WITH COEX® <u>NATURE</u> <u>PROTECTS YOU</u> AND YOU PROTECT NATURE



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SOMETIMES EVEN <u>IMPOSSIBLE THINGS BECOME</u> <u>BEAUTIFUL REALITY</u>, BRINGING TOGETHER SKILLS AND CREATIVITY

The collaboration between two Italian companies, <u>Torcitura Padana</u> <u>and Zanolo</u>, gave rise to <u>COEX</u>[®], the company that bears the name of the <u>innovative completely</u> <u>natural fireproofing technology</u>, the result of research and the desire to innovate in respect of people and the environment.























COEX[®] IS A FIREPROOF PATENTED TECHNOLOGY, 100% NATURAL, BASED ON CELLULOSE MOLECULE



WHEREVER YOU ARE, WHATEVER YOU ARE DOING, WHETHER YOU ARE WORKING, TRAVELLING, HAVING FUN OR RELAXING, <u>WITH COEX® NATURE PROTECTS YOU AND</u> YOU PROTECT NATURE



COEX[®] PROTECTS PEOPLE FROM FIRE USING NATURE

It does so thanks to a process that <u>completes the characteristics of</u> <u>the cellulose together with other</u> <u>elements present in nature</u>, which reinforce it, without genetically modifying it.

COEX® protects people in any setting they find themselves in, reinforcing all materials of a vegetable nature, to create a healthier and safer environment for all. Thanks to nature, COEX® can also guarantee protection to people against the side effects generated by the use of materials and synthetic or oil-derived substances. COEX® does not use flame retardant chemical additives or fire-retardant resins that can come into contact with the skin and the environment.

<u>PEOPLE, NATURE, SAFETY</u>: THESE ARE THE CORE VALUES OF COEX[®]

People

People are at the heart of the values of COEX[®]. Health, comfort, well-being and safety are always the priority.

Nature

All COEX[®] solutions are developed and designed in respect of nature and in search for less impacting and more environmentally friendly production processes.

Safety

COEX® offers solutions for any situation, setting or application where there is a cellulose-based material, to offer greater safety to living beings, respecting nature.





COEX® AND NATURE



THE <u>GIFTS</u> OF NATURE

Of all the <u>natural fibres</u>, <u>vegetable</u> <u>fibres</u> really stand out, which have ancient origins and have always been appreciated for comfort and breathable and regenerating properties, as well as being biodegradable for a perfect <u>Cradle to Cradle</u> cycle.



THE COMFORT OF COTTON.

<u>Cotton is one of the most breathable</u> <u>natural fibres In addition to</u> <u>having a good absorption capacity</u> (<u>hygroscopicity</u>) it favours the evaporation and dispersion of humidity and allows air to pass, accommodating a constant and physiological drying process. It is not very elastic and is resistant to ironing, so it is also washable at high temperatures, but it is not to light and acidic substances and can encourage the growth of mould and bacteria.



COEX® AND NATURE

THE FRESHNESS OF LINEN.

Linen is breathable and very resistant. Especially when it is wet, it has a greater absorption capacity than cotton and a better thermal conductivity, so it is particularly fresh-feeling when used in clothing. One of its specific properties is that it is <u>hypo-allergenic and therefore</u> <u>particularly suitable for sensitive skin</u>. It is not very elastic and as such it is characterised by a wrinkled appearance that makes it both practical and glamorous.

SOY, A VEGETABLE CASHMERE.

Soy fibreare known for being very soft and nice to touch and so they are referred to as "vegetable cashmere". Like bamboo, soy also has antibacterial qualities, is breathable, air-permeable, UV-resistant and biodegradable.





HEMP REGENERATES.

Hemp has good thermal conductivity and an excellent absorption capacity. Its hollow fibre can absorb moisture from the body and keep it dry, giving you a feeling of great comfort. It possesses anti-bacterial and regenerative properties that exceed any other natural fibre. Cultivation has a very low environmental impact because it requires little water, is selfcompatible and does not require any pesticides. It is very wear-resistant and is a natural filter for UVA rays.



THE ANTIBACTERIAL BAMBOO.

Bamboo is considered the eco-fibre of the moment due to its multiple properties: it is breathable, absorbent and particularly hypo-allergenic and antimicrobial, making it especially suitable for delicate skin and for allergy sufferers. Thanks to a bio-agent present in its molecular structure, the "bamboo kun" <u>guarantees</u> <u>high antibacterial</u>, anti-mite, anti-moth protection (even after many washes). <u>Greatly prized for underwear</u>, due to the hygiene and natural freshness, it is also naturally stretch and UV-resistant.







WOOD.

Wood brings home nature and healthiness and helps create an oasis of peace and well-being. It is not only used in furniture, it is also used for the structures, walls, fornitures and flooring. Wood in various different cuts and essences, as well as the bamboo, have excellent beneficial properties.

NO MORE PLASTIC AND MICROFIBRE

Polyester is contained in approximately 60% of the fabrics produced throughout the world.

Synthetic fibres, plastics and microfibres do not decompose in nature and are therefore causing <u>enormous damage</u> <u>to the environment</u>, <u>animals and people</u>. Polyester is contained in about 60% of the world's fabrics and cheap synthetic fibres have proved to be a disaster for oceans and dangerous for fish and the humans that ingest them. But, until today, there was no alternative solution to protect ourselves against fire and make our environments safer and healthier.



Source: "NEW TEXTILES ECONOMY: REDESIGNING FASHION'S FUTURE" by Ellen MacArthur Foundation and Circular Fibres Initiatives - Fig. 10 | page 66



Total textile fibre demand (millions of tons)

Source: "NEOMATERIALI NELL'ECONOMIA CIRCOLARE" by Marco Richetti - page 20 | data from: PCIFibres

NATURE ITSELF RAISES A <u>BARRIER AGAINST FLAMES</u>

COEX[®] uses natural elements to strengthen the cellulose molecule and make it immune to fire. At the end of the process there are no releasable chemicals.



Phosphorus Raise a barrier against the flame.





Nitrogen

It reduces oxygen by reducing the combustion process.





Sulphur Helps carbonisation by blocking flames.



A REVOLUTIONARY TECHNOLOGY <u>MADE IN ITALY</u>



<u>0% FORMALDEHYDE</u>, AN ACHIEVABLE OBJECTIVE

Formaldehyde is a highly toxic substance, both by contact and by inhalation, so much so that today it is considered one of the main culprits for so-called indoor pollution, which we are exposed to daily in closed places such as offices, shops and last but not least our home.

COEX® IS <u>100% NATURAL</u> <u>SAFETY WITHOUT</u> THE RELEASE OF FORMALDEHYDE AND OTHER TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Since 2004, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has included it in the list of <u>substances considered</u> <u>carcinogenic</u> to humans and from 1 January 2016 Community legislation (EU Regulation 605/2014) has limited its use within certain limits (0.1 mg/m3 of average concentration in 30 minutes), but not eliminating the health risks, particularly for sensitive people, such as children or allergy sufferers.

The awareness of these risks has prompted the <u>ECHA, European</u> <u>Chemicals Agency</u>, to add formaldehyde in the SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern List), which could have serious and often irreversible effects on human health and the environment.

COEX[®] IS <u>THE ONLY FIREPROOF PRODUCT</u> <u>IN THE WORLD THAT CAN OBTAIN</u> <u>SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT</u> <u>GREEN CERTIFICATIONS</u>

COEX®

Yet today formaldehyde continues to be widely used as a basic substance in the chemical industry and is used in a great deal of <u>products</u>, from building materials (foams, insulating resins) to pressed wood and MDF used for furniture, and parquets, from household products and detergents (thanks to its antibacterial power) to cosmetics and even as a food preservative.

Even in the textile sector, formaldehyde has always been used, for example in stain-proof or "anticrease" resins, with which the fabrics are treated, in order to facilitate maintenance. Moreover, until a few years ago, it represented an <u>inevitable</u> by-product of all the "wash resistant" fireproofing treatments available on the market. One of the objectives that led to the development of COEX® was to completely eliminate the release of formaldehyde and other toxic substances (such as halogenated molecules), thus creating a <u>100% natural product</u> without using flame retardant chemical additives or fire-retardant resins that can come into contact with the skin and the environment.

CERTIFICATIONS

Today, COEX[®] is the only fireproof product in the world that can obtain numerous certifications, such as GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard), the most important international standard for textiles made with natural fibres from organic farming and Oeko-Tex[®], one of the best-known certifications in the world that ensures the human-ecological safety of textile products.

<u>GOTS</u> Global Organic Textile Standard



International recognition for textiles made from natural fibres from organic farming.

<u>REACH</u>

Complies with all European regulations regarding the absence of harmful substances in the production process.



Oeko-Tex <u>Certification</u>

COEX[®] it has been included in the list of approved products for the production of fabrics that obtain the Oeko-Tex certificate and therefore do not use harmful substances.



According to the Test Report <u>15/000157295 of the</u> <u>Chelab Siliker laboratory, on</u> <u>behalf of the University of</u> <u>Padua, Made of COEX® fabric</u> <u>has been classified in the</u> <u>NON-IRRITANT category, if</u> <u>applied to intact human skin</u>.*

test conducted on a significant reference sample





WOOD

COEX[®] acts on <u>cellulose molecules that</u> <u>make up about 40% of the wood structure,</u> <u>but also on lignin, present on 25%</u>. These two molecules represent the framework of the wood and, thanks to COEX[®], acquire the <u>fireproof properties</u>, remaining 100% natural.



Types of materials that can become COEX[®]

- Wood veneers for decorative use
- Plywood
- Recomposed wood
- Multilayer
- Solid wood

Types of essences

COEX[®] can be used with all types of wood

Compatibility with other materials

COEX[®] has a high compatibility with other materials used during processing, such as glues or paints.


0% Formaldehyde

It does not contain formaldehyde, a carcinogen frequently present in flame retardant traditional solution



Non-toxic It does not emit toxic fumes, such as dioxin



100% natural

It does not modify the surface of the material, allowing "open-pore" processing and effects. It is not necessary to apply fireproof coatings.



Fireproof wall

Carbonising creates a protective wall against fire

ADVANTAGES

Compared to previous fireproofing technologies, applied on wood by impregnation, COEX[®] has several advantages:

UNIEN 13501-1 standard

According to the Italian and European standard UNI EN 13501-1, which assesses the "Reaction to fire of building materials", COEX[®] is integral with the material, does not migrate and is uniform, so it does not contain and release formaldehyde during use, application and fire. Therefore COEX[®] can be Classified in Category <u>Bs1dO</u>*.

* Main classification

(the code _n after the class indicates the floor materials)

A1		classes of non-combustible materials (glass, fibreglass, metals, porcelain, etc.)	
A2			
В	++++	non-flammable combustible materials	
С	+++	combustible materials that are not easily flammable	
D	++		
IS	+		
F	-	highly flammable materials	

Accessory classification

	1	++	(best)	s=smoke
s	2	+		production of smoke during
	3	-	(worst)	combustion
	0	++	(best)	
d	1	+		d =dripping: drip during combustion
	2	-	(worst)	



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WOOD COEX[®] CAN BE USED IN <u>DIFFERENT SECTORS</u>

STRUCTURAL USE The use of wood in structural functions is making a big comeback, thanks also to the bio-architecture and prefabricated structures that blend well with the characteristics of this strong, healthy and versatile material.

Fittings

Wooden houses





DECORATIVE USE

Wood can have many uses in interior design: from furniture to wall cladding and flooring. Making it safer, while maintaining its natural properties, allows warmer, more welcoming environments, without sacrificing well-being.















COEX[®] <u>STRENGTHENS THE CELLULOSE PRESENT IN</u> <u>PLANT FIBRES</u> maintaining and enhancing the NATURAL characteristics and enriching them with fire protection properties



<u>COEX® PRESERVES AND</u> <u>ENHANCES THE ECOSYSTEM AND</u> <u>NATURE'S BIOLOGICAL CYCLE</u>



THE LOI VALUE OF COEX[®] IS 50, THE HIGHEST VALUE FOR FIBRES

The LOI index indicates the amount of oxygen needed for combustion of a fibre. <u>The higher the value, the lower</u> <u>the capacity of that fibre to burn.</u>

COEX® (cotton, rayon, flax, etc.)	50
Chlorofibres	45
Fluorofibre	40
Kynol	34
Aramid fibre (Twaron)	30
Kanecaron	28
FR Polyester	28
Viscose	27
Polylactic acid (INGEO)	26
Wool	26
Nylon	22
Polyester	22
Polypropylene	20
Acrylic	20
Rayon	19
Cotton	19

Polyester FR

Viscose Linen

Viscose Linen #COEX

100% NATURAL COEX® FABRICS

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COEX[®] natural fabric does not irritate the skin and does not cause allergies^{*} when it comes into contact with the skin. It absorbs sweat and facilitates natural body transpiration.

Breathable

It ensures that the breathability of the natural starting fabric is unchanged.

Comfort and softness It maintains the same softness of the starting fabric



Total white Unique fire-retardant fabric available in total white



Hypoallergenic

It is also suitable for use in children's clothing. The highest degree of tolerability for fabrics*

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Low Pilling Improve fabric pilling resistance, keeping it nice for longer**

*Patch Test carried out on a significant reference sample by the University of Padua

**According to the regulation N ISO12945-1, which defines the pilling evaluation scale, the resistance of Made of COEX® fabrics is <u>1 point higher</u> than the same fabric not made of COEX®

WITH COEX[®], A NEW CATEGORY OF FIREPROOF FABRIC IS BORN: <u>DMMFP (Durable Molecular Modified</u> <u>Fire Proof Fabric)</u>

DMMFP (Durable Molecular Modified Fire Proof Fabric).

It is a molecularlymodified fabric that blocks flames. It is a fabric obtained by modifying the molecular structure of the cellulose fibre so that the product does not burn, creating a protective barrier against fire. It maintains its properties throughout its life span. Before COEX[®], fireproof fabrics were classified into 4 categories:

FR (Flame Retardant Fabric). Fabric that hinders flames. Fabrics that are more resistant to flames than others. Definition that complies all the other categories.

DFR (Durably Flame-Retardant

Fabric). Fabric that hinders flames in a durable way. Obtained with polymeric filaments (nylon and polyester) and chemical additives that bind to the fibres and allow it to resist flames and not react to water. It maintains its properties throughout its life span.

TFR (Treated Flame Retardant

Fabric). Treated fabric that hinders flames. Made with threads that do not resist fire, but treated with flame retardant chemicals to comply with regulations.

IFR (Inherent Flame Retardant

Fabric). Fabric that is inherently flame retardant. Built with flame retardant threads without special treatments or the addition of chemicals. Its properties remain unaltered throughout its lifespan and despite being washed.



From the analysis of electron microscopy it is clear how COEX[®] does not modify the natural starting fibres, unlike the other fireproofing technologies on the market.

*Images created using the Cambridge S240 Electronic Scanning Microscope (SEM). 500X magnification. By CNR-ISMAC, Institute for the Study of Macromolecules.





PRESTIGE AND EXCELLENCE AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

RECOGNITION

Awards received in various categories.



ITMA - Future materials awards 2015

Award for the best technological innovation obtained by the FM Awards panel, during the 2015 Exhibition, in the Best Innovation - Home Textile category.



AIT-Trend Award 2018

The prestigious German architecture and interior design magazine AIT has given the **Made of COEX® feischee collection**, the cotton fabric collection by Maasberg, the **AIT-Trend 2018** award for innovation in the textile sector, thanks to COEX® technology, which was chosen as the most innovative of the new innovations presented at the exhibition by a panel made up of German architects and interior designers.



Enel and the Symbola foundation

Enel and the Symbola foundation have selected COEX[®] as one of the 100 best innovations in the circular economy.

THE COEX® WORLD



THE COEX® WORLD RANGES FROM <u>INTERIOR</u> <u>DECORATION</u>, TO <u>CLOTHING</u>, <u>OBJECTS</u>, <u>ARCHITECTURE</u>, <u>AND MORE</u>. Discover where <u>nature can protect you</u>, <u>without</u> <u>sacrificing comfort</u>

<u>INTERIOR</u> <u>DECORATION</u> Furnishing fabrics, curtains, wall coverings, cushions and much more...a world of allnatural and fireproof textiles





<u>FURNISHINGS</u> Natural fireproof fabrics and wood, for comfortable and protective furniture



The hospitality sector requires fireproof standards that, until now, could only be satisfied with nonnatural products Today it is possible to combine protection and naturalness with COEX[®], not just in interior decoration but also for bed linen.



Today, it is possible to have fireproof, natural sheets and bed linen for total comfort and safety for patients and doctors.



Sound-absorbent panels, seats, sofas and natural interior decoration are now also possible in offices.



KIDS WORLD From toys to items such as strollers, sunbeds and much more for children... today you can protect yourself from fire with totally natural and safe products.



TRANSPORTATION From the maritime sector, to trains, planes and much more, COEX[®] opens up new possibilities for fireproof, natural bed linens, coatings and furnishings.

<u>CLOTHING</u>

From the motorsport sector, to technical or military clothing, to children's clothing...now you can protect yourself against fire and have comfortable, breathable garments.



FULL FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, TOTAL SAFETY AND 100% NATURAL MATERIALS

FREEDOM OF PLANNING



INTERIOR DESIGN AND BIO-ARCHITECTURE HAVE NEVER BEEN <u>SO FREE</u>

The comfort of natural fibre, the safety of hypo-allergenic materials and the pleasure and beauty of a natural environment are just a few of the advantages of COEX[®].

With COEX[®], it is now possible to carry out the interior design of contract and domestic environments using fibres and materials of vegetable origin without having to sacrifice health, safety and comfort.

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THE NATURAL MADE OF COEX® HOUSI

The green house has furniture that focuses on natural materials and fibres and on the <u>well-being provided</u> by a new-found contact with nature. But it was not always possible to combine naturalness and safety!

Last place on earth 10



Well-being in architecture means carefully selecting the materials furnishing, favouring natural materials over chemically-treated ones.

In fact, we often ignore that "faux wood" can be worked with formaldehyde and other volatile compounds, which is an irritant for the respiratory tract and sight.

Conversely, natural fabrics and materials are "<u>living</u>" and permeable,

they absorb and so maintain a certain degree of humidity in the environment, regenerating the air and helping to create a <u>healthy microclimate</u>.

Artificial or synthetic fabrics and materials, which tend to be cheaper and more practical, instead "charge" the air with positive ions, attracting dust and polluting particles that tire us out, and cause allergies and inflammation of the respiratory tract. Today, materials such as <u>linen and</u> <u>hemp</u> are also used in architecture because they are valued for their thermal insulation and transpiration properties, making them suitable for building fully eco-sustainable homes.

The natural home "breathes" because it is in harmony with the cycles of nature and with <u>COEX</u>® today it is possible to combine naturalness and safety, for total <u>protection</u> and wellbeing.

<u>"THE BAR"</u> - THE BAR OF THE FUTURE Designed by architect <u>Simone Micheli</u>



<u>"ThE BaR"</u>, the bar of the future of the Ventura -Lambrate district designed by architect <u>Simone</u> <u>Micheli</u> was inaugurated during the Milan Design Week 2017. Designed to become the most attractive place to meet up and socialise in the area, "ThE BaR" is an ethical and smart design where safety and sustainability are guaranteed through the use of COEX[®] fabrics lining the decorative, interactive and sound-absorbing <u>E.WALL</u>[™] panels, of Treviso Made.





E.WALL [™] Made of COEX[®] improves <u>acoustic comfort</u>, but is also a <u>complement of interactive</u> <u>light furniture</u> that moves with customisable or predefined scenarios, creating a dynamic scene that imitates the movement of people, their gestures and thoughts and makes the <u>environment comfortable and safe</u>.

The architect Simone Micheli's idea was to give life to a unique and dynamic experiential place that moves and interacts with people, fragments of life put on stage in a place to meet and socialise, faces and scenographies that create relationships and tell experiences to live and share. All <u>respecting nature and ensuring</u> <u>maximum safety from fire</u>, essential for public places.

TOWN HOUSE HOTEL DUOMO By the architect <u>Simone Micheli</u>

Town House Hotel Duomo is the project designed by Simone Micheli for the prestigious TownHouse Hotels brand in Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II in Milan. One of the most exclusive hotels in the world will soon inaugurate three suites designed by architect Simone Micheli characterised by an extremely distinctive and fascinating setting.





The suites will have pure linen totally fireproof COEX® curtains and one of the suites will also have a bed, sofas and chairs upholstered in COEX® fabrics for a totally eco-sustainable and safe environment.



MADE OF COEX® PRODUCTS /



MADE OF COEX[®] PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

COEX[®] is a technology and as such adapts to different needs. Developing a Made of COEX[®] product means starting a project that involves the development of a new line of products designed specifically to obtain the best Made of COEX[®] result.



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Production of <u>mini batches</u> and <u>pre-tests</u>

Testing and production of mini-batches needed to proceed with the certification.

Certification

All COEX® fabrics are manufactured and tested to the highest international fire protection standards.

Production

Once all the phases are finished, the product can be put into production to become MADE OF COEX®.



<u>COEX® is a</u> <u>registered</u> <u>trademark and</u> <u>ensures excellence</u> <u>and quality of the</u> <u>product.</u>

The use of COEX® technology is subject to the obligation to respect the image and the rules for using the logo.



<u>CHOICE OF THE</u> <u>PRODUCT</u> TO BE MADE

Natural materials

The 100% cellulosic materials are perfectly compatible. <u>All 100% vegetable fibres can become Made of COEX®</u>, i.e. transformed into COEX® and thus becoming completely flame retardant.

"Ad Hoc" projects

<u>Cellulose Fibres, mixed with synthetics</u>, can become Made of COEX[®] but require a special design that must be followed by the technical laboratory to be validated.

Keep in mind during the fabric selection process:

Weight of the fabric

IT is possible to make Made of COEX[®] any fabric weight. During treatment, the different weights will be managed separately. <u>After treatment, the fabric weighs 10% more.</u>

Ratio between weight and toughness

During the Made of COEX® product manufacturing phase <u>the fabric loses about 15% of its toughness</u>. It is important to take this into account!


CREATIVITY IN TOTAL SAFETY.



<u>DYEING/PRINTING AND</u> <u>FINISHING INDICATIONS</u>

Rules for dyeing and printing <u>BEFORE</u> the Made of COEX[®] process

The fabrics that must become COEX® must be dyed using specific methods.

Whites:

It is possible to obtain an excellent degree of whiteness. For a preliminary examination of the fabric, contact the R&D department.

<u>Colours:</u>

- Selected LEVAFIX CA reagents or similar
- INDANTHRENE
- Sulphur
- Printed reagent
- Printed pigment

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: the dyes may have small variations compared to the original colour. The final colour obtained is stable and repeatable.

Finishing

<u>Softeners or stain removers are allowed</u>, which are usually strictly prohibited in classic fireproof products. The finishing process includes a series of treatments aimed at improving the tactile and/or visual characteristics of the fabric. The finishing of a "Made of COEX®" product is carried out in the last phase of the process and must be carefully assessed. This phase largely conditions the passing of the flame tests established and regulated by the various countries.

Rules of dyeing and printing <u>AFTER</u> the Made of COEX[®] process

It is possible to dye and carry out finishings on Made of COEX® fabrics, but it depends on the article, so it is necessary to request the operating instructions directly from the R&D department, before performing any procedure.

<u>N.B.</u>: it is not possible to dye and print reagent.



The Made of COEX[®] process can be modulated according to the fireproof properties that are to be obtained

This is why it is essential to establish in advance what the reference standards to be respected are.

Contact the Research & Development office for more information.



SOME REFERENCE <u>REGULATIONS</u>



Furniture



Bed linen/mattresses 16 CFR PART 1632-1633 (USA) • BS EN 12952 1-2 (Europe) •

BS EN 597 1-2 (Europe) • BS 6807 SOURCE 5 - BS 7177 (USA) •

Clothing EN ISO 15025 (Europe) • ISO 9151 FIA (Europe) •

BS EN 1103 (Europe) 🔶

Maritime

IMO-Drapes, decorative fabrics (curtains) (World)				
IMO-Upholstery fabrics (wall covering) (World)				
IMO-Wall coverings (wall cladding)		(World	d) 🔴	
IMO-Bedding (bed linen)	(World)	•		



FAR/CS 25.853 (World)
ABD 0031 (World)

REGULATIONS

ALL COEX® FABRICS ARE MANUFACTURED AND TESTED TO THE HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION STANDARDS



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CONTROLLED PROCESSES TO ENSURE MAXIMUM QUALITY

Viscose Linen #COEX®

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PRELIMINARY COEX®<u>SETUP</u>

Testing in COEX[®] laboratories

A4 format Tests carried out in the COEX[®] laboratory Waiting time: 7 working days

The COEX[®] laboratory imitates the production phase for the flame resistance and toning characteristics, but <u>it</u> <u>cannot verify the characteristics of: toughness, abrasion,</u> <u>weight, height, degree of whiteness and other physical</u> <u>parameters.</u>

These parameters must ALWAYS BE CORRECT in the PRODUCTION phase.

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MINI-BATCHES AND PRE-TEST PRODUCTION

Mini-batch production

This phase allows you to <u>perform a test</u> to proceed with the certification only when the results are verified, optimising costs.

Mini-batches for the pre-test

Flat fabrics: Height: 80cm min. - 85cm max Length: 10m min. - 20m max Waiting time: 15 working days

PAYMENT production: € 150 for a mini-batch

This phase perfectly imitates the production due to the flame resistance characteristics, but <u>it cannot verify the</u> <u>characteristics of: toughness, abrasion, weight, height,</u> <u>degree of whiteness and other physical parameters.</u> These parameters must ALWAYS BE CORRECT in the PRODUCTION phase.

COEX[®] approval

After the production of the mini-batches, COEX® performs a <u>pre-test to verify that the product complies</u> with the indications. If the result is correct, a <u>document</u> will be issued <u>stating the approval of the use of the logo</u>.

COEX[®] provides a <u>set of communication materials</u> that help explain the technology and its revolutionary innovation, as well as its characteristics, which are unique on the market.



EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION ACCORDING TO THE HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

6 <u>CERTIFICATION</u>

Recommended laboratories

COEX[®] recommends using laboratories that have already tested Made of COEX[®] products and are familiar their characteristics.

Italy



Centro Tessile Serico Spa is an analysis laboratory, accredited by Accredia UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17025 (LAB Certificate No. 0045) authorised by the Ministry of the Interior to issue Test Certificates for the Ministerial Homologation of materials for the purposes of fire prevention pursuant to Ministerial Decree 26/04/1984 et seq. Via Castelnuovo 3, 22100 COMO Tel: + 39 031 3312120 Fax: + 39 031 3312180 Mail: mailbox@textilecomo.com



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Productive phase

Once all the phases are finished, the product can be put into production to become: <u>Made of COEX</u>[®].





FIREPROOF FABRICS SHOULD BE <u>WASHED</u> IN WATER THAT IS FREE OF SALTS

MAINTENANCE AND WASHING





Dry cleaning. Professional dry cleaning, with all solvents. Dry cleaning is recommended to remove stains. Washing temperature up 90°C. The washing temperature must respect the composition of the fabric. Use a normal detergent.



Washing temperature 90°C. Delicate professional

washing with regular detergent. Hydrogen peroxide, ammonia and sodium hypochlorite are allowed.



Drying. Dryer at low temperatures.



Ironing. Medium temperature iron.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: Always use a rinsing agent such as ammonium sulphate or UAO softener in the washing machine's additive dispense to have a garment perfectly cleansed of salt residues or detergents.

Made of COEX[®] fabrics may have different types of composition and finish, as well as different flameproof standards to be respected, it is therefore advisable to carefully follow the <u>instructions on the specific label of the final product</u> (labelling according to the international standard UNI EN ISO 3758: 2005).

The amount of ammonium sulphate or UAO softener to be used is specified on the reference fire certification.

<u>RECOMMENDED METHODS</u> FOR MAINTENANCE

Methods

Washing temperature from 40 to 90°C.



Washing with deionised water

Washing with deionised or distilled water and normal cleaning liquid. The use of hydrogen peroxide and ammonia or sodium hypochlorite is allowed. In any case, always refer to the indications on the label of the garment.

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Washing with normal water

Washing with normal water is allowed, but it is necessary to add ammonium sulphate or UAO softener instead of normal softener. Ammonium sulphate or UAO softener in the last rinse helps to eliminate the mineral salts deposited on the fibres.

Professional dry cleaning

All types of solvents can be used.

Dryer at low temperatures

COEX[®] resists the highest temperatures but natural fabrics do not all have the same heat resistance so they can change their appearance. It is therefore recommended to follow the indications relating to the fabric, present on the garment.

Flat iron at medium temperatures

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If the maintenance instructions are correctly performed, all flameproofing tests are followed.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR <u>INDUSTRIAL LAUNDRY</u> OR <u>PROFESSIONAL WASHING</u>

Using the "<u>indicator maps</u>" method, it is always possible to check whether maintenance has been properly carried out.

Request more information from the Research & Development service.



<u>UAO SOFTENER</u>

Water and detergents contain mineral salts that form insoluble deposits on the fabric, which can act as a fuel if exposed to flames.

<u>UAO is a fabric-based rinse</u> <u>agent with a pH 5.5</u> formulation that is perfect for contact with the skin. Thanks to its excellent cleaning capacity, <u>UAO separates any inorganic</u> <u>trace and detergent from the fabric</u> that can decrease its fire resistance. When UAO is used, no deposits are created on the fabric and inside the washing machine.

UAO must be dosed inside the washing machine in the special <u>compartment</u> <u>dedicated to fabric softeners</u>. The amount of UAO softener to be used is specified on the fire certification of reference.

IT IS THEREFORE ADVISABLE TO USE UAO INSTEAD OF SOFTENER OR IN THE LAST RINSE TO <u>REMOVE DEPOSITS OF</u> <u>MINERAL SALTS IN THE WATER.</u>

THE FIRE RESISTANCE OF THE FABRIC IS GUARANTEED FOR ALL THE NORMAL LIFE CYCLE OF THE FABRIC

FAQ

Furniture made with COEX[®] fabrics is flame resistant and made to meet the most stringent requirements of the main protection institutes. COEX[®] fabrics are designed to be fireproof and reduce the severity of burns.

What happens if the fabric is stained or soiled?

If the COEX® fabric is stained or soiled, and the stains are not completely removed, it must be known that the residual substances could compromise the flameproofing properties of the fabric.

How can I regenerate the fabric or carry out proper maintenance?

For information on the regeneration and maintenance of fireproof fabrics, consult the UNI EN ISO 6330:2012 standard (maintenance for domestic washing), the BS 5651:1989 standard (maintenance for domestic washing), the UNI EN ISO 10528 standard (maintenance for industrial washing) and the UNI EN ISO 3175 standard (dry cleaning).

How long is the life cycle of a fireproof fabric?

If the fabric is washed following the recommended procedures, the fire resistance of the fabric is guaranteed throughout the normal life cycle of the fabric. The life span of the fabric varies according to the washing conditions.

What are the correct treatment/ cleaning processes for these fabrics?

COEX® fabrics can be washed at home - by carefully following the instructions. It is recommended to perform a special washing, separating it from other fabrics, to avoid contamination with non-fireproof fibres.

It is possible to use normal detergents, but you must be sure that they do NOT contain fabric softeners. The softeners can cover the fabric of a layer that inhibits its fireproof properties. Softeners can also act as fuel in the event of a fire. Bleach and hydrogen peroxide are allowed instead. Always check the label of the garment first.

Washing with deionised water

It is recommended to use deionised water to wash fireproof fabrics. Tap water can leave residues on the fabrics, compromising their resistance to fire. To avoid this, you can use the UAO softener, instead of normal softener, to remove residual salts.

Ironing and dryer.

If necessary, iron or use the dryer at the temperature indicated on the maintenance label.

Stain removal

Dry cleaning is recommended to remove stains.

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