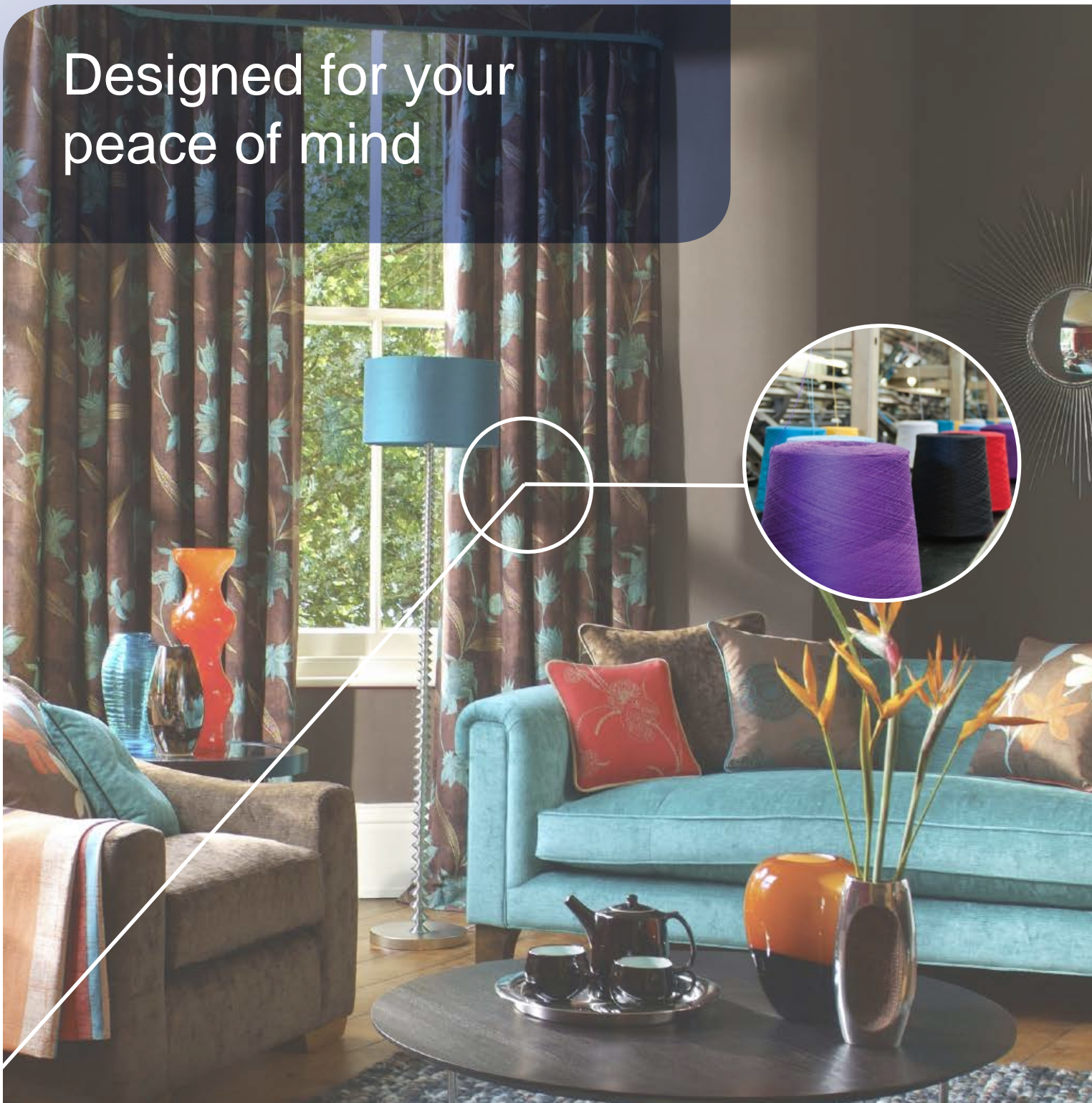


Soft Home Furnishings Services

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Your Challenges

Consumers today expect soft home furnishings to not only suit their individual lifestyles, but also to be of the highest quality and safety. With this daunting demand comes the increasing progression of national and international standards. It is challenging, to say the very least, for you to thrive globally if you lack the appropriate solutions provider to essentially build trust and value in your overall brand.

Our Solutions

With over 1,000 offices and laboratories in over 100 countries, Intertek has unparalleled testing expertise on all soft home furnishings global regulations and can provide innovative services to enable your global trade for years to come including:

Fiber Identification – Most countries importing soft home furnishing products require fiber identification labels that indicate the fiber type and percentage of fiber components. Some countries even use fiber composition to classify quota categories. Intertek maintains a staff of experienced technicians who can accurately identify fibers and fiber blends, including specialty fibers such as cashmere.

Feather and Down Testing – In many countries Intertek offers special feather and down testing. Tests are available for quantitative analysis, filling power, thermal properties, migration, and penetration resistance.

Flammability Testing – For soft home furnishings, it is especially important that materials used in upholstery, rugs, and carpets are in compliance with flammability regulations. Consumers have a lower responsiveness towards danger during sleep. In the case of a household fire, there is added risk if bedding is easily flammable. It is crucial therefore to ensure the fire resistance of bedding items through flammability, cigarette and match tests.

Care Label Instructions – Many countries have mandatory or voluntary standards for care label instructions that apply to soft home furnishings products. Intertek conducts the following tests to determine the most appropriate care conditions for each product:

- Colorfastness to washing or dry cleaning
- Colorfastness to bleaching
- Dimensional stability
- Appearance retention

Performance Testing – A variety of tests are offered to meet specific performance standards, including, but not limited to:

- Dimensional stability to washing and / or dry cleaning
- Colorfastness to light, crocking (rubbing), washing, bleaching, and more
- Physical Tests – strength, abrasion, pilling resistance, and more
- Chemical Tests – finish analysis, pH, and more



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Eco-Textile Testing – The trend of green consumerism has extended to textile and soft home furnishing products. Intertek provides a comprehensive spectrum of eco-testing which targets environmental protection and/or consumer health and safety. Chemical analysis for eco-testing includes: Azo Dyes (Banned Carcinogenic Amines), Chromium VI, Extractable Heavy Metals, Formaldehyde Content, Pentachlorophenol (PCP), Pesticides Residue, Total Cadmium Content, Total Lead Content.

Home Decor / Seasonal Decorations
Families today find joy in decorating their homes, whether making seasonal or permanent adjustments. However, consumers are often unaware of potential dangers. Reliable performance and material test results can help minimize potential dangers and ensure the safety and quality of these decorative items.

U.S. guidelines for Soft Home Furnishing Testing

Regulation	Test	Curtains, Drapes, Towels, Table Linens, Sheets, Pillowcase, Bedspreads	Blankets, Throws	Quilts, Comforters	Pillows (Larger than 26"), Cushions	Mattresses, Mattress Pads	Rugs, Floor Mats
		Required Soft Home Furnishing Regulatory Testing					
Fiber Identification	Fiber Content	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Plumage Content			X	X		
Flammability	CA 117				X	X	
	CA 116				X	X	
	16 CFR 1632					X	
	16 CFR 1630 or 1631						X
Care Label*	16 CFR 1633				X	X	
	Dimensional Stability to Laundering, Dry Cleaning or Professional Cleaning	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Colorfastness to Washing, Dry Cleaning or Professional Cleaning	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Colorfastness to Bleach** (Chlorine and Non-Chlorine)	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Appearance after Washing, Dry Cleaning or Professional Cleaning	X	X	X	X	X	X

*Care labels are voluntarily applied on home furnishing products
**Not necessary on fabrics that can only be dry cleaned or professionally cleaned

Test	Curtains, Drapes, Table Linens, Bedspreads	Towels	Sheets, Pillowcases	Blankets, Throws, Quilts, Comforters	Decorative Pillows (Larger than 26"), Cushions	Rugs, Floor Mats
	Basic Performance Testing					
Colorfastness to Light 20 AfU's		X	X	X	X	
Colorfastness to Light 80 AfU's	X					X
Colorfastness to Perspiration	X	X	X		X	
Colorfastness to Rubbing / Crocking	X	X	X	X	X	
Colorfastness to Laundering***	X	X	X	X	X	X
Colorfastness to Water	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absorbency		X				
Tensile Strength*	X	X	X	X	X	
Tearing Strength*	X	X	X	X	X	
Bursting Strength**			X	X		

*Conducted on woven fabrics only
**Conducted on knitted fabrics only
***Washable products only

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At Intertek, our time-tested service, wealth of experience, and depth of knowledge allow us to offer solutions dedicated to helping you navigate the regulatory process. Intertek delivers the precision you need, with the speed to market you are looking for.

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