



A WORLD CLASS SERVICE FOR SOFTLINES HERE IN THE UK

There's never been a better time to choose Bureau Veritas for your Softlines Testing

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

As a supplier of Softlines products you need to be sure that you're able to reduce your costs wherever possible to remain competitive while still maintaining product quality, protecting your brands and meeting your customers' high expectations when it comes to quality assurance, compliance and retailer acceptance. It's a difficult challenge but one that Bureau Veritas can help you to meet.



BUREAU VERITAS SOLUTION

A fast, world class laboratory with a superb range of technical expertise and great customer service here in the UK ...

Bureau Veritas have a world class Softlines testing laboratory in Warrington that offers a full range of quality assurance and compliance testing services, fast turnaround of tests and access to a global network of laboratories should the need arise. In addition to this our prices are some of the most competitive in the market place meaning that by choosing to test your products with us you'll be getting a world class, fast testing service for a very competitive price.

Our speed of service and breadth of technical ability means that our Warrington lab offers a truly exceptional one-stop-shop for Softlines testing.

The range of services we can offer includes;

- **Less than 3 day* standard test turnaround**
- **Next day service available**
- Product evaluation at development and pre-production stages
- Technical support network to answer questions and interpret results
- Defect analysis of complaint items or manufacturing defects
- Design evaluations regarding design concerns or regulatory requirements

What are the key benefits of choosing to work with us?

- Technical expertise
- Fast Turnaround
- Key retailer accreditations
- A one-stop-shop for a wide range of testing
- Save money on your bottom line by reducing your testing costs



World Class Service

We work with you to help minimise the risk of recalls and returns, protecting your brand equity.

- Less than 3 Day Standard Test Turnaround
- Next Day Service Available
- Great Customer Service
- Wide range of Testing
- Support from a global network

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?

- **Reputation** – A respected technical partner of the UK and global retailer base
- **Worldwide Locations** – We have office and lab locations close to sourcing areas in over 40 countries
- **Technical Knowledge & Leadership** – Over 40 years of experience in the softlines industry,
- **Personalised Service** – From single submissions to multiple product programmes, we can function as an extension of your organisation.



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TECHNICAL EXPERTISE HERE IN THE UK

As well as a global network of support around the world

Despite having over 30 years Softlines testing expertise Bureau Veritas have spent the last year developing a new world class testing and quality assurance laboratory in Warrington, Cheshire. Our new lab offers the Softlines industry in the UK a local technical partner that can offer a fast, accurate and reliable service for a wide range of tests. In addition to that we can also provide access to a global network of 40 labs worldwide to make sure that wherever your products are being sourced we have the ability to make sure your products meet the regulatory and retailer standards required to make it to market.

OUR APPROACH

At Bureau Veritas, our Softline solutions can be as simple as purely testing the occasional garment/fabric or if required we have the expertise and resources to work with your whole supply chain to identify quality concerns prior to distribution. Our wide base of retailer acceptance also allows us to provide speedy access to your target markets.

Our services incorporate extensive testing capabilities including:

- **Chemical testing** for formaldehyde, EN-71, Azo dyes, pH Value, phthalates, nickel release and allergy causing / carcinogenic dyes
- **Physical testing** including force to seam rupture, tear properties, bursting strength, pilling / surface fuzzing, abrasion, elasticity and slippage
- **Colour fastness tests** to chlorinated water, to domestic and commercial laundering, to dry cleaning, to perspiration, to rubbing, to sea water, to water, phenolic yellowing and print durability.
- **Flammability testing** for general wearing apparel, children's sleepwear and home furnishings (rugs, carpets, blankets, mattress pads)

We also have an extensive inspection, audit and assessment team who provide Social Audits, Factory Audits and Inspection services.

FAQ

How do you keep up-to-date with the latest developments in the industry?

Our Softlines professionals participate in key associations to maintain our leading position at the forefront of standards development, industry technology and trends. We hold professional affiliations with many international organisations, including:

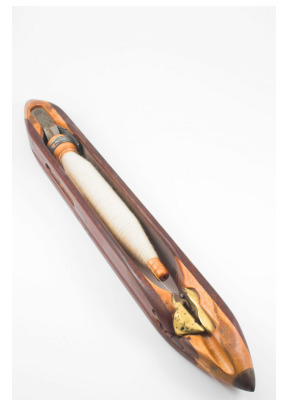
- British Standards Institute (BSI)
- European Committee for Standardization (CEN)
- International Organization for Standardization Technical Committees (ISO)

To what standards do you provide testing?

We conduct tests according to UK retailer performance standards as well as relevant national UK, European and international ISO standards.

What is BVCPS' involvement in Laboratory Accreditation, Correlation & Evaluation (LACE) and Textile-testing Proficiency-testing Scheme (TEPS) schemes?

Bureau Veritas CPS labs worldwide are accredited for the LACE and TEPS scheme. Many leading UK retailers support the LACE scheme for the performance assessment of their textile products. The TEPS process occurs every year whereby a series of inter-laboratory trials (correlation exercises) are organised.



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*Less than 3 day turnaround assumes a working week Mon-Fri and that samples arrive in our Warrington Lab before 12.00 noon on day one - thereafter results will be despatched by email less than 72 hours later.