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FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (Third Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Textile Materials for Aerospace Purposes Sectional Committee had been approved by the Textile Division Council.

This standard was first published in 1959 and subsequently revised in 1963 and 1979. This standard has been revised again to incorporate the following:

a) Requirements of rot-proofing, moisture content, pH value of aqueous extract, water soluble chlorides, water soluble sulphates, water soluble matter and ash content; and

b) Conditions, namely, scoured, dyed, bleached, etc, in which sewing thread is to be supplied.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2:1960 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (revised)'. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.
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1 SCOPE
This standard specifies constructional particulars and other requirements for fifteen varieties of cotton sewing threads used for aerospace purposes.

2 REFERENCES
The following Indian Standards are necessary adjuncts to this standard:

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<td>Textiles — Estimation of moisture, total size or finish, ash and fatty matter in grey and finished cotton textile materials (third revision)</td>
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<td>Methods for determination of pH value of aqueous extracts of textile materials (first revision)</td>
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<td>1670 : 1991</td>
<td>Textiles Yarn Determination of breaking load and elongation at break of single strand (second revision)</td>
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<td>Method for determination of iron and chromium in textiles</td>
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3 MANUFACTURE
The sewing thread shall be manufactured from evenly spun cotton yarn. The thread shall be uniform and free from spinning and doubling defects.

4 FINISH

4.1 General
The thread shall be supplied in one of the following conditions, as stipulated in contract or order:

a) Scoured;
b) Scoured and dyed/bleached;
c) Scoured and rot-proofed; and
d) Scoured, dyed/bleached and rot-proofed.

4.2 Dyeing
In case of dyed threads, the shade and colour shall be as stated in contract or order. However, the sulphur dyes shall not be used.

4.3 Rot-Proofing
If required by the buyer, the thread shall be rot-proofed by any one of the processes as given in Table 1 and shall meet the requirements specified therein.

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<td>iv)</td>
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</table>
4.4 Surface Finish

The thread shall have a soft finish. Substances which may promote microbial growth (for example, starch or modified starch) shall not be used.

4.4.1 The thread may also be mercerized or polished; if required by the buyer.

5 REQUIREMENTS

5.1 The sewing threads shall conform to the constructional requirements specified in Table 2.

5.2 Length

The length of the sewing thread in each package shall not be less than that specified in contract or order, or declared on package.

5.3 Performance

The sewing threads when subjected to the test specified in 5.3.1 and 5.3.2, shall complete the test without slipped or broken stitches. The number of malformed stitches shall not exceed two for each test specimen.

5.3.1 A representative sample of sewing thread shall be used for sewing under identical conditions (for example, fabric, type of seam, tensions, stitches per decimetre, speed, type of stitch, type of needle, needle size and length of stitching) which are to be employed in the manufacture of items for which thread is intended to be used. The number of tests, test specimen and length of stitching shall be as specified in the contract or order.

5.3.2 A representative sample of sewing thread shall be used for sewing 2,000 stitches into four thicknesses of fabric on a sewing machine, using needle and tension appropriate for the size of thread being tested. The number of tests and test specimens shall be as specified in the contract or order.

5.4 Balance of Twist

Not more than 5 turns shall be permitted as re-twist or double on account of kink in the loop when the two ends of thread gripped by hand approximately 1.5 in apart, are brought together.

5.5 In addition the sewing threads shall also conform to the chemical requirements given in Table 3.

5.5.1 Effectiveness of Proofing Against Mildew

The material shall remain completely unaffected when tested by the method given in Annex A.

6 PACKAGING

Sewing thread shall be compactly wound in the form of tubes, reels, cones or in any other form as may be required. In the case of polished threads wound on parallel tubes or tapered cones and the other sewing thread wound on reels (whether wooden or plastic), the free end of the thread shall be securely fastened to prevent unravelling.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variety No.</th>
<th>Nominal Universal Count in Denier (Cotton Count)</th>
<th>Construction</th>
<th>Linear Density, Max ( \text{g/km} )</th>
<th>Breaking Load on 50 cm Test Length of Finished Thread, Min N (kgf)</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>59 dtex x 3 (100 s/3)</td>
<td>3-Ply</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>1.4(0.45)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>210 dtex x 2(28 s/2)</td>
<td>2-Ply</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>8.8(0.90)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>120 dtex x 4(50 s/4)</td>
<td>4(2x2) cord</td>
<td>53</td>
<td>9.8(1.0)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>100 dtex x 6(60 s/6)</td>
<td>6(2x3) cord</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>13.7(1.4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>185 dtex x 4(32 s/4)</td>
<td>4(2x2) cord</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>16.7(1.7)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>165 dtex x 6(36 s/6)</td>
<td>6(2x3) cord</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>22.6(2.3)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>120 dtex x 9(50 s/9)</td>
<td>9(3x3) cord</td>
<td>121</td>
<td>25.5(2.6)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>590 dtex x 3(10 s/3)</td>
<td>3-Ply</td>
<td>187</td>
<td>40.0(4.1)</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>250 dtex x 9(24 s/9)</td>
<td>9(3x3) cord</td>
<td>247</td>
<td>49.0(3.0)</td>
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<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>270 dtex x 9(22 s/9)</td>
<td>9(3x3) cord</td>
<td>253</td>
<td>58.0(5.9)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>1000 dtex x 3(6 s/3)</td>
<td>3-Ply</td>
<td>310</td>
<td>69.0(7.0)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>1000 dtex x 4(6 s/4)</td>
<td>4-Ply</td>
<td>406</td>
<td>98.0(10.0)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>165 dtex x 27(36 s/27)</td>
<td>27(9x3) cord</td>
<td>495</td>
<td>98.0(10.0)</td>
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<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>1000 dtex x 5(6 s/5)</td>
<td>5-Ply</td>
<td>562</td>
<td>113.0(11.5)</td>
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<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>1000 dtex x 8(6 s/8)</td>
<td>8-Ply</td>
<td>910</td>
<td>165.0(16.8)</td>
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NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, direction of final twist shall be "Z".
Table 3 Chemical Requirements
(Clause 5.5)

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<th>SL No.</th>
<th>Characteristic</th>
<th>Requirement</th>
<th>Test Method</th>
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<td>(1)</td>
<td>i) Moisture, percent by mass, Max</td>
<td>8.5</td>
<td>IS 199</td>
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<td>ii) pH of aqueous extract</td>
<td>5.5-7.5</td>
<td>IS 1390 (Cold Method)</td>
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<td>iii) Matter soluble in water, percent by mass, Max</td>
<td>a) Unproofed material 0.5</td>
<td>IS 3456</td>
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<td>b) Proofed material 1.5</td>
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<td></td>
<td>iv) Water soluble chlorides calculated as sodium chloride, percent by mass, Max</td>
<td></td>
<td>IS 4202</td>
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<td></td>
<td>v) Water soluble sulphates calculated as sodium sulphates, percent by mass, Max</td>
<td>0.05</td>
<td>IS 4203</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>vi) Ash on incineration in excess of ash due to proofing agents, percent by mass, Max</td>
<td>0.25</td>
<td>IS 199</td>
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<td></td>
<td>vii) Colour fastness to:</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>a) Light</td>
<td>5 or better</td>
<td>IS 2454</td>
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<td></td>
<td>b) Washing: Test 4</td>
<td>4 or better</td>
<td>IS 765</td>
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9.3 Unless otherwise agreed to between the buyer and the seller, the number of packs to be selected at random from the lot shall be in accordance with col 2 of Table 4.

Table 4 Sampling
(Clause 9.3)

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<tr>
<th>Number of Packs in the Lot</th>
<th>Number of Packs to be Selected</th>
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<tr>
<td>(1) Up to 150</td>
<td>(12) 3</td>
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<tr>
<td>151 to 300</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>301 to 500</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>501 to 1000</td>
<td>10</td>
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9.4 The cone, reel or tube selected according to 9.3 shall constitute the test sample for all requirements except colour fastness. One test specimen shall be selected from each pack selected for carrying out the tests.

9.5 The number of test specimens to be selected at random for testing colour fastness from test sample shall be 3.

10 CRITERIA FOR CONFORMITY

10.1 The lot shall be considered conforming to the requirements of this standard, if the following conditions are satisfied:

a) None of the test specimens is found defective when tested for requirement specified in 5.4.

b) None of the test specimens tested for colour fastness shall fail to satisfy the corresponding requirements.

c) From the results in respect of any of the requirements, namely, count, linear density, breaking load, rot-proofing, pH value of aqueous extract, moisture content, chloride content, sulphate content, ash content and water soluble matter the average \( \bar{x} \) and the range \( R \) shall be calculated and the applicable condition(s) from amongst those given below is/are satisfied:

1) The value of the expression \( x + kR \) or \( x + kR \) is less than or equal to the upper specification limit \( U \) specified.

2) The value of expression \( x - kR \) or \( x - kR \) is greater than or equal to \( L \) where the lower specification limit \( L \) specified.

3) If both the upper and lower specification limits are given, the conditions (1) and (2) as well as the following conditions are satisfied:

\[
R \leq B
\]

8 PACKING

Unless otherwise specified in the contract or order, the sewing thread shall be packed in accordance with IS 1066.

9 SAMPLING

9.1 Lot

The quantity of cotton sewing thread of same variety delivered to a buyer against one despatch note shall constitute the lot.

9.2 The conformity of a lot to the requirements of the standard shall be determined on the basis of the tests carried out on the samples selected from the lot.

7 MARKING

7.1 Each package shall be suitably marked with the following information:

a) Name and variety number;

b) Length of sewing thread in the package (m);

c) Condition (see 4.1);  
d) Year of manufacture; and  
e) Manufacturer's name/trade-mark.

7.1.1 BIS Certification Marking

Each package may also be marked with the Standard Mark.

7.1.2 The use of the Standard Mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder. The details of conditions under which the licence for the use of Standard Mark may be granted to manufacturers or producers may be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Standards.
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NOTES

1 The constants \( k \) and \( B \) shall be as given below:

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<th>No. of Test Results ((n))</th>
<th>( k )</th>
<th>( B )</th>
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<tr>
<td>Less than 10</td>
<td>0.6</td>
<td>0.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>10 or 15</td>
<td>0.7</td>
<td>0.6</td>
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2 Average \( \bar{x} \) is the value obtained by dividing the sum of the 
observed values by the number of tests.

3 Range \( R \) is the difference between the maximum and the 
minimum in a set of observed values.

4 When the number of test results is 10 or 15, they shall be 
grouped in groups of 5. The mean range \( R \) is the value obtained 
by taking the average of the groups.

ANNEX A

(Clause 5.5.1)

EFFECTIVENESS OF PROOFING AGAINST MILDEW

A-1 Five lengths of the treated thread each 1 metre 
long. shall be taken and tied into small hanks

A-2 The hanks shall be placed in a petri dish or similar 
receptacle together with five similar hanks of 
untreated thread previously boiled for 1/2 hour in 
distilled water and dried. 10 hanks of thread will then 
be sprayed with a mixture of spores of the following 
fungi:

- Pencillium (Cownpore Stock culture) No. 55
- Aspergillius fumigatus Stock culture No. 3
- Aspergillius niger Stock culture No. 4
- Chaetomium globosum Stock culture No. 6
- Nemoniella eachinata Stock culture No. 30
- Rhizous sp. Stock culture No. 20

A-3 After inoculation, the uncovered dish, shall be 
subjected to a temperature of 25 to 30°C and humidity 
of 90 percent to 100 percent for 14 days. If after this 
period the treated thread remains completely 
unaffected whilst the untreated thread shows growth 
of fungi, the proofing shall be considered as 
satisfactory.
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