

Ballot on Pattern Repeat Standardization Guideline:

(14.0 will be re-numbered accordingly.)

Discussion:

It is generally felt that a better balance can be reached between offering furniture manufacturers standardized pattern repeat lengths, versus affording fabric designers infinite design flexibility. For example, a survey recently undertaken by a subcommittee of the JIFSC found that of 1348 fabrics randomly selected from the market, there were 438 different pattern repeat lengths. Furthermore, there were only fourteen sets of fabrics that contained five or more common repeat lengths. This snapshot indicated that there was considerable opportunity for improvement.

The subcommittee concluded that the issue of standardized pattern repeats was most concerning with plaid fabrics. Having standardized repeat lengths on plaid fabrics enables manufacturers to better combine different fabric SKUs within their cutting process. Finally, it was felt that 0.25 inch repeat increments was a reasonable compromise between the extremes of absolute standardization and infinite plaid repeat lengths.

14.3 Guideline

14.3.1 Standardization of Plaid Pattern Repeats

Woven plaid fabrics will be limited in repeat length offerings to 0.25 inch increments. For example, an acceptable range of repeat lengths for 10 plaid fabrics could be: 12.0", 12.25", 12.5", 12.75", 13.0", 13.25", 13.5", 13.75", 14.0", and 14.5". The tolerances for roll-to-roll and within roll pattern repeat length measurements are unchanged (see 14.2.1).

May 15, 2002
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Guideline

Ballot Joint Industry Fabric Standards and Guidelines

My company agrees with the ballot on *Standardization of Plaid Pattern Repeat Lengths*, and *is* in favor of adopting it into the Standards and Guidelines book.

Name: _____ Company: _____ Date: _____

My company disagrees with the ballot on *Standardization of Plaid Pattern Repeat Lengths*, and is *not* in favor of adopting it into the Standards and Guidelines book.

Name: _____ Company: _____ Date: _____

Please remember that all negative or disagreeing ballots must be accompanied by a written response explaining the reason for the negative vote.

If only one or more particular item (s) in the ballot are disagreeable, those items and the specific reason for voting negative on each item should be noted.

Responses must be returned by October 15, 2002

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