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SUBJECT: 3M™ Nextel™ Fabrics Visual Inspection Test Method Update

Dear Valued Customer:

As part of our continuous improvement efforts, we are writing to inform you of our intent to update our internal Visual Inspections Standards and the corresponding Visual Inspection Release Criteria for a subset of our Nextel fabrics. We intend to qualify and implement these changes in Q2 2025.

There have been no changes to fiber or fabric production processes, and no changes have been made to functional fabric anomaly specifications. The proposed changes being made are: Increasing the Amount of Full-Length Rolls shipped and Improving On-Time-In-Full deliveries.

The Visual Inspection Standard is being updated to help control for longer anomalies, clarify certain anomaly categories, and decrease roll cutting for minor fabric anomalies. We are also standardizing the maximum amount of Defect Length Credit allowed for all customers. Lastly, Visual Inspection Release Criteria has been adjusted to better apply to varying roll lengths.

We value our relationship. Please be assured that we are on hand to support you. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your representative so that our quality team can explain any points of confusion. There are no actions required by customers for this change.

Thank you.
Sincerely,



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| Impacted SKUs | |
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| 7010297727 | - FABRIC AF-10 38 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT |
| 7100143486 | - FABRIC AF-10 38 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT HC |
| 7100178196 | - FABRIC AF-10 38 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT HT |
| 7100324252 | - FABRIC AF-10 38 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT |
| 7010402626 | - FABRIC AF-10-900 38 IN NEXTEL FT |
| 7100175517 | - FABRIC AF-10-900 38 IN NEXTEL FT HC |
| 7100159124 | - FABRIC AF-10-900 38 IN NEXTEL FT HT |
| 7100040606 | - FABRIC AF-12 58 IN NEXTEL FT |
| 7100033642 | - FABRIC AF-12 58 IN NEXTEL FT HC |
| 7010400940 | - FABRIC AF-12 58 IN NEXTEL FT HT |
| 7010353079 | - FABRIC AF-14 38 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT |
| 7010400936 | - FABRIC AF-14 38 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT HC |
| 7010320556 | - FABRIC AF-14 38 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT HT |
| 7100324253 | - FABRIC AF-14 38 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT |
| 7100310953 | - FABRIC AF-20 36 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT |
| 7100309957 | - FABRIC AF-20 36 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT HC |
| 7100308287 | - FABRIC AF-20 36 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT HT |
| 7100305514 | - FABRIC BF-20 2000D 36 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT |
| 7100305585 | - FABRIC BF-20 2000D 36IN OPEN NEXTEL FTHC |
| 7100324254 | - FABRIC BF-20 2000D 36 IN OPEN NEXTEL FT |