Wool – A High Performance Fibre

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Fibre choice defines the performance and safety of our clothes.

Wool's resilience makes wool garments more comfortable as they move easily with the body while retaining their shape

Professional risk takers and extreme sport athletes choose wool clothes to help them withstand extreme environmental conditions and protect them from exposure to severe situations.

Wool's natural properties offer

Thermo and Moisture Management

- Wool fibres create a microclimate for the body that can quickly adapt to changing situations
- Wool clothing can retain or release heat and moisture allowing the body to remain comfortable whether conditions are hot, cold, dry or wet [1,6]

Odour Management

- By absorbing moisture, wool reduces the amount of sweat on the body
- Less sweat on skin means less body odour
- Wool locks in odour compounds resulting in less smell coming from the garment[2,8]

Resilience

- Wool fibres can bend 20,000 times without breaking
- A wool fibre can stretch to more than 30% if its length and then return to its original shape [3]

Flame Resistance

- Wool is high in nitrogen and water making it naturally flame resistant
- Even exposed to heat above 570°C, wool won't melt onto the skin
- Wool emits less smoke and toxic gas than other fibres
- When exposed to fire wool can self-extinguish, preventing the spread of flame [4,7]

UV Protection

- Wool offers natural UV protection by absorbing radiation throughout the UV spectrum
- Wool fabrics have a UV protection factor of 30+ [5]

Anti-Static

- Wool retains moisture, making it less prone to building up a static electric charge
- This is an important factor in the operation of electrical equipment
- It is also one of the reasons that makes wool fabric a top choice for space travel [1,7]

There is no doing laundry in space. Odour resistance makes wool fabric a natural choice for personnel of the International Space Station. The high oxygen levels on a space station make flame resistance important too – as does a lack of lint, which can clog up sensitive machinery.[9,10]

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