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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition ([ISO 12945-2:2000](http://www.iso.org/iso/12945-2:2000)), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- in [Clause 9](#), visual assessment of pilling, fuzzing, and matting has been carried out according to [ISO 12945-4](#).

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## Introduction

Pills are formed when fibres on a fabric surface “tease out” and become entangled during wear. Such surface deterioration is generally undesirable, but the degree of consumer tolerance for a given level of pilling will depend on the garment type and fabric end-use.

Generally, the level of pilling which develops is determined by the rates of the following parallel processes:

- a) fibre entanglement leading to pill formation;
- b) development of more surface fibre;
- c) fibre and pill wear-off.

The rates of these processes depend on the fibre, yarn and fabric properties. Examples of extreme situations are found in fabrics containing strong fibres versus fabric containing weak fibres. A consequence of the strong fibre is a rate of pill formation that exceeds the rate of wear-off. This results in an increase of pilling with an increase of wear. With a weak fibre the rate of pill formation competes with the rate of wear-off. This would result in a fluctuation of pilling with an increase of wear. There are other constructions that the surface fibre wear-off occurs before pill formation. Each of these examples demonstrates the complexity of evaluating the surface change on different types of fabric.

The ideal laboratory test would accelerate the wear processes a), b) and c) by exactly the same factor and would be universally applicable to all fibre, yarn and fabric types. No such test has been developed. However, a test procedure has been established in which fabrics can be ranked in the same order of pilling, fuzzing, and matting propensity as is likely to occur in end-use wear.

The modification to the very widely adopted Martindale abrasion testing machine on which this document is based is described in Reference [8].

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## Part 2: Modified Martindale method

### 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the resistance to pilling, fuzzing, and matting of textile fabrics using a modified Martindale method.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

[ISO 139](#), *Textiles — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing*

[ISO 12945-4](#), *Textiles — Determination of fabric propensity to surface pilling, fuzzing or matting — Part 4: Assessment of pilling, fuzzing and matting by visual analysis*

[ISO 12947-1:1998](#), *Textiles — Determination of the abrasion resistance of fabrics by the Martindale method — Part 1: Martindale abrasion testing apparatus*