

What is Martindale Rub Test?

The Martindale test is a measure of the durability of a fabric. The tests are undertaken on upholstery fabrics to check their suitability for various uses - i.e. decorative chairs, heavy-traffic areas or commercial furniture. The test is also known as the 'rub test', and tests for abrasion resistance.



<p>Decorative (less than 10,000 rubs)</p>	<p>Recommended for decorative purposes (i.e. cushions and accents). Not recommended for general use.</p>
<p>Light Domestic (10,000 to 15,000 rubs)</p>	<p>Recommended for use on furniture that will only receive occasional use. This is due either to the use of delicate yarns in the composition of the fabric or due to the delicate construction of the fabric itself.</p>
<p>General Domestic (15,000 to 25,000 rubs)</p>	<p>Recommended for use on the main furniture in the house that may be subjected to everyday use. However if the level of use will be very high we recommend selecting a fabric rated for heavy-duty use.</p>
<p>Heavy Duty (25,000 to 30,000 rubs)</p>	<p>Suitable for heavy duty domestic use i.e. use on the main furniture in the house that will be subjected to high levels of everyday use.</p>
<p>Commercial Grade (30,000 plus)</p>	<p>Suitable for heavy duty commercial use and heavy duty domestic use. Suitable for all commercial furniture applications and environments.</p>

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