

AEROSPACE
MATERIAL
SPECIFICATION

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CLOTH, PARACHUTE, META-ARAMID, LOW MODULUS
12.0(400) Weight, Special Weave

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form: This specification covers one weight and one weave of low modulus meta-aramid cloth.

1.2 Application: Primarily for use in construction of parachutes.

1.3 Classification: 12.0 oz per sq yd (400 g/m²) low modulus meta-aramid cloth with special weave.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: See AMS 3801.

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Basic Specification: The complete requirements for procuring the low modulus meta-aramid cloth described herein shall consist of this document and the latest issue of the basic specification, AMS 3801.

3.2 Construction and Properties:

3.2.1 Yarn: Yarn used in weaving the cloth shall be a low modulus meta-aramid with a carbonization (char) temperature not lower than 355°C (670°F).

3.2.1.1 Denier and Filament Count: The yarn shall be 200 denier \pm 15 and shall consist of 100 filaments \pm 10.

3.2.1.2 Ply: The yarn shall be 5 ply.

3.2.1.3 Twist: The final ply of yarn shall be twisted 2.5 to 2.8 turns per in. (25 mm).

3.2.2 Cloth:

3.2.2.1 Weave: Shall be as shown in Fig. 1.

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- 3.2.2.2 Color: Shall be Sage Green 1565 as shown in FED-STD-595, unless otherwise specified. The color shall be obtained by the use of melt spun solution dyed yarn.
- 3.2.2.3 pH: Shall be 5.0 to 8.0, incl, determined on the water extract of the finished cloth.
- 3.2.2.4 Width: The width, inclusive of selvage, shall be as ordered.
- 3.2.2.5 Weight: Shall not exceed 12.0 oz per sq yd (400 g/m²).
- 3.2.2.6 Breaking Strength: Breaking strength of the unaged cloth shall be not less than 425 lb per in. (74,400 N/m) in both warp and fill directions. Breaking strength after heat aging shall be not less than 85% of the unaged value in both the warp and fill directions.
- 3.2.2.7 Elongation: Shall be not less than 15% in the warp and fill directions.
- 3.2.2.8 Tearing Strength: Shall be not less than 75 lb (335 N) in the warp and fill directions.
- 3.2.2.9 Thickness: Shall not exceed 0.032 in. (0.80 mm).
- 3.2.2.10 Air Permeability: Shall be 40 - 80 cu ft per min. for each sq ft (12.0 - 24.5 m³/min. for each m²).
- 3.2.2.11 Count: Warp ends and filling picks shall be not less than 38 per in. (25 mm).
- 3.3 Length and Put-up: The cloth shall be put up in rolls in accordance with PPP-P-1133. Each roll shall contain not less than 80 yd (75 m) nor more than 120 yd (110 m). Each roll shall contain not more than 2 pieces and each piece shall contain not less than 40 yd (35 m).
4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS: See AMS 3801.
5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY: See AMS 3801.
6. ACKNOWLEDGMENT: See AMS 3801.
7. REJECTIONS: See AMS 3801.
8. NOTES: See AMS 3801.