RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., USA, September 9, 2014 — AATCC, the Association of Textile, Apparel & Materials Professionals, announces the availability of L2 lightfastness control fabric. The AATCC Blue Wool Lightfastness Standard is "one of a group of dyed wool fabrics distributed by AATCC for use in determining the amount of light exposure of specimens during lightfastness testing."

A small amount of the existing L2 lightfastness control fabric, referred to as Lot 8, is still available. Effective immediately, there are no limits on the sale of L2, Lot 8. A new lot of L2 lightfastness control fabric, referred to as Lot 9, has now been produced, analyzed for color and fading characteristics, and approved. L2, Lot 9 will be available for purchase as soon as the supply of Lot 8 is exhausted.

AATCC research committee RA50, Lightfastness and Weathering Test Methods, recently approved revisions to AATCC test methods to clarify the use of L2 lightfastness control fabrics for both 5 AFU and 20 AFU tests. The updated versions of the following AATCC Test Methods are available for purchase from AATCC as downloadable PDFs at www.aatcc.org/products. They will also appear in the 2015 AATCC Technical Manual.

- 16.1, Colorfastness to Light: Outdoor;
- 16.2, Colorfastness to Light: Carbon-Arc;
- 16.3, Colorfastness to Light: Xenon-Arc

About AATCC: AATCC, the Association of Textile, Apparel & Materials Professionals, is the world’s leading not-for-profit association, serving textile professionals since 1921. AATCC, headquartered in Research Triangle Park, NC, USA, provides test method development, quality control materials, and professional networking for members around the world.

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For photos of the blue wool standards, please see the following:

L2 Blue Wool Lot 8 Standard
L2 Blue Wool Lot 8 Standard of Fade for 5 AFU
L2 Blue Wool Lot 8 Standard of Fade for 20 AFU
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