

Comfort properties



- Handle
- Heat transfer
- Air permeability
- Water Vapour Permeability
- Wetting and Wicking



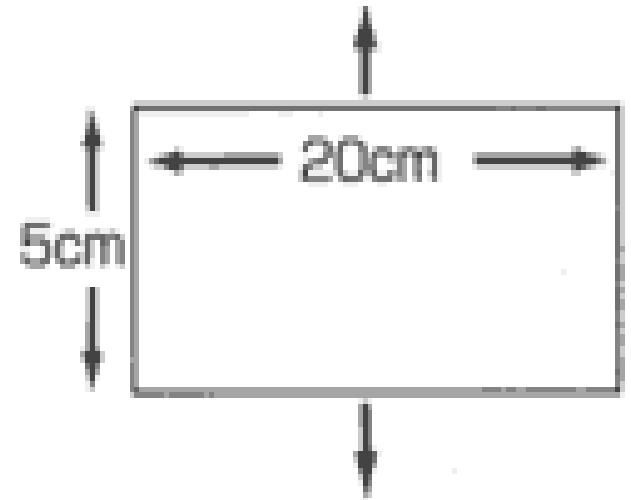
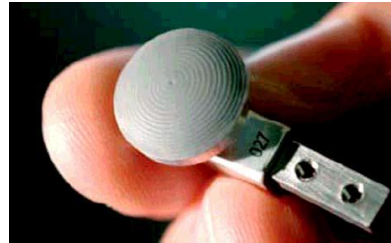


Fabric handle

❑ Feeling while touching textile material

❑ Quality of textile

- ❑ „pleasant touch”,
- ❑ „pleasant feeling”,
- ❑ „comfortable to wear”



❑ Complex parameters linked to material properties

- ❑ Bending, compression, flexibility, strength, density
- ❑ Surface properties (roughness, smoothness)
- ❑ Thermal characteristics





Methods for handle measurement

❑ KES FB (Kawabata Evaluation System - KES - System)

- ❑ Complex measurement
 - ❑ mechanical properties (tensile, bending, shear, compression)
 - ❑ surface (friction, roughness)
 - ❑ fabric design (thickness, area mass density)
- ❑ Japonsko -Tokio, Prof. Sueo Kawabata, Prof. Masako Niwa
- ❑ 1974-1978, Kato TechCompany
- ❑ 4 devices –16 properties
 - ❑ KES FB 1 – tensile, shear
 - ❑ KES FB 2 – bending
 - ❑ KES FB 3 – compression
 - ❑ KES FB 4 – surface

❑ FAST fabric assurance by simple testing ⇒ Evaluation:

- ❑ mechanical properties (tensile, bending, shear, compression)
- ❑ shape stability
- ❑ drapability

❑ KTU – Griff Tester

❑ UST universal surface tester

❑ HAPTEX

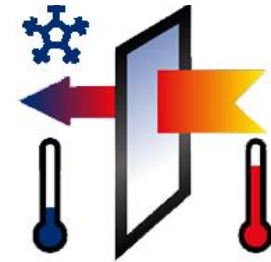
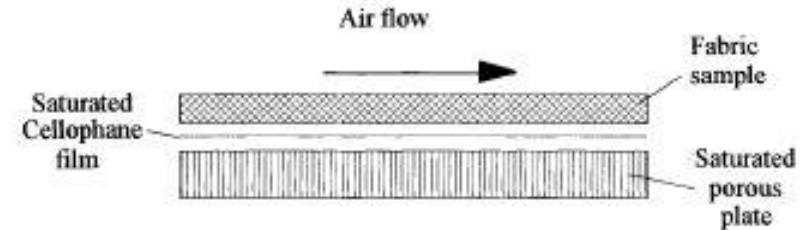




Heat transfer

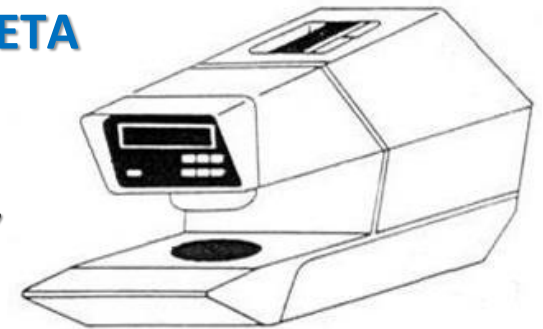
□ Analysis of heat flow – device TP 2

- Analysis of energy necessary to stationary heat flow
- Fabric is placed on heated plate, in tunnel with flowing air of $3 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ speed



□ Analysis of thermal conductivity – device ALAMBETA

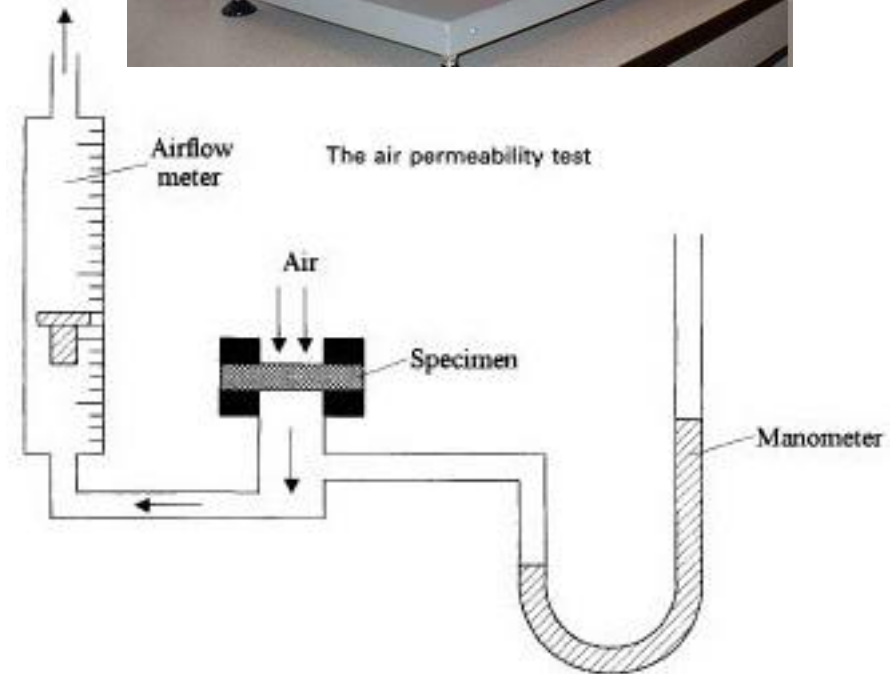
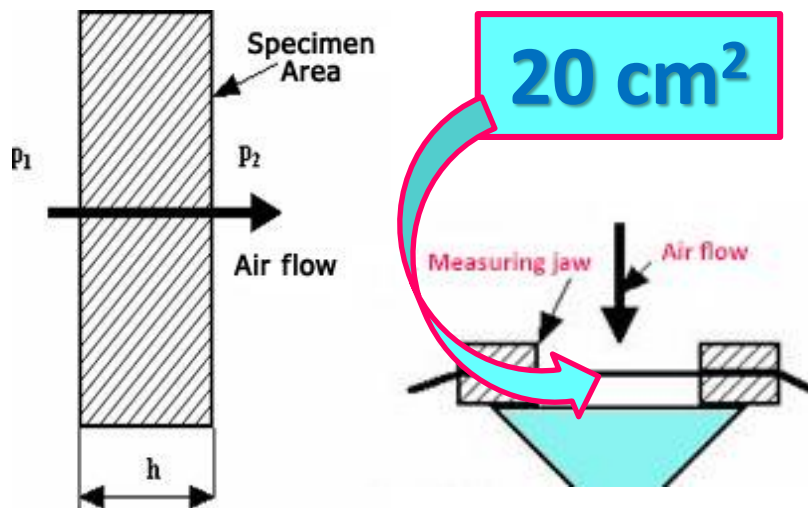
- Heat flow transfer $q_1(t)$, and $q_2(t)$
- Stationary heat flow - t_1 - temperature of measuring head, t_2 - temperature of specimen
- Calculation of:
 - thermal conductivity λ [W/m.K]
 - thermal capacity b [W.s^{1/2}/m²K]
 - area resistance to heat transfer r [m².K/W]
 - thickness of material h [mm]





Air permeability

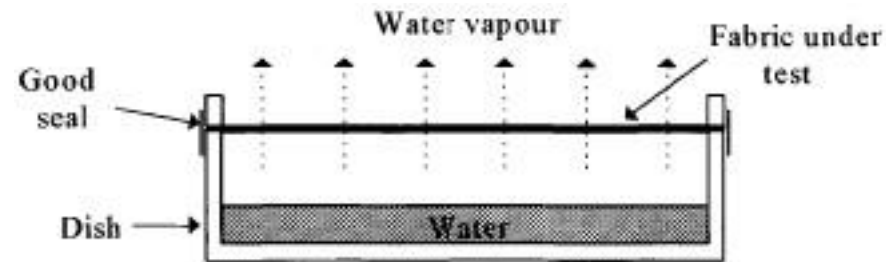
- Volume of air [l/min] passed through fabric under defined pressure drop $\Delta p = 100 \text{ Pa}$
 - $\Rightarrow p_1 > p_2$
- Size of measurement jaw





Water vapour permeability

- Analysis of water vapour transfer through fabric placed over water surface in exicator



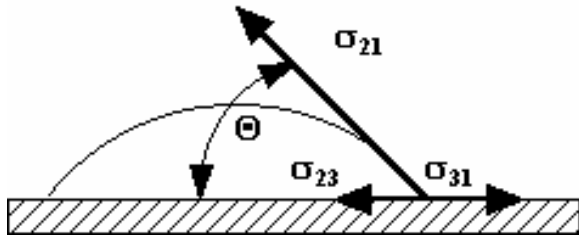
$$M_V = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1} \cdot 100 [\%]$$

- M_V - amount of water vapour transferred through the fabric [%]
- m_1 - mass of water before test [g]
- m_2 - mass of water after test [g]
- **ISO 15496:2018** -Textiles — Measurement of water vapour permeability of textiles for the purpose of quality control





Wetting

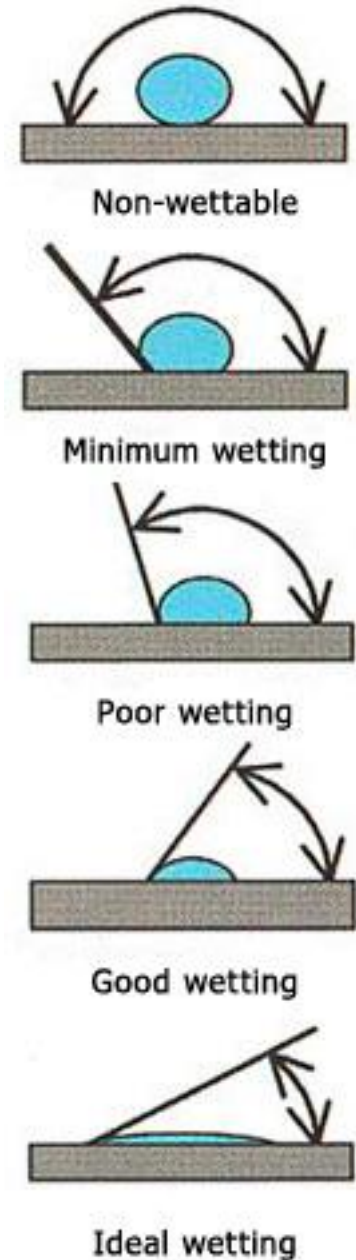
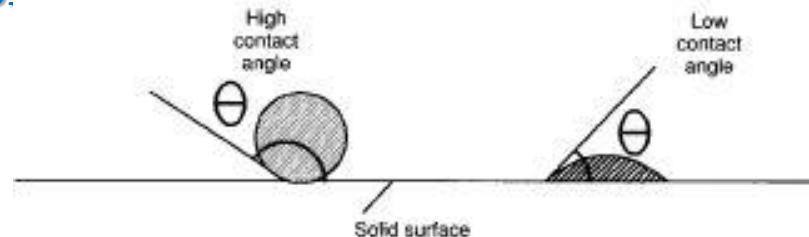


- ❑ Measurement of contact angle θ [°]
 - ❑ $\theta < 90^\circ$, textile is wettable
 - ❑ $\theta > 90^\circ$, textile is non-wettable



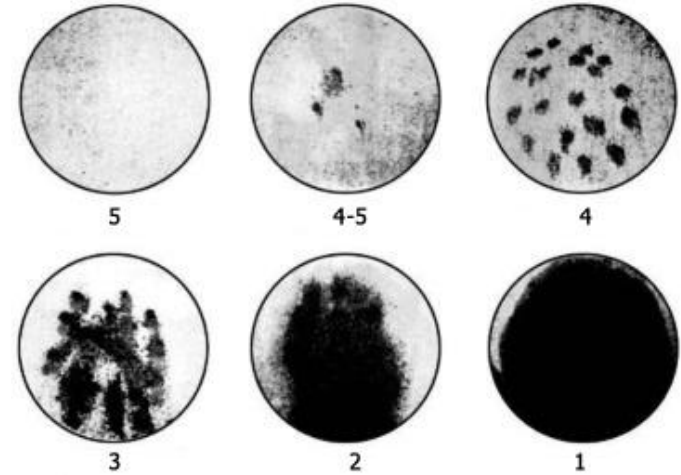
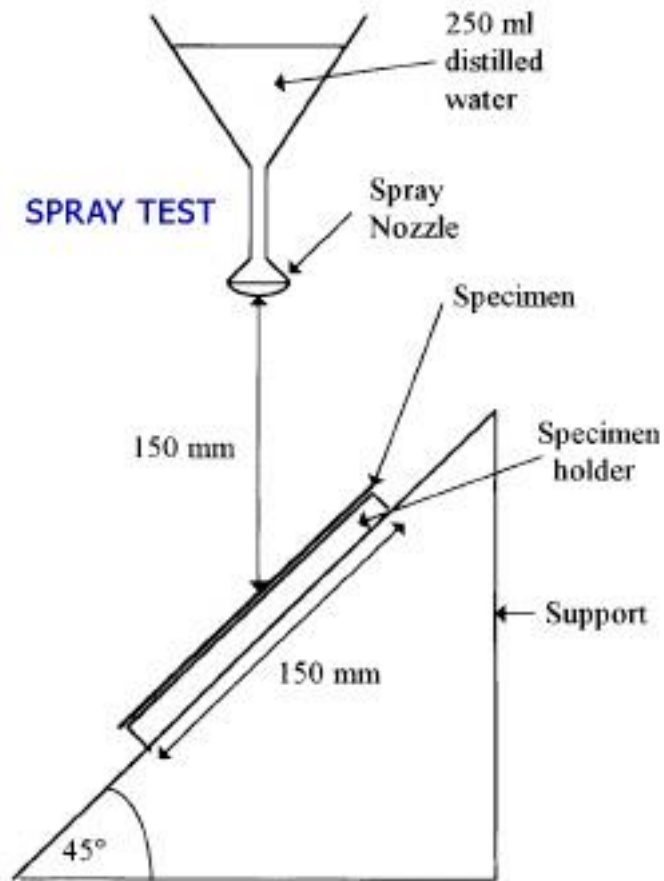
$$\sigma_{21} \cdot \cos \theta = \sigma_{31} - \sigma_{23}$$

- ❑ σ_{23} - surface tension water - textile
- ❑ σ_{21} - surface tension water - air
- ❑ σ_{31} - surface tension textile - air





Grade	Description
1	Complete wetting of the whole of the sprayed surface
2	Wetting of more than half the sprayed surface
3	Wetting of the sprayed surface only at small discrete areas
4	No wetting of but adherence of small drops to the sprayed surface
5	No wetting of and no adherence of small drops to the sprayed surface





WICKING PHENOMENA

VERTICAL WICKING TESTER



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