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Barré: Visual Assessment Descriptive Terms and Terminology

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1. Introduction

Barré is the result of physical or dye differences in the yarns, geometric differences in the fabric structure or any combination of these differences. This monograph contains a list of the descriptive terms that can be used to describe the appearance and/or pattern of any barré in circular knit fabrics.

2. Terminology

2.1 **barré**, n.—an unintentional, usually repetitive, pattern of continuous bars or stripes, parallel to the courses of circu-

lar knit fabric.

3. Descriptive Terms for Barré Patterns (in Circular Knit Fabrics)

3.1 **Band type**—an appearance wherein the barré appears as a regularly repeating band of two or more consecutive ends in the knitting machine creel repeat.

3.2 **Darker appearing**—a barré that appears darker than the normal portion of the fabric. This barré can appear as darker in dyed shade when the fabric is viewed with reflected light, or darker in appearance when the fabric is viewed with transmitted light.

3.3 **Lighter appearing**—a barré that appears lighter than the normal portion of the fabric. This barré can appear as lighter in dyed shade when the fabric is

viewed with reflected light, or lighter in appearance when the fabric is viewed with transmitted light.

3.4 **Multiple end type**—a regularly repeating barré wherein more than one course from the knitting machine creel repeat exhibits a barré appearance. However, unlike the band type barré, a multiple end type barré does not involve consecutive ends (from the knitting machine creel).

3.5 **Random**—a barré that does not repeat periodically along the length of the fabric. (Syn: *short term*.)

3.6 **Regularly repeating**—a barré that repeats periodically along the length of the fabric.

3.7 **Single end type**—a regularly repeating barré wherein only one course from the knitting machine creel repeat exhibits a barré appearance.