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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

CLOTH, BATISTE, COTTON, POLISHING

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description (CID) for all Federal Agencies.

1. SCOPE. This document covers the requirements for a cotton batiste polishing cloth.
2. CLASSIFICATION. This cloth shall be available in the following classes, as specified:

2.1 Classes.

Class 1 - Rolls

Class 2 - Cut pieces

3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS

3.1 Material. The cloth shall be made of 100 percent cotton, plain weave using single ply yarns. The cloth shall be bleached.

3.2 Physical requirements. The finished cloth shall conform to the physical requirements specified in Table I when tested in accordance with the test methods specified in Table I.

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TABLE I. Physical requirements.

Characteristic	Requirements	Test Method
Fiber identification	100% cotton	AATCC TM20 (see 7.4)
Weave	Plain weave	Visual (see 7.4)
Width, inches, (min.)	39-1/2	ASTM D3774
Weight, oz./yd ² , (max.)	1.9	ASTM D3776/D3776M, Option C
Yarns per inch (min.)		ASTM D3775
Warp	75	
Filling	70	
Breaking strength, pounds, (min.)		ASTM D5034
Warp	32	
Filling	30	

3.3 Width. The width shall be a minimum of 39-1/2 inches and shall be the minimum acceptable width inclusive of the selvage when fly-shuttle looms or shuttleless looms with tuck-in selvages are used. For all other shuttleless looms, the width measurement shall be made between the last warp yarn on each side excluding the protruding fringe(s).

3.4 Length and put-up. Unless otherwise specified (see 7.5), the Class 1 cloth shall be furnished in one continuous length of not less than 50 yards and shall be put-up on rolls as specified in the contract or delivery order. The Class 2 cloth shall be cut into 4 ($\pm 1/4$) by 6 ($\pm 1/4$) inch pieces with the four edges pinked. Pinking of selvage edge is not required. The measurement shall be made from the extreme outside point on one side to the opposing indentation on the other side.

3.5 Fiber identification. Each roll of finished cloth shall be labeled or ticked for fiber content in accordance with the Title 16 CFC Part 303 Rules and Regulations under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (see 7.1.2).

3.6 Workmanship. The finished cloth shall conform to the quality of product established by this document. The occurrence of defects shall not exceed the contractor's own quality assurance standards and the quality assurance standards defined by the technical data in the bid package.

4. **REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**. Unless otherwise specified, the offeror/contractor is encouraged to use recovered, recycled, bio based, and environmentally preferable materials to the maximum extent practicable, in accordance with paragraph 23.403, 23.404(b) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation FAR, or the sustainable acquisition of EO 13693; as applicable. (See 7.1.3).

5. PRODUCT CONFORMANCE PROVISIONS.

5.1 Product conformance. The cloth shall meet the salient characteristics of this commercial item description, conform to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and be the same product that is offered for sale in the commercial marketplace. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

5.2 Market acceptability. The finished cloth must have been sold to the government or commercial market.

5.3 Visual examination. The finished cloth shall be examined for the following defects:

Label missing, incorrect, or illegible. Fiber identification marking omitted. Required information missing from the label.

Not packaged in accordance with the contract or purchase order.

5.4 Acceptance criteria. Acceptance criteria shall be as specified in the contract or purchase order (see 7.5).

6. PACKAGING. Preservation, packing and marking shall be as specified in the contract or purchase order (see 7.5).

7. NOTES.

7.1 Source of Government documents.

7.1.1 Copies of Government documents are available online at <https://quicksearch.dla.mil>.

7.1.2 Title 16 CFC Part 303 Rules and Regulations under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act and the Wool Products Labeling Act are available online at (Copies of this document are available online at <https://www.ecfr.gov>.)

7.1.3 EO 13693 information is available online at <https://www.epa.gov>.

7.2 Source of non-Government documents.

7.2.1 AATCC test methods are available online at <https://aatcc.org>.

7.2.2 ASTM Standards are available online at <https://www.astm.org>.

7.3 Intended use. The cloth shall be used for cleaning and polishing coated optics.

7.4 Certificate of compliance. The contracting activity may select to accept a certificate of compliance for stated requirement.

7.5 Ordering data. Acquisition documents should specify the following:

- a. Title, number, and date of this commercial item description.
- b. Class of cloth required (see 2.1).
- c. Width of cloth if other than specified (see 3.3).
- d. Length put-up other than specified (see 3.4).
- e. Product conformance (see 5.1).
- f. Acceptance criteria (see 5.5).
- g. Packaging requirements (see 6.).

7.6 Key words.

Cleaning cloth
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