Protection</b> | Type 3 & Type 4 (EN 14605) and Type 6 (EN 10034)<br>Whole cut full and reduced spray test (EN ISO 17461-2)       |
|  | <b>Dust Protection</b>   | Type 5 (EN ISO 15082-1)<br>Inward leakage results:<br>Lime 60/100 < 30 %;<br>LD, D/10 < 10 %                     |
|  | <b>Anti-static</b>       | Anti-static coating (EN 1163-9:2008)*  |
|  | <b>Nuclear</b>           | Radioactive particulates (EN 1073-2:2002), Class 2   |
|  | <b>Biohazard</b>         | Tested according to EN 14126:2002 (Type 3-B, Type 4-B, Type 5-B, Type 6-B)<br>ASTM F1671-2013<br>ASTM F1670-2008 |

\*All apparel must be suitably grounded for anti-static treatment to be effective.  
Electrostatic propensity may decrease with wearing time and/or adverse conditions.

#### Materials

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Suit</b>       | Polypropylene / Polyethylene    |
| <b>Zipper</b>     | Metal / Nylon / Polyester Blend |
| <b>Plastic</b>    | Synthetic Rubber (non-toxic)    |
| <b>Storm Tape</b> | Polyethylene                    |
| <b>Thread</b>     | Polyester / Cotton              |

This product does not contain components made from silicone or natural rubber latex.

#### Sizing

An appropriate size garment should be selected to allow sufficient movement for the task.

|            | Height     |              | Chest      |              |
|------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>S</b>   | 64 – 67 in | 154 – 170 cm | 30 – 36 in | 64 – 82 cm   |
| <b>M</b>   | 65 – 69 in | 167 – 170 cm | 30 – 38 in | 82 – 100 cm  |
| <b>L</b>   | 66 – 71 in | 174 – 181 cm | 36 – 42 in | 100 – 108 cm |
| <b>XL</b>  | 70 – 74 in | 179 – 187 cm | 42 – 48 in | 108 – 118 cm |
| <b>2XL</b> | 73 – 78 in | 186 – 194 cm | 48 – 54 in | 118 – 124 cm |
| <b>3XL</b> | 76 – 78 in | 194 – 200 cm | 52 – 52 in | 124 – 132 cm |
| <b>4XL</b> | 78 – 81 in | 200 – 208 cm | 52 – 55 in | 132 – 140 cm |



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### PRODUCT INFORMATION

cleo® saphir

Protective gown for use with cytostatic & biological substances

#### Application area and properties

- + **Maximum protection and comfort:** Type tested and certified as complex PPE<sup>(1)</sup> (category III), chemical protective type PB [4], protective clothing against infection type PB [4]-B, partial body protection. Optimal operator and product protection (sterile version), impervious to liquids on the arms and front, which are coated; raised neck with breathable back, pleasant and comfortable to wear; material is low in lint with low particulate generation and latex-free; practical velcro fastening in the neck area, knitted or elasticated cuffs at the sleeve ends.
- + **Area of application:** Protective gown for handling CMR<sup>(2)</sup> drugs (e.g. cytostatic and virostatic agents) and biological agents<sup>(1)</sup> (e.g. bacterial and viruses).
- + **Protective barrier:** Liquid-impervious coating. In compliance with EN 14126:2003 a high barrier function of the coated material against bacteria and viruses can be assumed.
- + **Protection capacity:** Protection from all CMR drugs or chemicals cannot be guaranteed! In case of exposition to biological hazardous materials, which do not correspond to the degree of imperviousness of the protective clothing, biocontamination of the wearer is possible.
- + **Directions for use:** Always wear with the coated side on the outside and the seam pointing downwards. Keep away from open flames and heat sources.
- + **Change interval:** Daily, i.e. use up to a maximum of 8 hours<sup>(3)</sup> in case of visible contamination on immediately! Single use only!
- + **Before use:** Check for any damage! Do not use damaged gowns!
- + **Disposal:** Waste requiring supervision (waste code: 18 01 04) in accordance with 2000/532/EC; in case of heavy contamination, waste requiring special supervision<sup>(4)</sup> (waste code: 18 01 08<sup>(5)</sup> or 18 01 03<sup>(6)</sup>) in accordance with 2000/532/EC; collect and dispose of waste separately!

<sup>(1)</sup> Personal protective equipment. <sup>(2)</sup> Carcinogen, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction. <sup>(3)</sup> Microorganisms, including genetically altered microorganisms and cultures and human endospores, which could cause infections or allergic or toxic effects. <sup>(4)</sup> Depending on the used chemical / CMR drug or biological material. <sup>(5)</sup> Any waste marked with a star (\*) is considered hazardous waste pursuant to article 14, first indent, of Directive 91/688/EEC on hazardous waste. <sup>(6)</sup> Osteotoxic and cytotoxic drugs. <sup>(7)</sup> Waste, whose collection and disposal is subject to special requirements in view of the prevention of infection.

#### Types

| Blue gown with knitted cuffs     |      |      |      |                    |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|--------------------|
| Size                             | S    | M    | L    | XL                 |
| Item No. (non-sterile) 15 pieces | 6700 | 6800 | 6900 | 100072 (10 pieces) |
| Item No. (sterile) 10 pieces     | 6701 | 6801 | 6901 | 100073             |

| Light blue gown with elasticated cuffs |   |      |      |    |
|--|---|------|------|----|
| Size                                   | S | M    | L    | XL |
| Item No. (non-sterile) 15 pieces       | - | 6500 | 6550 | -  |
| Item No. (sterile) 10 pieces           | - | 6600 | 6650 | -  |

#### Material properties

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Material</b>            | Spun polypropylene  |
| <b>Material properties</b> | Latex-free          |
| <b>Material weight</b>     | 42 g/m <sup>2</sup> |

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| Test  | EN 14683      |               |                | ASTM F2100    |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | Type I        | Type II       | Type IIR       | Level 1       | Level 2       | Level 3       |
| Bacterial filtration efficiency, %  | ≥95           | ≥98           | ≥98            | ≥95           | ≥98           | ≥98           |
| Differential pressure, mm H <sub>2</sub> O/cm <sup>2</sup> Pa/cm <sup>2</sup> | <3.0<br><29.4 | <3.0<br><29.4 | <5.0<br><49.0  | <4.0<br><39.2 | <5.0<br><49.0 | <5.0<br><49.0 |
| Sub-micron particulate filtration efficiency at 0.1 micron, %                 | Not Required  | Not Required  | Not Required   | ≥95           | ≥98           | ≥98           |
| Splash Resistance/ Synthetic Blood Resistance, mmHg Pass Result               | Not Required  | Not Required  | 120 (16,0 kPa) | 80            | 120           | 160           |
| Flame Spread  | Not Required  | Not Required  | Not Required   | Class 1       | Class 1       | Class 1       |
| Microbial cleanliness (cfu/g)   | ≤ 30          | ≤ 30          | ≤ 30           | Not Required  | Not Required  | Not Required  |

- Level 1: *Minimal risk*, to be used, for example, during basic care, standard isolation, cover gown for visitors, or in a standard medical unit
- Level 2: *Low risk*, to be used, for example, during blood draw, suturing, in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), or a pathology lab
- Level 3: *Moderate risk*, to be used, for example, during arterial blood draw, inserting an Intravenous (IV) line, in the Emergency Room, or for trauma cases
- Level 4: *High risk*, to be used, for example, during long, fluid intense procedures, surgery, when pathogen resistance is needed or infectious diseases are suspected (non-airborne)

## MEDICAL FACE MASK TESTS AND REQUIREMENTS

U.S.A.: ASTM F2100-19 STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR PERFORMANCE OF MATERIALS USED IN MEDICAL FACE MASKS  
 EUROPE: EN 14683:2019 MEDICAL FACE MASKS – REQUIREMENTS AND TEST METHODS

|  |                                      | ASTM F2100-19  |   |                  | EN 14683:2019 Barrier Levels  |         |                                |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|------------------|---|---------|--------------------------------|
|  |                                      | Level 1  | Level 2                                 | Level 3          | Type I  | Type II | Type IIR                       |
| Barrier Testing                          | BFE %<br>ASTM F2101, EN 14683        | ≥95  | ≥98                                     |                  | ≥95   | ≥98     |                                |
|  | PFE %<br>ASTM F2299                  | ≥95  | ≥98                                     |                  | Not required  |         |                                |
|  | Synthetic Blood ASTM F1862, ISO22609 | Pass at 80 mmHg  | Pass at 120 mmHg                        | Pass at 160 mmHg | Not required  |         | Pass at ≥ 16.0 kPa (>120 mmHg) |
| Physical Testing                         | Differential Pressure<br>EN 14683    | <5.0 mmH <sub>2</sub> O/cm <sup>2</sup>  | <6.0 mmH <sub>2</sub> O/cm <sup>2</sup> |                  | <40 Pa/cm <sup>2</sup>  |         | <60 Pa/cm <sup>2</sup>         |
| Safety Testing                           | Flammability<br>16 CFR Part 1610     | Class 1 (≥ 3.5 seconds)  |   |                  | See European Medical Directive (2007/47/EC, MDD 93/42/EEC)  |         |                                |
|  | Microbial Cleanliness<br>ISO 11737-1 | Not required   |   |                  | ≤30 cfu/g   |         |                                |
|  | Biocompatibility<br>ISO 10993        | 510 K Guidance recommends testing to ISO 10993   |   |                  | Complete an evaluation according to ISO 10993   |         |                                |
| Sampling<br>ANSI/ASQC Z1.4<br>ISO 2859-1 |                                      | • AQL 4% for BFE, PFE, Delta P<br>• 32 masks for Synthetic Blood (Pass = ≥29 passing, Fail = ≤28 passing)<br>• 14 masks for Flammability |   |                  | • Minimum of 5 masks up to an AQL of 4% for BFE, Delta P and Microbial Cleanliness<br>• 32 masks for Synthetic Blood (Pass = ≥29 passing, Fail = ≤28 passing) |         |                                |

| Mask | Thickness<br>mm | Weight<br>gm/m <sup>2</sup> | Pore Size<br>μm |        | Synthetic Blood Resistance<br>(% Passed) |              |              |
|------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------|--|--------------|--------------|
|      |                 |                             | Mean            | Max.   | 80 mm<br>Hg                              | 120 mm<br>Hg | 160 mm<br>Hg |
| 1    | 0.3345          | 66.908                      | 23.97           | 41.74  | 70                                       | 0            | 0            |
| 2    | 0.2339          | 58.657                      | 19.29           | 43.27  | 100                                      | 100          | 50           |
| 3    | 0.4417          | 95.775                      | 16.90           | 27.19  | 100                                      | 100          | 100          |
| 4    | 0.6137          | 140.828                     | 35.06           | 87.74  | 0  | 0            | 0            |
| 5    | 0.3607          | 145.760                     | 51.00           | 146.60 | 0  | 0            | 0            |
| 6    | 0.4742          | 164.405                     | 31.72           | 92.12  | 0  | 0            | 0            |



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Mask Rating & Certification Comparison




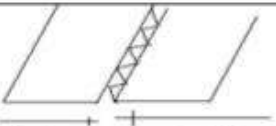
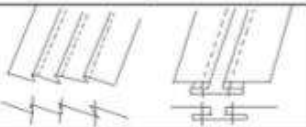


| Mask Type   | Standards                               | Filtration Effectiveness   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Single-Use Face Mask<br> | China: YY/T0969                         | Open-Data Tests<br>Smart Air<br>SmartAirFilters.com<br><br>3.0 Microns: ≥95%<br>0.1 Microns: ❌ |  |  |
|   |   |  |  |  |
| Surgical Mask<br>        | China: YY 0469                          | 3.0 Microns: ≥95%<br>0.1 Microns: ≥30%   |  |  |
|   | USA: ASTM F2100                         | Level 1  | Level 2                                | Level 3                                |
|   |   | 3.0 Microns: ≥95%<br>0.1 Microns: ≥95%   | 3.0 Microns: ≥98%<br>0.1 Microns: ≥98% | 3.0 Microns: ≥98%<br>0.1 Microns: ≥98% |
|   | Europe: EN 14683                        | Type I   | Type II                                | Type III                               |
|   |   | 3.0 Microns: ≥95%<br>0.1 Microns: ❌  | 3.0 Microns: ≥98%<br>0.1 Microns: ❌    | 3.0 Microns: ≥98%<br>0.1 Microns: ❌    |
| Respirator Mask<br>      | USA: NIOSH (42 CFR 84)<br>China: GB2626 | N95 / KN95   | N99 / KN99                             | N100 / KN100                           |
|   |   | 0.3 Microns: ≥95%  | 0.3 Microns ≥99%                       | 0.3 Microns ≥99.97%                    |
|   | Europe: EN 149:2001                     | FFP1   | FFP2                                   | FFP3                                   |
|   |   | 0.3 Microns: ≥80%  | 0.3 Microns: ≥94%                      | 0.3 Microns: 99%                       |

3.0 Microns: Bacteria Filtration Efficiency standard (BFE).

0.1 Microns: Particle Filtration Efficiency standard (PFE).

0.3 Microns: Used to represent the most-penetrating particle size (MPPS), which is the most difficult size particle to capture.

❌: No requirements.

| Seam Types                                 | Schematic view  | Properties  | End Uses   |
|--|---|---|--|
| Seam Class-1:<br>Superimposed<br>Seam      |  | Edge are placed one over another & sewing is done alongside of edge.              | Top side of the garments   |
| Seam Class-2:<br>Lapped Seam               |  | Sewing is done on overlapping portion.  | Lungi, side seam & inseam of jeans.  |
| Seam Class-3:<br>Bound Seam                |  | Edge of the fabric is bound by another stripe of fabric.                          | Decorative purpose, to sewn the part of garments such as waist band, pocket etc. |
| Seam Class-4:<br>Flat Seam                 |  | Edges are placed in side by side & sewing them.                                   | Cut & sew garments also called Raglan seam.                                      |
| Seam Class-5:<br>Decorative<br>Seam        |  | One or more adjacent stitch lines in one or more layer of fabrics then stitching. | Decorative purpose.  |
| Seam Class-6:<br>Edge<br>Neatening<br>Seam |  | Binding the edge of the fabrics, so that yarn cannot be drowning off.             | Mostly used in knitted garments hemming.   |
| Seam Class-7                               |  | For attaching the additional part of garments.                                    | Lace, elastic joining etc.   |



## AAMI Classification System

- There are four levels of barrier performance, level 4 being the highest protection available

Least  
Protective



Most  
Protective

| Level | Test                                      | Result                       |
|-------|---|------------------------------|
| 1     | AATCC 42<br>Water Impact (WI)             | $\leq 4.5$ g                 |
| 2     | AATCC 42, WI<br>AATCC 127 Hydro Head (HH) | $\leq 1.0$ g<br>$\geq 20$ cm |
| 3     | AATCC 42, WI<br>AATCC 127, HH             | $\leq 1.0$ g<br>$\geq 50$ cm |
| 4     | ASTM F1671, Gowns<br>ASTM F1670, Drapes   | Pass<br>Pass                 |

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## EN 14126:2003

### Protective clothing against infective agents

- This standard is used to demonstrate the performance of protective garments against infective agents. This is not a 'stand-alone' standard and needs to be combined with standards for Type 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and/or 6 protective garments, as listed in Clause 4.3, Table 5. Types 1, 2 and 5 protective garments are required to be of the 'full body' type. Type 3, 4 and 6 protective garment standards include partial body 'PB' garments covering only a part of the body.
- The type of protective garment claimed will be relative to the type and severity of protection claimed for the garment

| Suit type | Standard                    | PB Option           | Common Suit Name                               |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1         | EN 943-1:2015               | No                  | Gas tight                                      |
| 1ET       | EN 943-2:2002               | No                  | Gas tight                                      |
| 2         | EN 943-1:2002               | No                  | Ventilated (PPE annex II approval only)        |
| 3         | EN 14605:2005+A1:2009       | Yes                 | Jet or splash tight                            |
| 4         | EN 14605:2005+A1:2009       | Yes                 | Spray or light splash tight                    |
| 5         | EN ISO 13982-1:2004+A1:2010 | No                  | Dust tight                                     |
| 6         | EN 13034:2005+A1:2009       | Yes                 | Light spray tight                              |
| 1-6       | ISO 16602:2007+A1:2012      | Yes (3, 4 & 6 only) | As above for type (PPE annex II approval only) |

- Other products that may be combined with EN 14126 but are not listed in Clause 4.3, Table 5, are:

| Product type  | Standard              | Common name                  |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Powered filtering devices incorporating a hood, half-suit or suit   | EN 12941:1998+A2:2008 | PAPR hood, half-suit or suit |
| Airline breathing apparatus incorporating a hood, half-suit or suit | EN 14594:2005         | Air hood, half-suit or suit  |
| Ventilated protective clothing                                      | EN 1073-1:2016        | Nuclear air suit             |
| Non-ventilated protective clothing                                  | EN 1073-2:2002        | Nuclear coverall             |

- Manufacturers should not be confused by the term chemical protective suit for the above types of protective garment. In order to comply with the requirements of EN 14126, Clause 4.3, the garment has to be marked with the type e.g. Type PB[4]-B. By marking the protective garment with the type, this infers that it complies with all of the applicable requirements of the protective garment standard, including the requirements for material properties

- The following tests are performed in addition the tests identified in EN 14126:
  - Abrasion resistance EN 530 method 2 - Minimum Class 1
  - Flex cracking resistance ISO 7854 method B - Minimum Class 1
  - Flex cracking resistance at -30°C ISO 7854 method B - Minimum Class 1 (Optional)
  - Tear resistance (trapezoidal test specimen) ISO 9073-4 - Minimum Class 1
  - Tensile strength ISO 13934-1 - Minimum Class 1
  - Puncture resistance EN 863 - Minimum Class 1
  - Seam strength ISO 13935-2 - Minimum Class 1
  - Type 3 Jet test EN17491-3
  - Type PB[3] Jet test EN17491-3 (seams, joins and assemblages only)
  - Type 4 Spray test EN17491-4
  - Type PB[4] Spray test EN17491-4 - This is specifically excluded in EN 14605, Clause 4.3.4.1, however manufacturers may optionally carry out this test to verify the spray tightness of the partial body garment seams
  - Permeation resistance of the material and seams to any claimed chemicals or pharmaceuticals is tested using EN 16523-1:2015 or EN ISO 6529, Method A or B - Minimum Class 1
- Level 1: *Minimal risk*, to be used, for example, during basic care, standard isolation, cover gown for visitors, or in a standard medical unit
- Level 2: *Low risk*, to be used, for example, during blood draw, suturing, in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), or a pathology lab
- Level 3: *Moderate risk*, to be used, for example, during arterial blood draw, inserting an Intravenous (IV) line, in the Emergency Room, or for trauma cases
- Level 4: *High risk*, to be used, for example, during long, fluid intense procedures, surgery, when pathogen resistance is needed or infectious diseases are suspected (non-airborne)

EN 13034:2005+A1:2009

Protective clothing against liquid chemicals — Performance requirements for chemical protective clothing offering limited protective performance against liquid chemicals (Type 6 and Type PB [6] equipment)

- Type 6 chemical protective clothing for limited resistance to penetration by liquids shall pass the low level spray test, and shall have materials that demonstrate liquid penetration resistance and repellency.
- Partial body protection garments offer protection to specific parts of the body against liquid chemicals. Examples of such garments are laboratory coats, jackets, trousers, aprons, sleeves, hoods (not air supplied), etc. As partial body protection leaves some parts of the body unprotected, only the performance requirements for the clothing material and the seams are required.
- The following tests are performed in addition the tests identified in EN 14126:
  - Abrasion resistance EN 530 method 2 - Minimum Class 1
  - Tear resistance (trapezoidal test specimen) ISO 9073-4 – Minimum Class 1
  - Tensile strength ISO 13934-1 - Minimum Class 1
  - Puncture resistance EN 863 - Minimum Class 1
  - Seam strength ISO 13935-2 - Minimum Class 1
  - Type 6 Modified low level spray test EN17491-4
  - Type PB[6] Modified low level spray test EN17491-4 – This is specifically excluded in EN 13034, Clause 5.1, however manufacturers may optionally carry out this test to verify the spray tightness of the partial body garment seams.
  - For claimed chemical protection, liquid repellency EN ISO 6530:2005 – Minimum Class 3 and resistance to penetration by liquids EN ISO 6530:2005 - Minimum Class 2 shall be obtained for at least one of the chemicals referred to in EN 14325:2004, Clause 4, table 9.
  - Additional Permeation resistance of the material and seams to any claimed chemicals or pharmaceuticals may be provided from testing using EN 16523-1:2015 or EN ISO 6529, Method A or B

| DIFFERENTIATION                                    | AAMI   | EUROPEAN NORMS 13795                            |
|--|--|---|
| Resistance to liquid penetration (water)           | AAMI differentiates 4 barrier performance levels based on fluid impermeability<br>Level 1-minimal<br>Level 2-low<br>Level 3-moderate<br>Level 4-high | YES   |
| Resistance to microbial penetration (dry,wet)      | –  | YES   |
| Cleanliness(microbial, particulate matter) linting | –  | YES   |
| Tensile strength (dry,wet)                         | –  | YES   |
| Bursting strength (dry,wet)                        | –  | YES   |
| Specifications of the performance levels           | Labelling requirements and test methods  | Technical data sheets according to DIN EN 13795 |



#### A) ANSI/AAMI PB70

| Rank    | Test       | Criteria              |
|---------|------------|-----------------------|
| Level 1 | AATCC 42   | < = 4.5 g             |
| Level 2 | AATCC 42   | < = 1.0 g             |
|         | AATCC 127  | > = 20 cm (1.96 kPa)  |
| Level 3 | AATCC 42   | < = 1.0 g             |
|         | AATCC 127  | > = 50 cm (4.90 kPa)  |
| Level 4 | ASTM F1670 | pass 2 psi (13.8 kPa) |
|         | ASTM F1671 | pass 2 psi (13.8 kPa) |

#### B) EN 14126:2003

| Rank    | Test              | Criteria |
|---------|-------------------|----------|
| Class 1 | ISO 16603 & 16604 | 0 kPa    |
| Class 2 | ISO 16603 & 16604 | 1.75 kPa |
| Class 3 | ISO 16603 & 16604 | 3.5 kPa  |
| Class 4 | ISO 16603 & 16604 | 7.0 kPa  |
| Class 5 | ISO 16603 & 16604 | 14.0 kPa |
| Class 6 | ISO 16603 & 16604 | 20.0 kPa |

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| ANSI/AAMI PB70 Barrier Performance | Test Method   | Test Definition  | Requirement  |
|------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Level 1                            | Water Resistance: Impact Penetration<br>AATCC 42  | AATCC 42<br>Measures the resistance of fabrics to the liquid penetration of water by impact.   | Water Impact <= 4.5 g                                  |
| Level 2                            | Water Resistance: Impact Penetration<br>AATCC 42<br><br>Water Resistance: Hydrostatic Pressure<br>AATCC 127 | AATCC 42<br>Measures the resistance of fabrics to the liquid penetration of water by impact.<br><br>AATCC 127<br>Measures the resistance of fabrics to the liquid penetration of water by impact under constant and increasing hydrostatic pressure. | Spray Impact <= 1.0 g<br>Hydrostatic Pressure >= 20 cm |
| Level 3                            | Water Resistance: Impact Penetration<br>AATCC 42<br>Water Resistance: Hydrostatic Pressure<br>AATCC 127     | AATCC 42<br>Measures the resistance of fabrics to the liquid penetration of water by impact.<br><br>AATCC 127<br>Measures the resistance of fabrics to the liquid penetration of water by impact under constant and increasing hydrostatic pressure. | Spray Impact <= 1.0 g<br>Hydrostatic Pressure >= 50 cm |
| Level 4                            | Viral Penetration<br>ASTM F1671   | ASTM F1671<br>Measures the resistance of fabrics to bloodborne pathogens using viral penetration at 2psi and ambient pressure.   | Total Impervious                                       |

## Levels of Barrier Protection – AAMI PB70:2012<sup>1</sup>

Choose the right gown by matching the color on the neck binding to the AAMI level on the chart.

|                              | 💧 LEVEL 1               |                         | 💧💧 LEVEL 2                      |                         | 💧💧💧 LEVEL 3                     |                                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Test                         | AATCC 42:2000           | AATCC 42:2000           | AATCC 127:1998                  | AATCC 42:2000           | AATCC 127:1998                  | AATCC 127:1998                  |
| Requirements at 4% AQL       | Water impact<br>≤ 4.5 g | Spray impact<br>≤ 1.0 g | Hydrostatic Pressure<br>≥ 20 cm | Spray Impact<br>≤ 1.0 g | Hydrostatic pressure<br>≥ 50 cm | Hydrostatic pressure<br>≥ 50 cm |
| Anticipated Risk of Exposure | Low                     | Moderate                |                                 | Moderate to High        |                                 |                                 |

#### A) ANSI/AAMI PB70

| Rank    | Test       | Criteria              |
|---------|------------|-----------------------|
| Level 1 | AATCC 42   | < = 4.5 g             |
| Level 2 | AATCC 42   | < = 1.0 g             |
|         | AATCC 127  | > = 20 cm (1.96 kPa)  |
| Level 3 | AATCC 42   | < = 1.0 g             |
|         | AATCC 127  | > = 50 cm (4.90 kPa)  |
| Level 4 | ASTM F1670 | pass 2 psi (13.8 kPa) |
|         | ASTM F1671 | pass 2 psi (13.8 kPa) |

#### B) EN 14126:2003

| Rank    | Test              | Criteria |
|---------|-------------------|----------|
| Class 1 | ISO 16603 & 16604 | 0 kPa    |
| Class 2 | ISO 16603 & 16604 | 1.75 kPa |
| Class 3 | ISO 16603 & 16604 | 3.5 kPa  |
| Class 4 | ISO 16603 & 16604 | 7.0 kPa  |
| Class 5 | ISO 16603 & 16604 | 14.0 kPa |
| Class 6 | ISO 16603 & 16604 | 20.0 kPa |

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Level 1 – least protective; Level 4 – most protective; AQL = Acceptable Quality Level

– AATCC 42 – Spray Impact Penetration Test (amount of water that penetrates test fabric and soaks into blotter on the other side is weighed by grams). **The lower the better**

– AATCC 127 – Hydrostatic Pressure Test (the amount of pressure required to force the water through the fabric is measured in centimeter (cm of water pressure). **The higher the force in cm the better**

– ASTM F1670 – Penetration by synthetic blood (for surgical drapes)

– ASTM F1671 – Penetration by blood borne pathogens using Phi-X174 bacteriophage virus (in 0.0017µm – smaller than HIV, HBV...)

| Level | Test   | Result   | AQL |
|-------|--|----------|-----|
| 1     | AATCC 42 (Spray Impact Test)   | ≤ 4.5 g. | 4%  |
| 2     | AATCC 42   | ≤ 1.0 g  | 4%  |
|       | AATCC 127 (Hydrostatic Head Test)  | ≥ 20cm   | 4%  |
| 3     | AATCC 42   | ≤ 1.0 g  | 4%  |
|       | AATCC 127  | ≥ 50cm   | 4%  |
| 4     | ASTM F1670<br>(Synthetic Blood Test for Drapes and Drape Accessories Only)         | Pass     | 4%  |
|       | ASTM F1671<br>(Bacteriophage Test for Surgical Gowns and Other Protective Apparel) | Pass     | 4%  |

\*The maximum number of defects per hundred units that, for purposes of inspection, can be considered satisfactory as a process average

#### Criteria for Isolation Gowns:

- 1- Coverage
- 2- Filtration efficiency (BFE, VFE)
- 3- Fluid barrier adequacy
- 4- Comfort
- 5- Removable without self-contamination
- 6- Single-use
- 7- Adequate supply always available

Source: CDC, Infection Control Today

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