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Standard Terminology Relating to Home Furnishings¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This standard is the compilation of all terminology developed by Subcommittee D13.63 on Home Furnishings.

1.2 This terminology is unique to the Home Furnishings industry. Meanings of the same terms used outside the industry can be found in other compilations in dictionaries of general usage.

1.3 In addition to being a specialized dictionary, D7023 is also useful for managing the Subcommittee's terminology.

1.4 Terms listed are under the jurisdiction of Subcommittee D13.63.

1.5 For the definitions of other textile terms, refer to Terminology **D123**.

1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D123 Terminology Relating to Textiles

D3136 Terminology Relating to Care Labeling for Apparel, Textile, Home Furnishing, and Leather Products

D3597 Performance Specification for Woven Upholstery Fabrics—Plain, Tufted, or Flocked

D3690 Performance Specification for Vinyl-Coated and Urethane-Coated Upholstery Fabrics—Indoor (Withdrawn 2018)³

D3786 Test Method for Bursting Strength of Textile Fabrics—Diaphragm Bursting Strength Tester Method

D3787 Test Method for Bursting Strength of Textiles—Constant-Rate-of-Traverse (CRT) Ball Burst Test

D3882 Test Method for Bow and Skew in Woven and Knitted Fabrics

D3887 Specification for Tolerance for Knitted Fabrics (Withdrawn 2017)³

D4037 Performance Specification for Woven, Knitted, or Flocked Bedspread Fabrics

D4151 Test Method for Flammability of Blankets

D4720 Performance Specification for Soft Window Covering Fabrics for Household Use

D4721 Practice for Evaluation of the Performance of Machine Washable and Drycleanable Bedcoverings and Accessories

D4769 Specification for Woven and Warp Knitted Comforter Fabrics

D4770 Test Method for Appearance and Integrity of High-loft Batting After Refurbishing

D4771 Performance Specification for Knitted Upholstery Fabrics for Indoor Furniture (Withdrawn 2018)³

D4847 Performance Specification for Woven Awning and Canopy Fabrics (Withdrawn 2017)³

D4850 Terminology Relating to Fabrics and Fabric Test Methods

D4852 Practice for Evaluation of Attached Upholstery Fabrics (Withdrawn 2018)³

D5253 Terminology Relating to Floor Coverings and Textile Upholstered Furniture

D5378 Performance Specification for Woven and Knitted Shower Curtains for Institutional and Household Use

D5431 Performance Specification for Woven and Knitted Sheeting Products for Institutional and Household Use

D5432 Performance Specification for Blanket Products for Institutional and Household Use

D5433 Performance Specification for Towel Products for Institutional and Household Use

D5684 Terminology Relating to Pile Floor Coverings

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

3. Terminology

attached upholstery fabric, *n*—the exterior fabric covering secured to a furniture unit by the furniture manufacturer or custom upholsterer. (See **furniture coverings**.) **D4852**

back coating, *n*—in textile floor covering, an adhesive compound applied for such purpose as locking pile yarn tufts

- into a carpet backing, bonding a secondary backing to a primary backing, or increasing fabric body or stiffness and increasing dimensional stability. **D4852, D5684**
- bath sheet**, *n*—a textile terry product with end hems or fringes and side hems or selvages that is generally much larger than a bath towel. **D5433**
- bath towel**, *n*—a textile terry product with end hems or fringes and side hems or selvages, which is used to dry a person's body after bathing or swimming. **D5433**
- bedcovering**, *n*—a textile product used on a bed over the sheets for warmth or decoration. **D4721**
- bedspread**, *n*—a type of bedcovering that is placed over the blankets and sheets for appearance and warmth. **D4037, D4721**
- blanket**, *n*—*for bedding*, an unquilted fabric covering designed primarily to provide thermal insulation.
DISCUSSION—Blankets may be made by any textile process from various types of fibers and may or may not have a raised fiber surface. **D4151, D4721, D5432**
- blocking**, *n*—the measurement of the development of surface tack and the thermal softening point of the material. **D3690**
- cleaning agent**, *n*—a chemical compound or formulation of several compounds which loosens, disperses, dissolves, or emulsifies soil to facilitate removal by mechanical action. **D3136, D4852, D5253**
- comforter**, *n*—a bedcovering assembly, consisting of an insulating filler secured between two layers of fabric, used primarily to reduce heat loss. **D4721, D4769**
- contract furniture**, *n*—furniture manufactured for use in non-household applications. **D4771**
- conventional blanket**, *n*—a blanket woven in either a plain or twill weave that is napped on both sides. **D5432**
- crash towel**, *n*—a plain weave non-terry product with hems or selvages which has a rough texture caused by uneven yarns. **D5433**
- delicate or gentle cycle**, *n*—a cycle in which agitation is slow and time is reduced. **D5431**
- drop**, *n*—that part of a bedcovering that hangs perpendicular to the floor.
DISCUSSION—For bedspreads, drop is measured from the top of the mattress to the bottom of the spread. For dust ruffles, drop is measured from the top of the box spring to the bottom of the ruffle. **D4721**
- dust ruffle**, *n*—a fabric which (1) lies flat over the box spring under the mattress on a bed, and (2) has a pleated, tucked, or gathered drop to the floor. **D4721**
- fill leakage**, *n*—*in comforters*, either partial or total penetration of the stuffing material through the outer or face fabric. **D4769**
- fingertip towel**, *n*—a textile product with fringes and side hems or selvages which is smaller than a hand towel, generally used as decoration and to dry hands. **D5433**
- fitted sheet**, *n*—*in textiles*, a product usually made with boxed corners, sometimes elasticized with shape and size to conform to the contours of the mattress and used for covering the mattress on a bed. **D5431**
- flannel**, *n*—*as applied to bed sheeting*, a napped fabric used in the fabrication of sheeting products. **D5431**
- flat sheet**, *n*—*in comforters*, a flat, hemmed product, usually rectangular, used for covering the mattress on a bed and used for sleeping on or under. **D5431**
- flock**, *n*—a material obtained by reducing textile fibers to fragments as by cutting, tearing, or grinding, to give various degrees of comminution. **D3597**
- flocked blanket**, *n*—a blanket made with a fishnet-type scrim sandwiched between two thin layers of foam with flock adhered to the outside of the foam. **D5432**
- founce**, *n*—a ruffled drop on a bedcovering. **D4721**
- furniture covering**, *n*—a general term for attached upholstery fabric, slipcovers and throws. **D4852**
- furniture unit**, *n*—*in upholstered furniture*, a complete single piece of upholstered seating, such as a sofa, love seat, lounge chair, rocker, or recliner. **D4852**
- group**, *n*—*in upholstered furniture*, a number of individual upholstered furniture units that are related by one or more physical characteristics such as styling, color, shape or covering. **D4852**
- huck towel**, *n*—a plain weave non-terry foundation product constructed with small warp and filling floats, having hems or selvages, which is used to dry a person's hands and utensils such as glasses, plates, bowls, and flatware. **D5433**
- hydrolytic stability**, *n*—the ability to withstand the environmental effects of high humidity. **D3690**
- indoor furniture**, *n*—furniture manufactured for use in the interior of a building. **D4771**
- knitted fabric**, *n*—a structure produced by interlooping one or more ends of yarn or comparable material. **D3786, D3787, D3882, D3887, D4847, D4850, D5378**
- muslin**, *n*—*as applied to bed sheeting*, a plain weave fabric with not fewer than 128 yarns/in.² (645 mm²). **D5431**
- nonwoven blanket**, *n*—a blanket produced by bonding or interlocking of fibers, or both, accomplished by mechanical, chemical, thermal, or solvent means, or combination thereof. **D5432**
- overall cleaning**, *n*—*for upholstered furniture*, the application of an appropriate cleaning agent to the entire fabric covering, accomplished while the upholstery fabric remains attached to the furniture unit. **D4852**
- part**, *n*—*in upholstered furniture*, one component of a furniture unit, such as a seat, back, pillow, or cushion. **D4852**