

# Specification for Blazer fabrics

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## Foreword

This first revision of BS 3838 has been prepared under the direction of the Fibres, Yarns and Fabrics Standards Committee. It is based on the first edition of BS 3838, published in 1964, and on the Hard Wearing Blazer Cloth Scheme developed by the Retail Trading-Standards Association Incorporated. This revision is applicable both to wool and wool blends and to man-made fibres and blends. The first edition of BS 3838 covered blazer fabrics for school use; in the present edition it has been decided not to specify the end use of the fabrics but to allow the standard to be applied to other blazer fabrics if required.

Additional performance criteria have been introduced. The extension of the standard to permit the use of man-made fibres in blazer fabrics has necessitated the inclusion of test procedures for dimensional stability and for colour fastness to washing. Procedures for colour fastness to dry cleaning and perspiration and for resistance to pilling have also been included.

Two sets of requirements have been specified, one for extra hard wearing blazer fabrics and one for standard hard wearing blazer fabrics. For black and navy fabrics it is sometimes possible to obtain higher levels of performance for certain properties, such as tensile strength, colour fastness and abrasion resistance, than it is for fabrics of other colours. It should be indicated on the blazer whether the garment has been manufactured from fabric which complies with the requirements for the extra hard wearing blazer fabric or for the standard hard wearing blazer fabric.

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