## DuPont Personal Protection

## **RECOMMENDED USE AND CARE FOR GARMENTS MADE WITH NOMEX® IIIA OR NOMEX® COMFORT FABRICS**

DuPont<sup>™</sup> NOMEX<sup>®</sup> IIIA and NOMEX<sup>®</sup> COMFORT fabrics are composed of 93% DuPont<sup>™</sup> NOMEX<sup>®</sup> meta-aramid, 5% DuPont<sup>™</sup> KEVLAR<sup>®</sup> para-aramid and 2% carbon/nylon antistatic fiber.

Single layer garments made from these fabrics are not suitable for protection against continuous thermal loads, molten metal splash, hot liquids, or steam. Do not wear alone for structural or proximity fire fighting. Do not use for chemical protection. Follow all warning and use information included in garment manufacturer's labels.

Flammable contaminants will reduce the thermal protection of any flame resistant fabric and the garments made from them. Wash all garments made with NOMEX® IIIA or NOMEX® COMFORT fabric frequently to ensure that no greases, oily soils or other flammable contaminants are present when the garment is worn.

- Wash new garments before wearing to remove fabric processing aids and finishes.
- Launder garments separately from non-flame resistant clothing.
- Wash dark and light colors separately.
- Secure all closures before washing and drying
- Pretreat greasy stains.
- Machine wash in hot water (maximum 140  $^{\circ}F / 60 ^{\circ}C$ ) with a heavy duty detergent.
- Do not use chlorine bleach or detergents containing chlorine bleach.
- Tumble-dry on low heat (maximum 160 °F / 71 °C).
- Do not over-dry. Remove promptly.
- Do not use fabric softeners or dryer sheets.
- When using commercial laundry aids, be sure to read and carefully follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Removal of grease or oil stains may require dry cleaning.
- Do not store or line-dry fabrics or garments in sunlight.



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## NOMEX® IIIA OR NOMEX® COMFORT FABRICS SPECIFICATIONS

| Fabric Specification                      | NCFABXXX5845PWF                              | NCFAPXXX5845PWFF | NSFABXXX5845PWFF                                       |                         |
|---|--|------------------|--|-------------------------|
|   | Nominal Basis Weight<br>Structure<br>Content | •                | 153 gm/ meter²<br>1/1 Plain<br>Nomex® Comfort and Nome | x® IIIA                 |
|   | Yarn Spinning Method<br>Finish               |                  | Ring<br>Wicking  |                         |
| Property                                  | Unit/Description                             | Specification    |  | Test Method             |
|   |  | AIM              | Allowance  |                         |
| Basis Weight                              | g/m2   | 153              | ±10  | ASTM D3776              |
|   | ospy   | 4.5              | 4.2 -4.8   |                         |
| Tensile Strength                          | Warp kg                                      | 73               | Min  | - ASTM D5034            |
|   | lbs  | 160              | Min  |                         |
|   | Filling kg                                   | 50               | Min  |                         |
|   | lbs  | 110              | Min  |                         |
| Washing Shrinkage                         | Warp (%)                                     | 3                | Мах  | AATCC 135(1,V,A,i) 5cyc |
|   | Filling (%)                                  | 3                | Max  |                         |
| Vertical Flame                            | Afterflame(s)                                | 2                | Мах  | - ASTM D6413            |
|   | Char Length                                  | 101 mm           | Мах  |                         |
|   |  | 4 inches         | Мах  |                         |
|   | Melting or Dripping                          | No               |  |                         |
| Vertical Wicking<br>(inches @ 15 minutes) | Warp X Fill                                  | 4 × 4            | Min  | DuPont Method           |
| Drop Absorption                           | Time (sec)                                   | 5                | Max  | AATCC 79                |

**COLOR FASTNESS ADVISORY:** Fabrics made with Nomex® IIIA and Nomex® Comfort brand fibers are available in various colors. We are advising users of these fabrics that due to the color change of these fibers after extended exposure to UV light not all colors may be appropriate for all applications. The flame resistance properties of the fabrics are not affected. The change in color will vary according to the color chosen. If the fabrics will be subjected to significant amounts of UV light exposure (sunlight or artificial), it may be desirable to select colors less likely to be affected. Garments made with the fabrics should be stored so that they are protected from unnecessary exposure to UV light.

For further information, please contact DuPont.

**PILLING ADVISORY:** Fabrics made with DuPont<sup>™</sup> Nomex® IIIA and Nomex® Comfort brand fibers may be susceptible in varying degrees to pilling on their surface. Differences in fabric processing as well as differences in how garments are worn and cleaned can produce different levels of pilling. The flame resistance properties of Nomex® IIIA and Nomex® Comfort fabrics are not affected by the level of pilling.

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