

Spradling International, Inc. adheres to the CFFA standards for allowances and packaging. These standards have been designed to assure that vinyl upholstery fabrics meet stringent quality and packaging criteria so that they reach the consumer with usable yardage and arrive in good order without contents damage. The following details the standards set by the CFFA.

FINISHED WEIGHT

Chemical coated fabrics are customarily sold in ounces per square yard. Tolerance on weight specifications are typically plus or minus 10%. On deeply embossed or texture grained chemical film, the weight per square yard is used as an indication of thickness. The average thickness can be determined by the weight method, which determines the specific gravity of the material.

LENGTH

Chemical coated fabrics are usually sold by the linear yard. Chemical films are usually sold by the pound, square yard, or linear yard for light gauge material (under 6 mils), and by the square yard in heavier gauges (6 mils and over).

NUMBER OF PIECES

(a) The maximum number of pieces (cuts). The maximum number of separate pieces ordinarily acceptable in a roll of chemical coated fabrics:

- 1-15 yard roll: 1 piece
- 16-30 yard roll: 2 pieces
- 31-60 yard roll: 3 pieces
- 61-90 yard roll: 4 pieces
- 91-115 yard roll: 5 pieces
- 116-125 yard roll: 6 pieces

(b) The minimum length of pieces. The minimum length of a single piece in any roll of

chemical coated fabrics, other than wall covering, is not ordinarily less than three linear yards. There is no minus width tolerance. The width specified is the minimum guaranteed width of the material between edges. Width may be expressed as 52/53, which means a minimum of 52 inches.

ALLOWANCES

The maximum of allowances for imperfections in one 60-yard roll is customarily four. If there is more than one piece in a 60-yard roll, then the number of pieces plus the number of allowances in the 60 yards of material generally should not exceed six. For rolls of greater or lesser length, allowance for imperfections is increased or decreased proportionately.

(a) Flags or marks, satisfactory to the customer, are inserted or attached to the edge of the goods to indicate the imperfections for which allowances have been made.

(b) Each flag indicates allowance of a minimum of 1/8th of a yard for noticeable defect, and as much more allowance as may be necessary, depending upon the extent of the defect. There should be no less than five yards between defect flags or markers.

PACKAGING

Material ordinarily is rolled on cardboard tubes of adequate strength and circumference and wrapped in paper or plastic stretch wrapping of adequate weight and strength with roll ends properly secured - material may be packed in cartons. Large diameter rolls of film are usually placed in suspended packaging. In packaging instructions, a notation should be included as to special handling requirements for urethane-coated fabrics.