



TESTEX®

proven since 1846

Swiss textile testing  
and certification





# Proven with passion

## Quality since 1846

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Zurich-based TESTEX is an independent Swiss testing and certification institution organised as a private enterprise and operating worldwide since 1846 with the focus on the textile sector. Our success is based on generating adequate profits, adopting a correct attitude to our environment and accepting social responsibility.

However diverse our customers may be, they have one thing in common: they are seeking a reliable partner with textile expertise. And it is precisely this expertise and experience that make TESTEX one of the world's leading institutions for the testing and certification of textiles and related products.



# Proven with tradition

## The history of Testex AG

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The history of TESTEX is part of the history of the city of Zurich and thus also of the Swiss silk industry. The silk trade between Como and Zurich is documented since 1237. The “Seidentrocknungsanstalt” was founded on September 22, 1846, on the initiative of Switzerland’s silk manufacturers of that time – a neutral laboratory which was also soon providing services for the entire European textile industry.

Initially, its field of activities was confined to testing raw silk, but it was soon expanded to all textile materials. The company’s name was changed to TESTEX AG in 1970 to reflect the increasing number of new tests being performed.

## The main milestones

1988	The Department of Textile Chemistry is established
1993	An Analytical Department is formed
1995	The Hong Kong subsidiary is established
from 1999	New representative offices in Shanghai (1999), Seoul (2001), Beijing (2002), Taipei (2004), Kuala Lumpur (2004), Jakarta (2005) and Melbourne (2010)
2000	Restructuring measures result in the redefinition of the Textile Testing, Analytical and Industrial & Institute Service departments
2007	TESTEX (Beijing) Testing and Certification Co. Ltd (TTC) is formed; its name is changed to TESTEX (Beijing) Textile Consulting & Services Co., Ltd. (TCS) in 2010



# Proven with confidence

## Our customer segments in summary:

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- Textile production (spinning, weaving, knitting, dyeing, finishing, making-up, etc.)
- Textile trade and buying organisations (worldwide)
- Wholesale and retail trade (department stores, boutiques, etc.)
- Textile machinery manufacturers
- Textile care enterprises, textile care machinery manufacturers and washing powder producers
- Consumer organisations
- Chemical industry
- Educational, testing and research institutions
- Courts, arbitration bodies and insurance companies
- Toy manufacturers, retailers and sales companies
- Private individuals



# Proven with know-how

## Examining with passion

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A wide variety of classical and modern measuring and testing instruments and apparatus enable textile-related physical and chemical tests to be performed on fibres, single and ply yarns, woven and knitted fabrics and non-wovens. Tests related to clothing physiology can also be performed without any difficulty on fabrics and ready-made textiles.

We can also perform many different analytical tests in our up-to-date laboratories in order to detect pollutants, residues and trace elements in textiles as well as allergenic substances.

A detailed list of tests can be found on our website at [www.testex.com](http://www.testex.com)



# Proven with experience

## Professionally tested and certified

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Regular comparative tests are an important monitoring tool for both a certified quality assurance system and in-house solutions. Its many years of experience enable TESTEX to offer comprehensive certifications and services of the highest quality to meet the most exacting standards.

## Certifications and Services

- Certification of raw, semi-finished and finished products according to Oeko-Tex® Standard 100
- Certification of production sites according to Oeko-Tex® Standard 1000
- Certification of clothing and sun-protective textiles according to UV Standard 801
- Certification of dyestuffs and auxiliaries for the textile industry (Eco-Passport)
- Certification of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Organisation of Round Robin Tests (yarn, colourfastness, fabric properties, function)
- Consulting on production-specific issues
- Inspections and on-site support (Europe, Far East)
- Reports for court cases

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