Moisture Management Tester

MMT®

Moisture Management Tester
An Innovative Instrument for Innovative Fabrics

While performance fabrics require the typical standard tests of other fabrics, they also require an extra level of specialized testing to assure their engineered properties. The MMT® (Moisture Management Tester) provides this by measuring, evaluating, and classifying liquid management properties of fabrics.

AATCC Test Method 195 and GB 21655.2 were developed based on the MMT.

To measure the dynamic liquid transport properties, a sample is placed horizontally in the instrument between the upper and lower sensors. These sensors are made of concentric rings of pins. A solution, representing perspiration, is dropped on the center of the upper facing (skin side) of the test sample. As the solution moves through and across the sample, the changes in electrical resistance are measured and recorded.

**Testing Solution**

![Diagram showing the testing solution process]

**Stretch Fabrics**

The optional Stretch Fabric Fixture provides more accurate testing for how some fabrics will behave while in use, particularly those with stretch properties like those used for athletic clothing and underwear.

The percentage of stretch can be easily adjusted to the test’s requirements using the scale on the fixture’s handle. Samples can be stretched up to 50%.

Once the percentage of stretch is set, the sample is clamped into place with a Clamping Ring, removed from the fixture and placed directly onto the MMT’s test area for moisture management testing.

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The MMT was developed and patented in coordination with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
Overall Moisture Management Capability
Accumulative One-Way Transport Capability
Wetting Time for top and bottom surfaces
Absorption Rate for top and bottom surfaces
Max Wetted Radius for top and bottom surfaces
Spreading Speed for top and bottom surfaces

MMT can identify 7 types of fabrics
- Waterproof fabric
- Water repellent fabric
- Slow absorbing and slow drying fabric
- Fast absorbing and slow drying fabric
- Fast absorbing and quick drying fabric
- Water penetration fabric
- Moisture management fabric

MMT At a Glance

Moisture Management Performance Profile
One 2-minute test gives a comprehensive profile of a fabric's performance, producing the following data:

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- Accumulative One-Way Transport Capability
- Wetting Time for top and bottom surfaces
- Absorption Rate for top and bottom surfaces
- Max Wetted Radius for top and bottom surfaces
- Spreading Speed for top and bottom surfaces

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The SDL Atlas MMT (Moisture Management Tester) is the only instrument on the market that can precisely calculate the liquid management properties of performance and technical fabrics.

Finger Print of Moisture Management Properties (AATCC TM-195)
**MMT**

**Instrument Features**

The MMT's metal cabinet is not only more durable, but the open style gives improved access for sample handling. With this design, the operator can also easily remove the instrument's sensors for routine cleaning and maintenance.

The upper sensor and protective translucent door are motorized to automatically move into position at the beginning and conclusion of the test. The new center positioning indicator allows the operator to precisely place the sample, thus increasing test repeatability and reproducibility.

Software improvements have been made to make the MMT even more accessible to international users. The display now offers multiple languages with interface options in English, Spanish, Turkish and Chinese. Also, grading tables of international test standards now provide quick and reliable analysis for operators.

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The MMT provides much greater confidence in moisture management testing than more traditional tests.
**Standards**

- AATCC 195-2017
- GB/T 21655.2-2019

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**Product Specifications**

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<th>Specification</th>
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<td>Size (Width x Depth x Height)</td>
<td>300 mm x 420 mm x 545 mm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>27 kg</td>
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<td>Interface</td>
<td>USB 1.1/2.0</td>
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<td>Power Supply</td>
<td>110V 60Hz 1A or 230V 50Hz 0.5A</td>
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<td>Operation Temp &amp; RH</td>
<td>16°C to 29°C, 80% maximum (non-condensing)</td>
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<td>Pump On Time</td>
<td>20s</td>
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<td>Test Solution</td>
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**Applications**

- Quality control in fabric and garment manufacturing
- Research and development of new functional fabrics and garments
- Classification of fabrics according to dynamic liquid transport properties
- Ranking of apparel fabrics by comfort factors related to moisture management

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**Standard Accessories**

- MMT
- Conductivity Meter with Calibration Solution (batteries not included)
- Conductive Rubber Mat
- Standard Testing Solution
- Spare Silicon Tube
- Sentinel Software Key
- USB Cable
- USB Drive for Instruction Manual and MMT Software
Providing Confidence

For over 60 years, the SDL Atlas companies have been providing confidence in standard based testing through expertise and global partnering. Our customers can be assured that they are making informed decisions based on accurate test results.

SDL Atlas experts work closely with standards committees and retailers on development of standards. Our engineers develop instruments to meet these standards. Our service team calibrates the instruments to exacting UKAS and internal standards. High quality test materials that are consistent from batch to batch are also produced and distributed by SDL Atlas.

Test Materials
Test materials are a critical part of many textile tests. SDL Atlas produces and distributes a complete line of test materials. Each batch is thoroughly tested to ensure conformity and consistency from batch to batch.

Test materials selection include:
• Multifiber
• Cork Liners
• Abradents
• Phenolic Yellowing
• Detergents
• Ballasts
• Crocking Fabric

Calibration & Service
• UKAS calibration
• ISO calibration
• Service support
• Factory trained representatives
• SDL Atlas service technicians

SDL Atlas is a UKAS accredited calibration laboratory No. 0688. With fully trained technicians located in Europe, Asia, and North America, we are prepared to support our customers in maintaining their investments and their confidence in their testing instruments.